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In CSUN Joint Session

TERRY KILLS MORFORD MOVE

Bible Testifies For Popular Nat. Elections

WASHINGTON—Senator Alan Bible testified recently in support of a resolution calling for a Constitutional amendment to permit the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

"It is time to stop circumventing the people," Nevada's senior senator declared. "Nothing less than a direct popular Presidential contest in which the ballot of each citizen carries equal weight can satisfy the demands of a truly participatory democracy."

Bible, a co-sponsor of the resolution, appeared before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments.

He characterized the electoral college procedure as "fraught with danger for representative government . . . rooted in a lack of trust in the capacity of the people to vote wisely in selecting their President."

"America today is vastly different from what it was when the electoral was devised," he added. "Our people are among the best educated in the world. Every

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Student government rode the fence with Nevada State government Tuesday night when a resolution asking commutation for Lester Morford III, awaiting his scheduled execution April 1, failed.

The vote to pass the resolution, introduced by Randy Frew, ran 8-7 until Student Body President Bill Terry cast a vote with the minority, tying the score. Thus, the motion failed.

Morford pleaded guilty in 1963 to the fatal shooting of Jack Foster, 23, of Medford Ore., who was in Reno on his honeymoon. Morford contends he was under the influence of glue sniffing when the killing was committed.

" . . . Do proclaim capitol punishment to be nothing more than 'legalized murder,' non-deterrent in its scope and effects, and do hereby ask the Honorable Paul Laxalt, Governor of the State of Nevada, and all other state officials who have the power, to work for the commutation of the death sentence of Lester Morford III," read the resolution in part.

Terry wanted to table the resolution until the next joint session, scheduled after Easter vacation.

"You're worried about a 6:55 closing deadline to this meeting

when he's (Morford) going to die April 1st," declared Frew. The president then called for the vote.

A motion to reconsider open meetings was tabled until a formal resolution is written. There was no time limit set for reconsideration.

Then a motion to resind \$5,000 of Confederated Students of University of Nevada, Las Vegas funds, earmarked for Student Union Board operation, was passed.

Proponents of the move said the Union Board should not have control of the money without usual student government red tape. But Senator Jim Rhoads supported the measure "because 50 per cent of the board is appointed."

Frew countered Rhoads' remark by comparing union board elections, when the entire student body votes, to senate elections, when only segments of the campus elect representatives.

Rhoads himself was appointed by Senator Dan Markoff from the College of Social Science and the Senate approved his appointment.

"Look, the Union Board should have control of this money for that reason and the fact the Board of Regents approved those

funds for the Student Union specifically," added Sid Goldstein.

Robert Jasper moved to resind the funds and Robert Cummins seconded the motion. The vote was 17-5 in favor.

Senator Scott Devitte requested credit requirements for executive offices in CSUN be removed. He said credit hours are irrelevant of knowledge about university operations.

Constitutional requirements state presidential nominees must have 60 credit hours, 45 of them at UNLV. Second vice president candidates need 45 hours, 28 at this campus (Article II, Sec. 1 of 1968 Constitutional Reorganization Act.)

"I think we should have some kind of restrictions on these offices because you could get some character straight out of high school as student body president," objected Senator Cummins.

John Cevette moved the resolution be tabled and it was passed 14-8.

Devitte stood up to make a statement of philosophy.

"This meeting," said Devitte, "sums up student government and their little meetings. The whole thing has been a crock of shit."

Dead Play Ice Palace This Weekend

A series of rock concerts and light shows featuring top West Coast rock bands is being started in Las Vegas by a new group called Electronic Activities Productions.

The Grateful Dead will be here for a first show Saturday at 8 p.m., in the Las Vegas Ice Palace. Also appearing will be Santana, which has been playing regularly at San Francisco's Fillmore Auditorium during the past few months. The Dead and Santana will each play a 70-minute set, and Las Vegas' Free Circus will appear in a 40-minute set.

The light show will be presented by Thomas Edison Castle Lighting of Los Angeles.

Electronic Activities was started by Art Berkowitz, a mathematician, and Dick Lepre, a computer scientist. Berkowitz and Lepre, both in their mid-twenties, live and work in Las Vegas and want to hold rock concerts on a regular basis here.

