

Questions Still Linger

Monday a student senate committee investigating the parking ticket problems of Student Body President Stephanie Boixo cleared her, as well as two other administration officials of any wrong-doing.

Really. Boixo admitted she called Ackerman about the fact a boot was placed on her vehicle. Before the story ran she was quoted as saying she "honestly didn't think she should have to pay the fines."

She admitted she did not sign her promise-to-pay form as required by Public Safety until after the story ran. Boixo said she didn't think the fact she had received seven parking tickets was a "big deal" and if she had just paid the tickets none of this would have happened.

Really. Chief Hollenbeck said he didn't think the tickets were public record, however, the state attorney general's office says otherwise. A memo was circulated through the department about not releasing tickets or copies of tickets to anyone in the future.

Hollenbeck questioned who in the attorney general's office had been contacted, because he didn't think the information was correct. When told, he felt proper procedure had not been followed.

Really. According to the testimony, four of five parking procedures had been ignored or followed improperly. Why didn't Boixo sign her promise-to-pay? Because a student worker in the parking enforcement office told her, on no authority but her own, not to.

Really. Ackerman and Hollenbeck thought they had been wrongly accused. Hollenbeck called for the parking committee chaired by Professor Golding to form a sub-committee. Where do you suppose the meeting of this sub-committee was to be held? Hollenbeck's office!

Really. Professor Golding had the good sense to cancel the meeting. But that misses the point

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entirely. The meeting should not be held in the office of one of the principles in the investigation, period.

The senate called for an investigation. However, it seemed the committee was more interested in protecting itself than getting to the truth.

Sen. Terry Moore went so far as to accuse Scott Gulbransen of "causing the whole thing without any proof at all." Boixo said the "yellow journalism practiced by the Opinion Editor was unfortunate."

Really. Mr. Gulbransen was not under investigation, Boixo, Hollenbeck and Ackerman were.

Because the senate wants to get this behind them they will consider this the end of the matter. The students of this university, however, were shortchanged. Many questions that should have been asked by committee members were not asked.

If Hollenbeck is such a stickler about procedure, why were so many parking policy rules broken or ignored? Why did a student worker, with no authority, tell Boixo she didn't have to sign the promise-to-pay form? Why did Boixo wait until after the story ran to go and sign the form? If she was told she didn't need to sign it, why did she?

The senate decided to implement some new procedures regarding its internal parking policies as they apply to CSUN officials as a result of this matter. Good idea.

One suggestion, which was rejected out-of-hand by Boixo at the beginning of her term, is to let CSUN officials get a parking sticker and find parking just like everyone else. This would not only allow parking officials to know who is parking on campus, it would also help CSUN officials remember they were elected to serve the student body, not take advantage of a position of power.

Really.

—James Embree is the Editor in Chief of The Rebel Yell.

Thoughts on President Guinn, UNLV-TV and the Color Black

Here are my various thoughts on subjects around UNLV:

In this past Sunday's *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, Las Vegas' top newspaper pegged our own President Kenny Guinn as their favorite male Las Vegas. Residents of Las Vegas picked casino tycoon Steve Wynn as their favorite Las Vegas man.

This writer has to agree with the choice of the *R-J*. While many people on campus don't like Guinn, he came into a rough situation and has done an excellent job cleaning up Robert Maxson's financial garbage.

Many of UNLV's professors have a dislike for Guinn because he has run the university as a business. He came to UNLV to help straighten out its serious budget problems. That meant putting pay increases for employees on hold.

There is no question that our fine professors need raises but Guinn did what he had to do to clear up UNLV's debt.

He did so for a salary of \$1. That's right! Who would take only \$1 to clean up a mess like we have at UNLV? Guinn did it because he cares for the university. That's more than you can say for 80 percent of the people who actually work at UNLV.

Guinn has been a cordial leader unafraid to make tough decisions that effect the university community. One of those decisions was to hire Tim Grgurich as the Runnin' Rebel basketball coach. Unfortunately, that decision turned into a folly all of Las Vegas would rather forget. His intentions were good, but his selection was bad.

Guinn's decision to institute a parking fee was also something most of UNLV would rather forget

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as well.

Whatever you think of Guinn, there is no denying he has done a fine job in a tough situation.

As for Steve Wynn—give me a break!

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The word is that several students who work for UNLV-TV are upset with me over my comments concerning their

ill-advised show *The Perfect Match*. Apparently, they feel I was unfair in saying that the show is a waste of time.

Having been through UNLV-TV, serving as a sports anchor on Newscenter 4, I don't feel my opinion is unfounded.

