

PROTESTORS

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are being threatened with a boycott, would have to take notice.

"We want Reebok to know who they're supporting," said protestor Cornell Lewis. "Then, they'll stop comin' here. If Reebok stops comin' here then maybe the coaches will listen."

The protest started one half hour before Durango was slated to play Mater Dei High School from California for a berth in the tournament championship. Mater Dei parents didn't seem concerned about the protest.

"I'm from California. We don't know anything about it. I imagine that the parents feel that they are right," said Betty Augustine, the mother of Kevin Augustine.

Said Pat Murphy, the principal of Mater Dei, "I don't even know what's going on. I know don't what the protest is. We're from out of town, so I don't know what the complaint's about."

Neither did Durango supporters.

"I don't know what the protest is about to tell you the truth," said Jim Szatkowski, a Durango parent. "I guess if I knew what the protest outside was about I might be interested in it."

"I don't know what it's about," said Jason Carma, who came out just to watch. "I was out there. I still don't get it."

"I just know they're protesting today. I don't know if it's fair or unfair," said spectator Darrell

Ewell.

Durango Athletic Director McKay strongly believed that nothing illegal had occurred. He denied outright any allegations of recruiting. He also said that no gifts had been given to players to keep them from attending their proper schools.

He responded to questions as if the protest was really about Keenan Gordan alone, not the recruiting or the housing of players. When asked directly if he knew what the protest was about, he said LaRocque, Coles and himself had already met with the protestors, but that wasn't enough.

"I think we tried to explain to them our side of the issue," said McKay. "Now whether they accepted that, you know, is their situation, but I feel we gave them their opportunity to to hear our side. And, we had an opportunity to hear their side."

"This isn't the correct forum," he continued. "There's a procedure to go about these things, and I don't know if this is the appropriate manner to have to do the things they have to do with their protest."

Durango players didn't view the protest. They were in the locker room preparing for the game, but they definitely heard the shouting.

"I'm just trying to concentrate," said senior Ra'of Sadat as he ran onto the court. "I'm trying not to think about it."

Meanwhile, outside the



A Clark County School District Officer holds his ground against WAAK-UP activist Marzette Lewis. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

game, WAAK-UP members were blocking the main entrance and refusing to let anyone inside but kids scheduled to play at the tournament.

"If any kids who are supposed to play want to get in in, I ain't tryin' to stop nobody from playin'," said Marzette Lewis. "We want y'all to get all the glory today, but ain't nobody else gettin' in."

Security personnel

Mark Fuhrmans. We ain't gonna deal with no more Mark Fuhrmans."

A few moments later, Marzette Lewis summed up the day's events.

"We consider this a big success, because we know LaRocque's turkey is spoiled. We know McKay's turkey is spoiled. We know Coles' turkey is spoiled. We know Brian Cram won't be able to eat. We have

ruined their day, and we gonna ruin their year. There will be no more tricks in '96."

"If we had neighborhood schools in West Las Vegas, our kids could be floor showing for their parents in West Las Vegas," she continued, "but instead they are out here bein' pimped, prostituted and hoed by racist white folks. It's just that simple, and these tricks are gonna stop in '96."

LAWSUIT

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two disorderly conduct charges as factually insufficient.

On March 16, an administration judge also dismissed the parking violations charges against Wells.

In his suit Wells pointed out that arrests and abuses like he experienced, against Blacks and Hispanics, are commonplace in the city and that the city's top brass, including the mayor and police commissioner, know and turn a blind eye and deaf ears to them.

"As a result the police officers of the New York City Police Department," Wells charges, "were caused and encouraged to believe that Black and Hispanic persons could be falsely arrested, and/or illegally assaulted, and that such acts would be tolerated and permitted

by the City of New York and the Police Department."

The complaint cited the Knapp Commission Report and the most recent Mollen Commission revelations about police misconduct, and stated that Giuliani and Bratton, in the face of these revelations, "continue to oppose and prevent the creation of an independent Civilian Complaint Review Board to investigate allegations of police misconduct, including false arrests and assaults against Blacks and Hispanics."

In addition to permitting a pattern of practice of improper assaults and arrests of minority citizens, New York City has failed to maintain a proper system for the investigation of all incidents of assaults and false arrests by members of the Police Department, the complaint said.

Before You Begin: A Look at How to Organize Your Business

By Nichole Davis
Sentinel-Voice

Estate planner James Greene spoke about legal issues for small business during a workshop held at the West Las Vegas Cultural Arts Center recently.

Greene, who works at Jeffrey M. Burr and Associates, gave an overview of how to organize a small business during a presentation sponsored by the Economic Opportunity Board Micro Business program.

He talked about different corporate entities and how to pick the proper one for your needs. He talked about debt management and how to avoid putting too heavy a load on your business. He shared anecdotes from the lives of family members and clients, but, most importantly, he helped put a human face on the legal issues small businesses confront.

A lot of small businesses are C-corporations or closed corporations, because the owners want to protect personal assets being attached in the event of a lawsuit, said Greene, (See EOB, Page 4)



Facilitator James Greene measures the importance of maintaining accurate financial records for success.

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