The next Electronic Activities show, after the Dead, will be April 25, with Creedence Clearwater

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APRIL FOOLS DAY THE END FOR MORFORD Laxalt, Judges Turn Thumbs Down

BY JACK ABELL

The last execution in the United States was at the Colorado State Penitentiary on June 2, 1967. The state of Ohio is scheduled to execute a prisoner on Friday, and as a result of two actions earlier this week, the state of Nevada will follow suit with the gasing of Lester Morford III next Monday. Nevada has not used its gas chamber since August, 1961.

Morford, convicted of killing a Medford, Ore. bartender and raping his bride, lost a Monday appeal for stay from the Nevada Board of Pardons and a subsequent appeal for a writ of habeas corpus was unanimously turned down Tuesday afternoon by the Nevada Supreme Court.

LAXALT FOR QUICK EXECUTION

Meeting in Carson City, the Board of Pardon's majority opinion reflected the logic of its chairman, Governor Paul Laxalt. "The overwhelming majority of them (Nevadans) want this execution carried out and carried out with dispatch.

"They are fed up with the legal mumbo-jumbo," he said.

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

Morford's attorney Sam Frankovich said that the only hope for his client as of Tuesday night was to appeal to the United States Supreme Court for Justice William O. Douglas to grant an immediate writ of certiorari. Douglas has been an opponent of capital punishment.

Frankovich had been seeking

to get the state of Nevada to wait until the U. S. Supreme Court hears two cases challenging the constitutionality of capital punishment in June.

ANXIOUS TO KILL

Nevada Supreme Court Justices Gordon Thompson and David Zenoff were the only two votes for a stay in the pardons board decision of 5-2. Tuesday, however, they voted against the motion for habeas corpus in the court

session. Apparently they voted with the majority in order to bring greater impetus to Frankovich's final appeal in Washington. Zenoff said last week that Laxalt, if he was so intent on the popularity of the proceeding, should have it televised statewide.

The pardons board had last week denied an appeal for clemency (life imprisonment) for Morford. Thompson said Monday that the execution would portray the state as an "ogre anxious to kill."

ASSEMBLY IGNORES BILL

In a related development, a resolution calling for the abolishment of capital punishment in Nevada, authored by Clark County assemblyman Richard Bryan and Ty Hilbrecht, died in the Assembly without any discussion. Obviously, the bill was a victim of the solons' drive to "clean-up" business already on the agenda.

PROTESTS READIED

Reportedly, students and citizens at both ends of the state not in agreement with Laxalt are readying protests for Monday and

Tuesday. Bruce Adams, president of UNLV Students for Political Action, said that the Clark County Committee Against Capital Punishment is planning a demonstration for Tuesday at the State Building in Las Vegas.

A contingent of Episcopal seminarians from San Francisco plan to march carrying a cross to Carson City in protest of the gasing.

CSUN KILLS RESOLUTION

Tuesday night, CSUN Second Vice President Randy Frew submitted a resolution to a joint session of the CSUN Senate and Executive Committee calling for a condemnation of capital punishment. The vote was 8-8 with six officers not voting. CSUN President Bill Terry voted against the motion, killing it.

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R-Y EDITORIAL

Your Student Government Is Blowing It Badly

Scott Devitte, the Freshman Senator who was elected by write-in vote last semester after being disqualified for candidacy by CSUN officers, resigned from the CSUN Senate Tuesday night because he was withdrawing from the University.

Addressing a joint session of the Senate and Executive Committee, Devitte made a brief "statement of philosophy." He said that student government, with its little meetings, regressive policies, and cumbersome proceedings is "a crock of shit." He is right.

Having had the opportunity to attend many student government meetings and comparing them to other parliamentary proceedings, one can only say that CSUN, in the first place, doesn't know what it's doing. In the second place, it doesn't care.

The 22 member Senate, a hodge-podge of the un-intelligentsia of students from this University's nine colleges and four classes, struggles through its agenda with all the precision and clarity of a dull meat-cleaver. Resolutions and motions are rarely stated formally and are thus ambiguous. Discussion is largely inarticulate and unenlightened, as well as lengthy, for the committee, in which detailed study is carried on in most other legislative bodies no matter how small, is either non-existent or ineffectual.

