

**Editorial**

## 'The Rebel Yell' Endorsements for 1995-96 CSUN Elections

### President: No Consensus

*The Rebel Yell* cannot offer an endorsement to either presidential candidate. Our Editorial Board was split down the middle between John Pida and Aaron Rosenthal. Both candidates seem to possess good leadership qualities and appear capable of doing the job.

John Pida holds a very slim edge due to his previous experience in student government. On the other hand, Rosenthal might be a breath of fresh air. Both seem committed to providing a good student government for the students at UNLV.

### Vice President: Denise Phillips

Phillips has a wealth of experience we feel gives her a decisive edge of her competitor, Joe Mills. Phillips has a more focused idea of what she would like to do next year while her opponent seems less focused.

We cannot support Mills because his platform is not clear. Phillips is the best choice for Vice President and we believe she'll win in a landslide.

### Senate President: Patrick Smith

Pat Smith is, without a doubt, the most experienced and best qualified candidate to fill the position. Smith served as the President Pro Tempore this year and is probably the most knowledgeable senator at the university.

Smith's opponent, Senator Shawna Campbell, has run a very clean campaign and won the primary election by a good margin, however Smith's credentials are most impressive.

We believe the election of our student government officials is an important part of everyone's academic life at UNLV. These officials have the power to spend your student fees that you pay each semester. *The Rebel Yell* invites all students to vote on Wednesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 6.

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## Student Senate Whitewash of Ticket Issue Not Surprising

Last week a student senate committee established to investigate student body president Stephanie Boixo, Vice President of Student Services Robert Ackerman and University Police Chief David Hollenbeck turned their head the other way and let an injustice go unpunished.

While the establishment of the committee was done with good intentions, the people on the committee were less than satisfactory.

Senator Walt Vodrazaka of the engineering college should have just mailed in his vote. Vodrazaka made his feelings known on the subject of Boixo's ticket problems to a *Rebel Yell* sports writer while under the influence of alcohol at an engineering school function. Vodrazaka made it known that he didn't believe the reports. So much for listening to the facts and having an unbiased opinion.

How unprofessional is this senator? During the questioning of Boixo, Ackerman and Hollenbeck, Vodrazaka was chewing tobacco. That's right! He had the spit cup and all.

The other "distinguished" senator was Terry Moore. Moore was more concerned with making me look bad then actually finding the truth. Instead of asking difficult questions, Moore tossed meatballs to all three.

But when it was this reporter's turn to entertain questions, Moore attacked my credibility asking how I could cause so much trouble by trusting a source. Obviously, Moore had his own hidden agenda going into the meeting. It wasn't *The Rebel Yell* that caused the trouble, it was Boixo and the rest of the Three Stooges that again caused UNLV some public embarrassment. Moore was more concerned in covering up for his "girl" Boixo

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than finding the truth.

The only reason I don't mention the third voting senator on the committee, Carl Tolbert, is because he was the invisible man. Tolbert was obviously intimidated by all three parties and really didn't ask any questions.

The only person who seemed to really want to find the truth was the chairman, Terrance Carroll. Carroll asked tough questions and quickly picked up on the many contradictions of the Three Stooges. Unfortunately, he did not have a vote.

At the above mentioned senate investigative meeting, Hollenbeck accused me of stealing copies of Boixo's tickets from the office of public safety.

Nice try Hollenbeck.

I confess! I broke into the office late at night, dressed in black, and liberated the tickets from their oppressive books! And I was there when O.J. did in Nicole too!

The fact is that one of your employees gave me the copies of the tickets Chief Clouseau. Obviously the police department isn't sure of its own policies. Not even Hollenbeck is sure what they are. That was evident at the investigative meeting.

It's time for this writer to say who I think should be the next student body president.

In my opinion, Senator John Pida is the best candidate. He has the experience and the desire to do a good, honest job. Aaron Rosenthal is just another Stephanie Boixo. And you're all familiar with what she's done—or hasn't done.

And, by the way, don't vote for Joe Mills for vice-president. This guy probably has trouble tying

his own shoes let alone running student government.

Think *The Rebel Yell* is full of a bunch of talentless hacks?

Think again. Third-year Sports Editor Paul Gutierrez became the newest staff member at *Sports Illustrated* last week. Gutierrez, who graduated in December, will leave toward the end of April for the Big Apple.

Gutierrez is perhaps one of the most talented writers to ever attend UNLV and the Greenspun School of Communications. He will represent UNLV on the national level and makes me proud to be a Rebel.

Good luck "Goot" and remember to establish a west coast bias!

Did anyone see *The Perfect Match* dating show on UNLV-TV last Friday? I didn't think so.

Sunday saw the passing of one of rap music's pioneers, Eazy-E. The rap mega-star, an original member of N.W.A., died due to complications caused from AIDS.

And, just as I said concerning Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis, I don't feel sorry for Eric Wright (his real name). It is unfortunate that he has passed on but he made a lifestyle choice that cost him his life. He leaves behind a wife and child. My sympathy goes out to them.

I've been critical of UNLV-TV lately but one show I will never criticize is *The Movie Show*.

The program is a normal, straight-forward movie review show but from the college student's perspective. While the hosts sometimes lack personality, it is tightly produced and the writing is solid.

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## Smoking Kills—It's That Simple

Although smoking has been a hot topic in the news and medical journals over the past few decades, it has been only recently that the industry has finally come

under fire as a whole. When senate hearings began earlier last year, as to whether or not smoking was indeed dangerous enough to ban, America was finally able to catch a glimpse into what the industry was really all about: lies, deception, and of course, the all mighty dollar.

Even though they must be aware that over 100,000 people die every year from smoking related diseases and complications, tobacco officials were still able to sit comfortably in their seats and deny that their own private studies, particularly the ones made during the 1950's, had ever linked nicotine to cancer.

How can anyone take these people seriously? It was so obvious that they were lying even to the detriment of all those thousands of people out there that are breathing in poison just so some fat cat can smile all the way to the bank.

What is tragic about the hear-

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ings was not that the cigarette industry's reputation remained intact, but that in the year since, the industry is actually experi-

encing a re-popularization. Although it is illegal to illustrate a person smoking in magazine and billboard advertisements, it is legal to show people smoking on television and in the movies. According to the entertainment industry: most cops smoke, most punk teenagers smoke, in most Johnny Depp, Bruce Willis and Uma Thurman movies everybody smokes; even Arnold Schwarzenegger, who preaches to children about health and fitness, likes his smelly cigar.

Over the past few years there has been a slow but dramatic rise in statistics among Generation X, and so called Y, smokers. And now these statistics seem to be exploding, perhaps in direct correlation to certain stars and their movies in which their target audience is younger people. Could it be that the movie industry and the tobacco industries are working together?

It's interesting to know, but

not particularly surprising, that the number of baby boomers who smoke has been on the down slide over the past seven years. Perhaps now that they are getting older, they are wising up to the fact that smoking kills. Or perhaps they are aware that the original Marlboro man, who smoked three packs a day, is still alive and well, except for the hole where his larynx used to be. Could it be that 20 or 30 years from now we will find ourselves staring through a hole in Bruce Willis' neck? Lovely thought, eh?

In the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* a week ago there was an article that announced that a scientist had found a new use for tobacco. It seems that there is a natural chemical in tobacco that makes it a great anti-corrosive substance. Someday it could be used in environmentally safe paint for cars, etc... Just picture that everytime you inhale toxic tobacco fumes and exhale future rust repeller.

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