

Editorial

Tolbert's resignation from Senate a must

Let's get to the point. Carl Tolbert needs to resign.

Tolbert lost fair and square when he ran as a Senator for liberal arts. He needs to move on.

As for the question of ethics, he does know what those are, doesn't he? Well here's a chance for you, the reader to apply those same ethics to this familiar scenario.

Tolbert loses in the student general election while attempting to retain his seat as the Senator from liberal arts. He was soundly defeated but managed to change his major to include a dual major in communications, thus allowing him to run for the school's vacant seat. Tolbert changed his major on the Friday preceding the Senate vote on Monday.

Tolbert was appointed over two communications veterans, who took exception to the appointment because Tolbert has no experience with the communications school other than participation in debate.

A groundswell of unhappiness began to evolve about the appointment. Tolbert explained in some instances that the fact he is black is the reasoning behind what he perceives to be wrongful persecution.

There you have it. Now apply ethics to the following points, which may be beneficial for Tolbert to evaluate:

- Tolbert needs to accept losing. He shouldn't try and sneak in the back door.

- Tolbert needs to understand that saying he is involved in debate and there-

by involved in the communications school is equivalent to a member of the band telling people they're a music major.

- Tolbert needs to stop blaming people's motives on race. It exists, but his cries of racism in the Senate matter only invalidates those who have legitimate claims. By throwing out wild accusations it only causes others to ignore the instances in which racism really does occur.

Tolbert needs to realize that when someone aspires to a position of leadership on this campus or elsewhere, they are in essence saying that they are a person of integrity, worthy of the position.

Sadly, Tolbert falls short in integrity.

Neither does he have the integrity to represent the communication school as evidenced by both his actions and his words.

Tolbert is a communication major on paper only. He has taken just one communication course. How can he possibly understand and vote on matters that are important to students of the major? His mere presence precludes a worthy student versed in the ways and means of the department from serving those he studies with and attends class alongside.

As you read this, a petition circulates through the communication classes insisting upon Tolbert's impeachment. Carl Tolbert should do himself and communication students a favor and get out now.

Under the Influence with Otis & Arthur

What's the big deal with World AIDS Day?

Otis

I mean, where's World Cancer Day? How about Heart Attack Minute? What makes AIDS so damn special? Yes Arturo, I know it's preventable, but so are car wrecks and I don't see any campaign to get tourists to use their turn signals more often.

Is it because the mass populace associates AIDS with homosexuals, and since they seem to champion the cause we must handle the situation with kid gloves and allow them to do as they wish for fear of being labeled anti-gay or homophobic? I wonder, if this world wasn't so damn politically correct would we be as accommodating as we are?

What's the point of World AIDS Day anyway? Is it to raise money or awareness? I could understand if it was to raise money to find a cure or to assist those who are suffering, but unless you're an aborigine or some other uncivilized savage, how can you be unaware of the risks you take that could end in AIDS? Education on this disease has been available for the better part of a decade now, so I have a hard time sympathizing with its victims. Maybe this is Darwinism at its best.

If you're stupid enough to engage in activity that could cause you to contract AIDS maybe it's best you don't reproduce. They used to sterilize the mentally ill and mentally challenged, why not just let nature take its course?

And while we're on the subject, there is no such thing as "homophobic." That's one of those political mantras like "pro-life." The word "homophobic" would indicate fear of gays. Nope. Straights aren't afraid, just repulsed by the thought of two men together, as I'm sure gays are of me sleeping with their sisters.

As far as I could care, anyone showing support for World AIDS Day this Friday should be kept track of by the FBI.

Arthur

Otis, I thought I had heard the utmost of your ignorance and back-water thought processes. But this! This takes the cake.

There are observances of cancer, or haven't you noticed the pink ribbon worn to signify breast cancer awareness?

You say that gay people are the only group championing the cause of AIDS awareness. No longer is AIDS a gay man's disease. In 1986 only 7,000 women were reported to have aids while in 1996 75,000 are projected to have the fatal illness.

What makes AIDS so "damn special" is that there is no cure and more and more groups of people are being struck down. And if most civilized people are aware of how to protect themselves, why are the ranks infected still growing?

The fastest growing infected group is heterosexual males under age 24. Does that get your attention, Otis?

Surprisingly, while you express revulsion to a particular lifestyle, gays and lesbians continue their vigil, though by the year 2,000 the growing majority of victims will be heterosexual. Imagine the global ramifications if gays and lesbians adopted your view point, Otis, and gave up the fight.

World AIDS Day is more than just an observance for a special interest group.

It's a chance to remember those who have suffered, are suffering, and an opportunity to reduce the number of those who may suffer in the future through education and common cause.

I will be attending campus activities for World AIDS Day this Friday, Otis. I really hope to see you and hundreds of UNLV students there as well.

Because the "Gay Plague" has become a human plague.

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Letters to the editor

To the editor:

Regarding the Letter to the editor (11/7) written by Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc. (SNAPI) spokesman, Lee Plotkin.

I feel that UNLV should be presented with the truth over Plotkin's opinion of UNLV's College Republican Club chairman, Jason V. Williams. As Plotkin states "what a big title for someone with such a small mind," he not only degrades his standpoint and the "Pride" title he holds by slandering someone he's never met, but he also represents the same "small-minded" tactics involved in judging a person that he unjustifiably shuns in his letter.

When drawing special attention to Williams' portrayal of Candace Gingrich as "cashing in on her brother's good fortune," Plotkin obviously forgot to take note that Williams illustrated the epitome of courtesy through judging Gingrich's actions and not her personal being, e.g. the "size of her mind."

Plotkin further degrades his title by making invalid statements that allude to the essence of the Republi-

can Party when implying that "cashing in on her brother's fortune" is more representative of "an entrepreneurial Republican concept."

Plotkin continues his letter by asking Mr. Williams if he "feels the same about the Christian Right poster child, Norma McCorvey of *Roe v. Wade* fame now that she has adopted their views."

Assuming that Williams and all Republicans belong to the "Christian Right," Plotkin demonstrates stereotyping while forgetting that Norma McCorvey would have remained well-known from *Roe v. Wade* regardless of whether she adopted the views of the "Christian Right" or not. Candace Gingrich would not be as well-known as she is now if Newt had not been elected speaker of the House.

Finally, Plotkin claims that he awaits the College Republican Club Chairman's invitation for discussion of "those issues in a public forum," meaning the opposing point-of-view regarding "National Coming-Out Day."

Personally, as a member of UNLV's College Republicans, I can attest to the fact that Williams and his 70-member organization have been ambitiously participating in issues that are currently strength-

ening our country and its citizens' well-being.

Therefore, Plotkin may never receive his awaited invitation because our agenda does not prioritize issues that affect only one type of class of people, be it their race, gender, religion, or sexual preference. Instead, the College Republicans of UNLV place stronger emphasis on issues that help all Americans.

It is to no fault of Williams that he was asked to give his opinion of the Candace Gingrich speaking engagement (and that is all he did), even though it was not a priority issue to him as can be evidenced in his non-attendance.

This letter is written in hopes that fellow UNLV students will see beyond the non-evidenced opinion that Plotkin thrusts upon College Republican Club chairman, Jason V. Williams, in an attempt to attack a larger group of people for the benefit of a special-interest group that he represents. Make your own decision as to who has the small mind.

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