

Editorial

Committee Meeting Must Be Public

The committee that has been established for the Boixo ticket issue must hold its meeting in public so interested students, faculty and staff can attend.

The committee planned to meet earlier this week, without notifying the campus community, until *The Rebel Yell* asked that the meeting be moved back so that students could attend.

The fact that the committee was requested by University Police Chief David Hollenbeck is suspicious enough. To have rushed through a meeting without notifying the university community would have further deepened suspicions.

Although *The Rebel Yell* believes an investigation is needed, an investigation commissioned by one of the parties involved does not seem credible. An outside investigation, by student government or the faculty senate, is a much better idea.

All anyone at UNLV wants is the truth. Not a tainted or slanted truth from an internal investigation.

Grgurich Must Decide Now

When Tim Grgurich was named the new coach of the UNLV Runnin' Rebels in November, the university supported him and welcomed him with open arms. When Grgurich went down with an undisclosed illness two months into the season, we all wished him well in overcoming his illness.

But Grgurich has now missed the whole season and doesn't look to be coming back.

The Rebel Yell believes that Grgurich owes it to the university, and more importantly his players, to decide his future in regards to his career at UNLV. It is no longer acceptable for the coach to stay away from the program and the university after his doctor has given him medical clearance.

Grgurich has still collected his paychecks and *The Rebel Yell* believes that he should make his decision before the Big West Tournament.

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Don't Cry One Tear for Louganis

This past Friday on ABC's 20/20 news program, Olympic gold medal diver Greg Louganis revealed the fact that he had the dreaded AIDS virus. Louganis said that he had been diagnosed HIV positive back in 1988 before the start of the Olympic games in Seoul, South Korea.

While the AIDS virus is a disease we must find a cure for, the fact remains that most who contract the disease do so through lifestyle choices. Whether it be through intravenous drug use or unprotected sex, most people who come down with AIDS could have prevented it had they made a wiser lifestyle choice.

In the case of Louganis, he chose to have unprotected sex with his live-in companion. Louganis obviously didn't know his partner had the virus but it was his own carelessness that led to his contraction of the disease.

What is even more troublesome is the fact that Louganis continued to compete without notifying anyone he was HIV positive. You can cry that Louganis would have been the subject of discrimination had he disclosed the fact he was a carrier of the dreaded virus, but that is a weak

Straight From the Gully



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excuse. When Louganis split his head making a dive, and bled into a pool which other divers were to use, it suddenly became an issue of life and death. While the virus most certainly died in a pool filled with chlorinated water, what of the doctor who treated the diver? What if he contracts AIDS?

Part of the reason Louganis came forward was because he felt guilty in regards to the doctor who attended him pool side in Seoul. But what is more shocking is Louganis said he felt it alright that the doctor not be notified because, in his own words, "I knew he'd be tested regularly."

The fact that the doctor would be tested regularly has nothing to do with it. Louganis was basically saying that if the doctor contracted the disease, he would at least find out later once he was tested. What an arrogant and malicious action.

Although the International Olympic Committee has no policy stating that athlete must notify officials that he or she has the HIV virus, Louganis should have used common sense realizing he was jeopardizing the lives

of people around him. There is no excuse for his actions.

Louganis went on to say that anyone who watched him and cheered for him on the diving platform had now been touched by AIDS personally.

I don't think so. I used to like Magic Johnson as a basketball player but when he came down with the disease, I wasn't touched personally. If someone close to me in my life contracted it, then I would have been affected by it. Whether or not Louganis has it has no bearing on my life.

As I mentioned, AIDS is a disease we must find a cure for. But the statistics don't lie: 84 percent of people with AIDS are homosexuals or IV drug users. Besides those who get AIDS from tainted blood or accidental contact, the individuals with the disease made a lifestyle decision they end up paying for with their life.

Olympic great Greg Louganis made a decision he is paying for with his life. When the time comes, if it does, and Louganis succumbs to the disease, I won't shed a tear.

Greg Louganis has, in a way, killed himself.

—Scott Gulbransen is the Opinion Editor at *The Rebel Yell*.

Commitment and Leadership Needed in Student Government

If UNLV-TV had the show "Late Night with David Letterman" would have a field day running down a list of Stephanie Boixo's top 25 promises. Once again, the students of UNLV will write off another terrible term of office. Although this year seemed to be an off year, student government needs a change quickly. Because it has been like this for quite some time now, we need a set of officials that can come in with a similar game plan to accomplish what they set out to do.

With elections beginning this week, the students are once again searching for somebody that can get the job done.

No broken promises. Just somebody that could come in and do the job well.

I even considered running for a position and even heard some rumors that I was running with Laura Reeves, this past year's Homecoming Queen. Apparently, it was to be called the "Homecoming King and Queen" ticket. I got a good kick out of that one considering the only contact I have had with Reeves recently is a quick hello and good-bye. I reconsidered applying for a position when I examined the time commitment and dedication.

So, once again we ask ourselves this question: is our vote going to mean something this year? Are these individuals going to follow

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JOE AYSON

through on there promises or are they just in it for selfish reasons?

This past Sunday, I sat in during a fraternity meeting while five candidates sat outside ready to give the ol' sales pitch. One by one each candidate gave their little campaign speech while practically being drilled on questions concerning everything from Greek housing to why they were running.

After I had the chance to listen to all of the candidates, there was one burning question that entered my mind. Are these the top leaders of this University? Come on, my little five year-old cousin had more goals set in his life than some of these people.

Joe Mills, a candidate for Vice President and this past year's Homecoming King runner up, had to be the most controversial. Apparently this past fall, Joe told a number of independent students (non-Greek) that they should vote for him because he was not part of a fraternity. His detractors claimed that he even promoted a non-Greek campaign and stated he did not need 50 fraternity brothers to help him campaign. The fraternity, whose meeting I attended, was shocked he even had the nerve to campaign in front of them after what he had said about the Greeks. When asked the questions concerning Greeks, he denied it completely saying that he is for any

individual that chooses to be Greek. After he gave his final comments, the fraternity still had the respect to applaud him for coming in.

The other candidates had similarly vague answers when they were asked questions about the position they coveted. Not one individual stepped up and gave a firm plan of action on what they were going to do for this university. They just gave the typical resume speech. Everything from I will do the "best possible job" to "I have so much experience" in student government. With all of the problems we have had in student government, you would have thought that some of these candidates would have something stronger to talk about.

Student government needs individuals that are determined to voice the opinions of this campus. People that have the courage to stand up to administrators and stand up for the students of this university. I am not saying that every individual that is running is not a qualified leader, I am simply suggesting that these individuals are running for the most important positions at this school. I suggest a firm plan of action with the opinion of students as the backbone for their policies.

As candidates running for these important political offices, your first job is to help guide every individual in the entire CSUN office in the right direction. There are people in student government that are doing their job well. Yet, it is up to the key leaders to make it work and to utilize these hard working individuals to the advantage of our student body.

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Student Senate Meeting Schedule

The Rebel Yell encourages all students to attend UNLV's Student Senate meetings.

Monday, March 6,
6:30 p.m. MSU 201

Monday, March 13,
6:30 p.m. MSU 201