The lack of viable committee system is not the only stumbling block of the Senate. Its major downfall lies in its basic lack of a sense of security. It handles over \$100,000 per year in CSUN funds, coming directly from the pockets of the students, as though it were living on a poverty budget. As a result, few students realize the benefit of a financial operation into which little or no creative thinking is ever directed.

The Executive Committee, with only five members, is much more efficient than the Senate and thus has more of an opportunity to indulge in constructive activity. Although most of CSUN's major policies instituted this year have started there, that body has still refrained from taking a creative, part in over-all government that it could.

The epitome of assininity is exhibited, however, when the two bodies meet together in joint session. Without a competent parliamentarian at hand, cacaphony prevails. There are no standing committees, and whatever other committees there are take many months to report the results of their "deliberations" and rarely come up with more than a few lines of ambiguous findings. More often than not, these are haggled by the members of the session and returned to committee after long "discussions", which hilarity is followed by more months of "Gee, I just can't seem to get my committee together."

CSUN President Bill Terry, who chairs the joint sessions and who could be the vanguard of dynamism in student government, rarely contributes more than an uneducated opinion on procedure and breaks ties with a consistently conservative vote. His abilities as a legislator thus align with his abilities as an administrator.

Major reform is due in all branches of student government. If CSUN is ever to take the "responsible" role it claims to pursue in the government of the University, it must start by handling its own affairs responsibly, and it can start by eliminating the "crock of shit" that hangs it up so badly now.

The next issue of the REBEL YELL will feature a special section on "Student Power," a part of which will examine the bumbling past and present, and shining possible future, of Student Government at Nevada, Las Vegas. We hope that it, as well as these remarks, will help to abolish the possibility of another disaster like last Tuesday's Joint Session.

JMC

Letters to the Editor

March 18, 1969

Dear Editor:

Having just had the opportunity to observe in some detail the parsimonious, self-centered, and rather bigoted declaration of the plight of our Negro brethren in a phantasmic article entitled "Dig It, Charlie," it would appear certain observations are in order:

A. I presume that a news media such as the REBEL YELL is basically considered a formal sort of communications device, by and through which the literate members of the collegiate community are informed of issues and items of interest. To me it is gauche as well as distasteful to find semi-literate hegrophobia excreted across the pages. If the writer is truly a spokesman for his portion of humanity then let him express himself in the dignified and intelligent manner which might cause "Charlie" to notice him in a positive way; not be reviled by a catechism of rancor reeking of the immaturity which the writer portends he has superceded.

B. These statements will be ridiculed because it is currently modish to "put down" any cavalier attempt of the intellectual who actually thinks, rather than follows such dictums of the "with it" set, to interpret the semi-transparent attempts of a minority group to simply upgrade segregation.

C. Emetic examples of isolationism seem to be appearing daily on the campus, causing the discerning observer to ponder at

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COMMENT...

Lowman Strikes Again

BY ROD ROSE

Zel Lowman, guardian of the public morals and self-styled legislator, has struck again. In a news release dated March 14, 1969, Lowman protested alleged "misinformation published in the mass media" concerning Assembly Bill-211, which would make possession of a dangerous drug prima facie evidence that possession is unlawful. Lowman also stated that AB-211 is identical to an already existing provision of NRS 453.190, on "hard narcotics." "Neither of these conflict with the presumption of innocence of a defendant," Lowman said. "They are only the tools for law enforcement . . ."

"No one in the Nevada Legislature has any misunderstanding of this measure," Lowman said. The Nevada Legislature is the same august body that passed the Medical School Bill; we feel that their understanding of any measure is open to question.

AB-211 reads in part that "the burden of proof of any such exception, excuse, provision or exemption shall be upon the defendant." The burden of proof shall be upon the defendant. It is this statement to which we take exception.

The burden of proof in any case should rest with the prosecution; it is easy for irresponsible men and states to take advantage of laws such as AB-211, as exemplified by Hitler's Germany.

We are not drawing a correlation between Lowman, the Nevada Legislature, and the Third Reich. It is simply our contention that such laws as the proposed control on drugs usage have been twisted in the past, and could be twisted in the future. We will not stand by while such legislation is proposed.