Sources inside the Greenspun school told me last week that many of the top brass in the department are also unhappy with the regurgitated *Dating Game*. Who can blame them?

And for those students who are unhappy with my comments: grow up. If you plan a career in television you better grow some thicker skin because you're in for the surprise of your life. The television industry is a tough, competitive arena. You can't afford to be sensitive.

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Now for the good news concerning UNLV-TV:

Instructor Frank Barnas has to be the most knowledgeable and helpful instructor inside UNLV-TV and the Greenspun school.

Barnas, who has real-world experience in the television industry, is always eager to help students thinking of pursuing a career in television. He was once in the position to hire television reporters and he knows what news directors look for when they receive that resume tape.

Most importantly, Barnas cares. He is not out to just land

himself a cushy academic job that will allow him to take summers off. He wants students to learn and he wants his students to succeed after they leave school.

What surprises me is how such a good instructor has remained at UNLV. Usually, the university won't pay for instructors this good so they go elsewhere. Hopefully, Barnas will get what he's worth and stay at UNLV for a long time to come.

In fact, why not appoint him the director of the Greenspun school? He's young and he has vision. That's what our university and the Greenspun school needs.

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A note to the student senate: vote to make black one of UNLV's official colors.

I do believe that our student senate has the power to add black to scarlet and gray which are our official colors right now. The move would make sense for two reasons:

1. Most athletic teams from UNLV have black as one of their primary colors. The only exception is the football team. But the baseball team has a black hat with red bill and the men's basketball team has oodles of black in their jersey. Black is one of our colors.

2. Black would also help UNLV's lagging merchandise sales. The top two merchandise sellers amongst sporting teams are the Colorado Rockies of Major League baseball and the Orlando Magic of the NBA. Both teams utilize the color black. UNLV should adopt the color to create another source of income.

We are, after all, the Rebels. Black represents rebellion. Just ask the Los Angeles Raiders.

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Unity Fest Lifts Depressed Campus

As I walked through a campus on a beautiful spring day, a smile appeared on my face and a surge of energy ran through my body. It is days like these that

bring out the best in all of us. Yet, these days, many students around campus seem to not have the same happy glow. Reality has suddenly struck us. That is, UNLV just isn't the same fun and spirited school it once was.

A couple of weeks ago, the MSU Program Council held its fourth annual Unity Fest. Many cultural organizations participated by demonstrating in various types of cultural dances, displaying many beautiful pieces of clothing and also giving you a little taste of their culture to help soothe your curious appetite.

That day, while walking out of the student union, it was as if I had walked into another world. The campus was full of spirit. It was as if God planted happy pills in every student.

As I glanced around the plaza, it suddenly occurred to me. Why doesn't our campus promote more activities like this one? Understand all you Rebel Basketball band-wagon jumpers, there is more to life than sports.

Unity Fest was the first event

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that really showed the spirit of UNLV. The Program Council promoted a great event.

Yes, we did try some events including the last semester's over-

rated Mudsharks concert. Sorry all you Renofans, but the Sharks just aren't what they're cut out to be.

Take for instance at San Diego State. This is a campus that isn't just in debt with the state, but also had half of its entertainment fund cut. They still had cool concerts like Stone Temple Pilots, Oingo Boingo and even a Lalapalooza right there on campus. On top of that, every year, SDSU promotes a jazz weekend where local jazz bands perform while the campus sets up a few espresso bars. With the many budgeting problems the school has had, they still promote great entertainment on their campus.

We all realize that our Entertainment and Programming Director, Laura Reeves, apparently resigned due to her inability to work with other CSUN officials. This job takes a lot of hard work and dedication, yet I honestly feel that Reeves had some good intentions.

In order for UNLV to have create a fun and spirited environ-

ment, it must first take a look at the interest of the student as a backbone, than utilize what this town has to offer. Remember, don't we live in the "Entertainment Capitol of the World?"

It will not just take the effort of one individual like Reeves, it will take an entire staff to make a sudden change. Entertainment and Programming could benefit by having an entire staff that is dedicated promoting great events.

This campus has the availability of a beautiful amphitheater and concert hall. We also have a very large courtyard and very large ball room. As well, many other campus organizations could get involved by promoting events much like Unity Fest. This could help in the cause for more spirit and enjoyment at UNLV.

The new year is always a good time to change. I think we all seem to agree that a fun environment creates a fun learning experience. If we all work together as a team, every student on campus could once again smile at the alma mater they once believed in.

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