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The Rebel Yell

Campus Question

If UNLV has collected \$3 million extra in student fees, what should be done with the money?



Use it for scholarships.



Build a parking garage.

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Improve the computer labs and delay fee increases.



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If possible, it should be returned to the students who paid it.

More free oncampus activities like Rebelpalooza.



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Lower parking fees and provide more night security.

ILV robs students in order to pay faculty

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Guest Columnist

Recently UNLV discovered that it had collected more than \$3 million extra in student fees and went to the Interim Finance Committee to ask permission to spend it.

Did the administration ask to build new computer labs and outfit classrooms with the latest technology? No. Did they ask to combine registrar, financial aid and bursar to improve service to students? No.

Save the debate team? Create a writing across the curriculum program? Fund a full teaching and learning center? Delay the next fee increase? No. No. No. No. They asked to give it away as

early Christmas presents. A group of faculty get \$2,400 raises regardless of merit or salary inequity the only qualification is breathing.

If we ever wanted proof that "campus plan" and "student centered" were lip service, not reality, this is

Faced with the choice of doing something to benefit the students who paid the fees or attempting to curry favor with a group of senior faculty, the administration did the political thing and handed out the candy. Fortunately, our faculty are not easily bought and would have much preferred the

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administration hand out trust and respect, those things that we are most sorely lacking on our campus

They hire a new women's basketball coach who has only one winning season in her career. They showed disrespect to the community, campus and players by making this hire in secret, and they showed disrespect to a coach they knew would be controversial by not doing anything too ease her way before the announcement. Then, when controversy flared, they disrespected her again by leaving her to twist in the wind with almost no visible support (the Review-Journal claimed that the president has a policy of not returning calls!) It is remarkable that this administration has not learned in three years the importance of athletics to the relationship between UNLV and its community.

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