Lowman, in attempting to justify AB-211, explains that the sub-committee which "the dangerously-growing drug problem" included two attorneys and two sheriffs. "We also had Legislative Counsel Russell McDonald and his deputy Grant Davis as legal advisors, and both Washoe District Attorney William Raggio and Clark District Attorney George Franklin examined the bills and testified on them. None found any constitutional question.

Franklin is the same District Attorney who offered rewards to the first ten high school students who would approach him with information leading to the conviction of narcotics peddlers in the area high schools, thereby exposing the students to retaliation by the criminal element. He can hardly be cited as an unbiased observer.

Lowman, instead of clearing his position, has instead reaffirmed our belief that the legality of AB-211 is questionable, and has cast suspicion on NRS 453.190. Playing with semantics will not provide an excuse to pass legislation such as AB-211.

Lowman as stated in an earlier edition of the R-Y is zealously carrying out his campaign promises to the voters of Clark County. It is not in this that we find fault; it is the manner in which he attempts it.

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Bible Against Elect. College

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citizen has a full opportunity to know the candidates and understand the issues.

"If there really ever was a valid reason for not allowing the people of the United States to vote directly for their president, certainly no such reason exists today."

Bible said the present unit rule method of awarding electoral votes on winner-take-all basis "degrades the importance of the individual votes cast for the minority candidate" in each state.

In addition, Bible said presidential electors are legally free to exercise independent judgment, regardless of the popular vote. He recalled that one elector in North Carolina voted for George Wallace in 1968, even though Richard Nixon was the choice of the majority of the people in that state.

Bible said a nationwide poll last year showed four of every five Americans favored abolishment of the electoral college in favor of direct popular balloting.

"A fundamental concept of democratic government is faith in the competence, worth and dignity of every American citizen," he declared.

"The present system undermines that concept. It is not simply undemocratic—it is dangerous as well. It should be abolished.

Dead Play Ice Palace This Weekend

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Revival and Pulse, a San Francisco one-man electronic percussion sound. A local soul band will also appear on the program, and Thomas Edison Castle Lighting will do the light show once again.

For later shows, Electronic Activities will probably do its own lighting effects, emphasizing experimental films in the New American Cinema genre. Carol Lewis, a local writer and filmmaker, will direct the light shows.

Tickets for the Grateful Dead are \$3.50 at the door and \$3.00 in advance. On the UNLV campus, tickets are available at the REBEL YELL office in the Student Union.

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 Mon., Apr. 7—CSUN election campaign begins
 Sat., Apr. 12—Lecture, Andres Pompondrosou, former Greek premier, 8 p.m., SUB Ballroom, (FINE ARTS FESTIVAL PREVIEW EVENT)*
 Wed., Apr. 16—CSUN election petitions due in by 5 p.m., CSUN Offices, SUB
 Fri., Apr. 18—CSUN Campaign Assembly, SUB Ballroom, 12 noon (additional debates at candidates' discretion)
 Tues., 7 p.m.—CSUN Senate, SUB West Lounge
 Fri., 12 noon—Moyer Union Board, 2nd Floor, SUB

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 ART (UNLV Gallery, Grant Hall)
 Through Mar 31,—Smithsonian Children's Art, 9-5 p.m.*
 Tues., Apr. 1—Robles Art Exhibit from Los Angeles, 9-5 p.m. (Monday through Friday), Formal opening—Apr. 6, 2-5 p.m. (FINE ARTS FESTIVAL PREVIEW EVENT)*

DRAMA
 Sun., Apr. 6—Dr. Howard Stein, Yale University playwright, speaking on "Lysistrata—the chief of Peace Goes to War", 7:30 p.m., Fireside Lounge, SUB, (FINE ARTS FESTIVAL PREVIEW EVENT)*

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CINEMA X
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GEOLOGY-ANTHROPOLOGY
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 Fri., Mar. 28—"Hypnosis as Psychotherapy," 11:30 a.m., SUB, Room 202, (demonstration included)*
 Fri., 12 noon,—Psychology Club, SUB, Room 202

