

Louis Bellson jazz at UNLV

Drummer Louis Bellson teams up with the 20-member UNLV Jazz Ensemble for the group's annual spring concert 8 p.m. March 26 in the campus Judy Bayley Theater. Admission is \$3.

Bellson, who first appeared with the ensemble some 12 years ago, has since appeared with the group on several occasions.

Internationally renowned for his drumming virtuosity, Bellson will perform several works with the ensemble and will perform solo segments as well.

The spring jazz concert will be dedicated to those members of the ensemble who will graduate and leave the group this spring.

According to director Frank Gagliardi, nearly half of the student musicians are slated to graduate.

In addition, the Jazz Ensemble will debut original compositions by Scott Tibbs.

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and declining federal support for public education?

A tax credit that gives parents of children in private schools a bigger subsidy than federal per-pupil payments to public school systems is indefensible from any standpoint.

It is especially unfair since federal aid to schools with large numbers of disadvantaged children have been cut drastically. These compensatory education programs have been credited with the recent

rise of black performance on standardized tests, and amount to an important investment in our nation's future.

Tuition tax credits would also be a powerful symbolic declaration of no-confidence in the system of public education that would severely weaken one of the few American institutions that bind us together.

They would favor private advantage over public gain, encouraging the selfishness and lack of caring that already is a serious national flaw.

Nor would such credits solve any perceived problem. If public education isn't as good as it should be the

problem won't be solved by making private schools more attractive but by making public schools better.

The real issue in edu-

cation should be to ensure that the children of the poor get quality education that prepares them for the demanding world in which they

must function as independent, responsible citizens.

Tuition tax credits are a diversion that will not further that goal.

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