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remark from a man who has been silent for over two years as Housing Authority tenants were ripped off for over \$2.9 million dollars in rent and overcharges, along with illegal charges for stoves and refrigerators? These and many other reasons are why, when I saw Dr. Meacham a few days ago, he was taking all of this in stride. Dr. Meacham understands that to forget a wrong is the best revenge.

The ironic thing about this madness is that the whole thing started because Mayor Lurie's daughter does not have the grade point average to enter the Clark County Community College's Dental Hygiene School. The Mayor tried to use his political clout to get her entered anyway. However, he ran into a problem because the President of the Clark County Community College is unbossed and unbought.

You would think the Mayor would realize that good parenting stops when one tries to suggest something that is against the parameters of integrity and policy, even if our own children are involved. It seems that the mayor supports the concept of Proposition 48 only when it applies to Black Basketball Players -- what about white female college students too? Now you can understand why John Thompson, head coach of the Georgetown Hoyas walked off the court before many games last season to protect the injustices under Proposition 48 to young African-American students that have the same hopes and dreams of students such as Rhonda Lurie. And I don't think Dr. Meacham has a "guilty conscience" as the mayor suggested. In fact the mayor should have a guilty conscience for blaming Dr. Meacham because his daughter has less than it takes to qualify for the program.

The Las Vegas Review Journal, University Regent, Joe Foley and Mayor Ron Lurie need to understand that THE ONLY MAN THAT OWNS PAUL MEACHAM IS PAUL MEACHAM.

FOCAL POINT: The community should never forget that the intent of certain media is to discredit us. They have in some cases been so effective with this unscrupulous tactic that even some so called Black Media often try the same tactics on us. Of course, when "Black" newspapers attack us it's really self-hate. We must close our ranks and stand up and reject these attacks regardless of who or where they're coming from. When we refuse to consciously and deliberately choose to specific behaviors, the powerful ocean of society that we live in is ready to wash out to sea. There we can bob helplessly along with the crowd. Take it from me, Dr. Paul Meacham will never bob along and neither should you or I. Thanks Brother Meacham, we love you!

POINT OF VIEW: "Give us the ballot and we will no longer plead -- we will write the proper laws on the books. Give us the ballot and we will fill the legislature with men of good will...Give us the ballot and we will transform the salient misdeeds of blood-thirsty mobs into the calculated good deeds of orderly citizens." MARTIN LUTHER KING IN

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spells out the guidelines for the Dental Hygiene Program. Meetings were held with the faculty involved along with the students who were rendered ineligible. The solution arrived at was one that had the participation of student representatives of the excluded group and the results brought about the expansion of the program so that no one who was rendered ineligible for consideration would not be considered. The purpose was to insure that those students with the highest grade point averages would not be excluded through no fault of their own.

Mayor Lurie and his wife met with Dr. Meacham in an attempt to get his daughter into the program and Dr. Meacham explained the circumstances of the situation.

Nevada Regent Joe Foley also requested that Dr. Meacham look again at the program to see if everything that could be done had been done to rectify the situation. Because Foley is a Regent and the Regents govern the college, Dr. Meacham felt an obligation to act upon his expressed concern. Dr. Meacham again held a meeting with the faculty, but it was concluded that nothing further could legitimately be done.

The problem around this situation has arisen because some persons, allegedly Community College faculty members, are relating to Jon Ralston of the Review-Journal, that Dr. Meacham led them to believe Ronda Lurie did not have the proper

grade point average to enter the program.

Dr. Meacham objects to the allegations against him which have been printed in Jon Ralston's column. He has refused to characterize the visits from the Mayor as pressure that has caused him to take any inappropriate action, and he further reiterates that he has not disclosed any grade point averages.

"I don't conduct the business of the college in the newspaper," he said.

The following appeared in Ralston's column about this affair on Wed., Aug. 9: "Beverly Lurie (Mayor Lurie's wife) says her husband didn't threaten Meacham, but she added: "Ron did ask Meacham if the school was coming up for accreditation and Meacham turned white. Ron said he would feel compelled to go before the (accreditation) board and make this public."

Dr. Meacham has not buckled to this pressure, nor made any attempts to talk further with Lurie. He told the Sentinel-Voice that he understood Mayor Lurie's concern for his daughter, just as he would understand any other parent's concern for his child, but that he had no intention of engaging in name calling with anyone. "I have always operated on the premise that there is no substitute for good manners, and I don't intend to change that philosophy now.

"We realized back in April our problem caused by the misinformation given and we recognized our responsibility for rectifying the situation to the extent possible," he

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EXTRA POINTS: 1. Encore, an African-American theatre company out of Washington, D.C. is coming to town August 26 & 27. Call 383-0021. 2. Leotyne Price is coming to town September 15, 1989. Call 739-3801.

Advertisement For Bids

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executive officer for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' efforts, one would expect the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to be a lighthouse and a model for all other agencies to follow in the areas of affirmative action and cultural diversity. The fact that Mr. Lujan complains so bitterly about the efforts of personnel in the Clark County School District to achieve these goals would lead one to believe that he, himself, has been a monumental success in the affirmative action area. However, the reverse is true. He is a monumental failure!

Mr. Lujan, the full time affirmative action officer for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and his supervising administrator, lag far behind other public institutions or agencies in our county. In fact, data released by the University of Nevada Systems Chancellor's Office, and give to the Board of Regents during a meeting in the fall of 1988 and reported in the local media on November 12, 1988, would suggest that the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is in last place! According to the Chancellor's report, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, black full time professional staff comprised just 2 percent of the total professional staff comprise 2 percent of the total and Hispanic classified staff comprise 5 percent of the total. The female full time professional staff comprise 22 percent of the total and female classified staff comprise 55 percent of the total.

Compare these numbers to the Clark County School District where the black professional staff comprise 10 percent, the Hispanic professional staff represents 4 percent, and the female professional staff represents

stated.

He said further that he stands on his record of the past five years, not only as an educator and an administrator, but also as a member of the Las Vegas community.

Dr. Meacham has been chosen the Administrator of the Year for 1989 and is a member of numerous educational, civic and community boards. The Clark County Community College under his tenure has increased its enrollment from 9,000 to 15,000 students and has greatly expanded its programs.

66 percent. One would believe that his comparison would have Mr. Lujan hanging his head in shame, as he certainly has not done the job that has been given to him. Yet, instead of digging in and diligently doing the task assigned to him, he chooses to attack the Clark County School District, which has made significant gains in these areas. However, since Mr. Lujan's efforts are shamefully remiss, rather than having people be aware of his pitiful results, he continues to attack the school district to draw the public's attention and awareness away from his own inadequacies? If Mr. Lujan were to perform his job responsibilities diligently and proactively, I believe he would be able to make a difference. However, it appears as if he or the university system, I'm not sure which, is unwilling to make the true commitment needed to achieve a work force that is representative of the cultural makeup of our community. As stated in an earlier letter to Mr. Lujan, I am more than willing to assist him and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to achieve this most important goal.

In closing, all employers, in both the public and private sector, have much work to do to give all people fair and equal employment and promotion opportunities. It is my belief that each employer should have training programs to assist employees obtain positions or compete in the promotional opportunities within that agency. We owe it to our employees and we owe it to our community. In my mind, there is no room for quotas and there is no room for infighting. We should try to hire the best and to make those we hire better employees who can make meaningful and positive contributions to the firm in which they are employed and to our community at large. All of us should strive to make Las Vegas and Clark County, Nevada the best place to live and work.

Thank you.
Paul R. Goodwin