ATHLETICS
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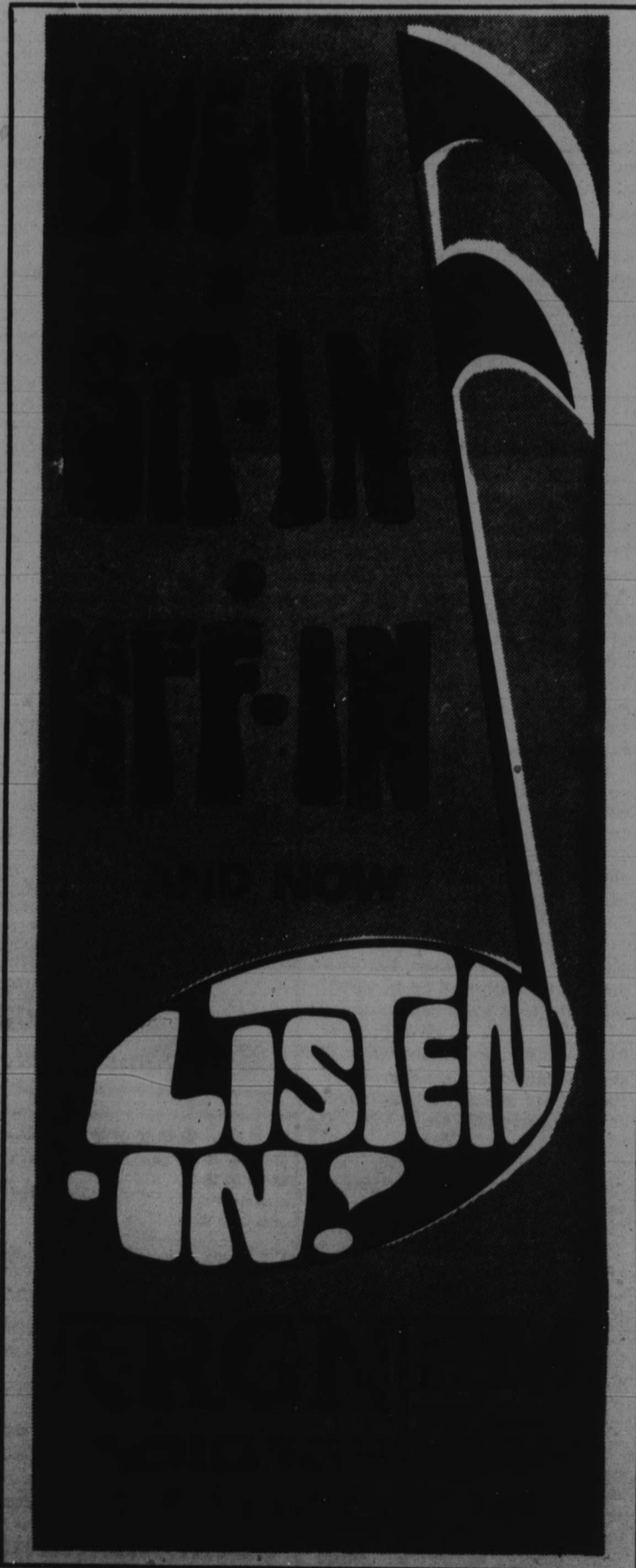
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Letters to the Editor

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the paucity of need for desegregation. It would seem that the manifest desire of certain minority groups is to obtain a retrogression to apartheid policies.

This churlish desire of those self-righteous to deprive the general collegiate community of the vast wealth of this minority culture seems to this WASP appalling in the wake of national motivation to obscure the cultural heritage of the caucasian race.

The imminent question remains what do you really wish us (the caucasians) to do. Furthermore, why should you be given anymore or any better than any other citizen? It seems to me that the elements of humanity and humility are bound by a matrix whose parameters are based on the conservation of human resources to one end purpose, and that purpose is reasonable equality—equality which has more than economic utility. If you want what I have then value my culture, adopt its ways. If you wish to rejoin your own culture in its natural habitat and cause it to be great then do so—equitable desegregation does not imply that my standards be changed for the benefit of a few in a capitalistic society—DIG!

Sincerely,
G. A. Bussell
Assistant Professor
Hotel Administration

Dear Editor:

Last Fall a friend in Reno sent me an editorial from the Reno Evening Gazette, (Oct. 18, 1968), commending Mr. Ed Fike for his "great courage" in supporting Reno over Las Vegas as the site of the medical school." But no one I know DOWN HERE has ever heard Ed explain why he supports a medical school at all—let alone one in Reno. Some explanation is needed.

