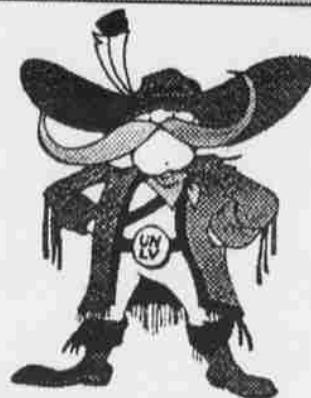


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Beer ban prompts arguments, accusations

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Distribution of free beer will cease at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl until the problem of fan violence can be studied and controlled, said Robert Ackerman, vice president of Student Services.

The decision followed on the heels of a free-for-all brawl that occurred during the Oct. 22 Homecoming football game. According to witnesses, as many as 20 people battled in the stands for up to half an hour in what officials called the Silver Bowl's worst fight in 13 years.

On Tuesday, three days after the fight, Ackerman informed Volume Services, the company contracted to provide food and liquor to both the Silver Bowl and the Thomas & Mack Center, that he would rescind his decision to allow free beer at Student Government tailgate parties.

"Earlier in the year I had given Volume Services permission to provide Student Government with kegs," Ackerman said. "They won't do it without my permission. And what I did on Tuesday was rescind that permission."

Last Wednesday, a day after Ackerman's decision, Student Body President Joel Kostman announced he would end the distribution of free beer at all Student Government-sponsored events in-

cluding tailgate parties.

The decision is more than coincidence, according to some.

Student Government Entertainment and Programming Director Jami Nalder felt certain individuals were putting pressure on Kostman.

"I feel the administration is forcing Joel's hand in this," she said. "I feel he has to do it."

Nalder claimed administration officials met with Kostman and convinced him to curtail the alcohol. "I couldn't swear to it," she said, "but I'm pretty sure."

"I didn't know Joel had done it (the ban)," Ackerman said. "In talking to Joel (on Thursday) he told me he had (banned alcohol), so he and I had not discussed it."

Kostman was not available for comment.

In response to the alcohol ban, Nalder announced the cancellation of tailgate parties for the remainder of the 1993 football season. She argued that the administration had not given the issue enough thought to warrant the stoppage of free beer and accused the administration of punishing the entire student body.

"I think we need to set an example with the people who caused the problem," she said. "But you don't take (privileges) away from everybody on campus. If I were an average student on this campus, I would be very angry because a few individuals took away my privileges."



In the wake of a beer ban, student attendance declined sharply at Saturday's football game. Nick Haley/Rebel Yell

Nalder felt Student Government was being unfairly targeted for distributing free beer at their tailgate parties.

"The majority of the blame was put on Student Government,"

she said. "I feel that's totally wrong."

According to Ackerman, there are two ways to deal with the situation: either ban alcohol completely or try to get the problem under

control.

"What I'm trying to do," he said, "is take some steps to get the thing under control. Students over 21 will still be able to... purchase a see Ban pg. 3

Student Senate stands by decision

BY PAUL STUHFF
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Student Body President Joel Kostman congratulated his directors for a job well done at the homecoming tailgate party, then announced his new alcohol policy.

"Unfortunately, at the same time, I have to make this announcement," Kostman said. "Until further notice I am canceling alcohol at all Student Government events. This is brought to light by the events that took place at the Silver Bowl last Saturday night. If people want to know if it's open for discussion: No, it's not. There will not be alcohol served at any Student Government events until further notice."

Kostman made it clear that he was acting on his own initiative and without advice from administration.

"I just wanted to make it clear that we have not been told by any administrators, or forced," Kostman said. "I would not be forced by any administrators to do anything on this campus."

"You all know how outspoken I am regarding every single matter," Kostman resumed. "This is a decision I made regarding alcohol."

Pending further investigation, ...other sanctions may follow. This decision is mine and mine alone."

Kostman's decision was supported by Sen. Stephen Huck and Sen. John Pida.

Entertainment and Programming Director Jami Nalder had strong feelings about the ban, saying, "As far as this beer thing goes, I'm very angry about it. I feel that all the blame for this brawl thing is placed on Student Government."

The director made a modest proposal: "Frankly, I'm surprised about this whole thing," Nalder said. "In fact, why not ban students from the Silver Bowl, since we're obviously immature to handle sitting together at one game? In fact, why don't we just ban students from participating in athletic events?"

Nalder questioned Kostman's independence in banning alcohol from Student Government events.

"Although President Kostman did make the decisions, I thought the administration forced this on us," she claimed. "I thought those were your words," she said, addressing Kostman. "I thought they 'forced your hand.'"

Kostman responded, "My words come from my mouth, okay. If any administrators called, they did not speak with me. I am the voice of Student Government. No administrators told me what we will or will not do."

Senate President Benneman commented on last Saturday's

brawl, "I think homecoming went pretty well, I mean considering. I think the last tailgate party was an excellent show. The place was packed. I think we went through 500, no 600 hamburger patties. The combination of the acts did well."

Benneman said he was "a little disappointed with the occurrence up in the stands," and offered an anecdote to the embattled fraternities.

"You can go out and raise ten million dollars for any philanthropy you want," Benneman said, "and it'll probably end up on the back pages of the paper. My god, if you get into a little brawl, a little fight, then it's on the front page with pictures and it's on everything."

Nalder thanked the help she received at the tailgate. "First of all, I'd like to say 'bye' to all the Senators that are leaving, it's been fun. I got a lot of really good feedback from students. Frankly, that's who I care about."

As for other business, Nalder reviewed two items passed at the executive board meeting. She announced the addition of Walter Vodrazka on the E&P board, and an increase in the number of complimentary tickets from one to two for E&P members attending CSUN events.

The Senate chose its Senator of the Year from three candidates, Sen. Scott Fisher, Business and see Senate pg. 2

Prizes awarded in essay contest

The votes have been tallied and a winner has been declared in the "Back to School" contest, sponsored by the Computer Store located in Rebel Gear.

Boddy Scallion, a communication studies major, has taken first place and wins an Apple Macintosh Color Classic valued at more than \$1,000. Judges described his entry as "original," "graphic,"

and "motivational." The contest, open to both faculty and students, required a one-page essay on the theme, "How you would change the world with a Macintosh."

Second and third place went to Laurence Barton and Vincent Caliguire respectively. Both runners-up receive "Access PC" software by Insignia Solution.

Leadership foundation offers scholarship

Scholarships, four up to \$1,050 for students at UNLV and four up to \$500 for students at CCSN are available for the spring 1994 semester. The awards are sponsored by the Leadership Las Vegas '93 Foundation, a group of 1993 graduates of the Leadership Las Vegas Program.

Applicants must be sophomores currently attending UNLV or CCSN and not receiving any other scholarship assistance. Po-

tential recipients must be full-time students at UNLV or at least part-time at CCSN, with a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 and planning on remaining in Nevada after graduation.

Selection will be based upon criteria including financial need, personal commitment and academic achievement. Application deadline is Nov. 30, 1993.

Applications are available at Student Financial Services, on third floor of the Humanities Building.