Reno already has a 1000 volume law library with their Trial Judges School, which, eventually would make Reno the logical choice for a law school—but the medical school too?

My opposition is not only to a medical school in Reno, but to a medical school at all (right now). Both our University campuses are crying for additional funds—(although I doubt few if any Professors on the Reon campus are housed in trailers like entire departments are at UNLV).

Teachers statewide are increasingly disposed to "strike" talk because of low salary or poor facilities, or both. "\$500," says the Governor, if all Nevada can afford to upgrade teachers salaries. OK, if that's true, but if it is, how can the Lt. Governor support committing untold millions to a medical school we CAN'T AFFORD and DON'T NEED.

Hughes' contribution would open the school, but after that it's up to the taxpayers. As to need, the 28 Nevada students who complete medical training each year hardly justify an entire

medical school. As a result, hundreds of out-of-state students would have to be admitted.

So the Nevada taxpayers not only end up with a medical school we can't afford, and don't need, but one in which 2/3's of it's student-body comes from and returns to other states.

If Ed Fike promised the North he would support a medical school in Reno, then I think he should at least tell us why—preferably BEFORE the next campaign.

Ellen V. Victor
Las Vegas, Nevada

March 20, 1969

Dear Mr Christ:

I have just today been handed a copy of "Rebel Yell" for March 14 with its editorial by Rod Rose concerning the alleged unconstitutionality of AB-211 (copy enclosed).

Perhaps by this time a copy of my news release of March 14 may have come to you through normal channels; however, to make sure I will enclose a copy so you might have the opportunity to set the record straight. It is rather difficult to combat misinformation published in the mass media, but I urge your staff to communicate directly with me should they have further questions about any of my proposed legislation, rather than act on hearsay.

No one in the Nevada legislature has any misunderstanding of this measure nor of any of the other 19 introduced by several of us including five attorneys representing both political parties. I know you will want to bring the facts to the attention of your readers.

Please call on me when I can assist in any way.

Cordially,
Zel Lowman

Senator Hits Joint Session on SUB Funds

BY SID GOLDSTEIN
FINE ARTS SENATOR

On Tuesday March 24, during a bi-weekly meeting in joint session, the CSUN Senate and Executive Committee destroyed another branch of that same government—the CSUN Student Union Board.

By a vote of 17-5 the session decided that the Student Union Board needed no funds and in fact could not get any funds unless the Senate thought it necessary. One of the principal laws of the theory of operable government is, "a body without money is a body without power."

The triumphant pallid reasoning behind this move was that the Union Board could not be trusted to run its own financial affairs. What was ignored is the fact that the leadership of the Board is elected by the ENTIRE student body, while all but four of the present Senate is elected by parts of the student body.

Inherent also in the resolution was the power of the Senate to override any Union Board resolution. During the course of discussion a number of dissenting Senators rose to make points of order of discuss what the motion really was, but these attempts at real discussion were squelched by President Bill Terry, who seems to feel that those who disagree with his philosophies have no place in student government.

So the Union Board passes into oblivion. The idea of the Board, if you remember, was to assume STUDENT policy making in the affairs of the Student Union. So now there will be a necessary vacuum—let's hope the administration and the regents don't move in to fill it.

CAREER PLACEMENT

April 8: Representatives from Exeter Union High School District, Exeter, California, will be on campus to recruit teachers for the senior high level. Sign up for interview in Grant 242-C.

APRIL 9: Representatives from Xerox will be on campus to interview graduating seniors for positions in sales and marketing. They prefer students with degrees in Business and Marketing.

APRIL 10: Representatives from Montgomery Ward will be on campus to interview graduating seniors for management trainee positions. All majors will be considered; business preferred.

APRIL 11: Representatives from Beaverton Schools, Beaverton, Oregon, will be on campus to recruit teachers for grades K through 12. Sign up for interview in Grant 242-C.

April 11: Representatives from Broward County School District, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, will be on campus to recruit teachers for grades K through 12. Sign up for interview in Grant 242-C.

APRIL 14: Representatives from the U. S. Navy will be on campus to interview for their officer candidate school. They will be located in front of the Campus Student Union Building.

April 14: Representatives from

Anchorage Borough School District, Anchorage, Alaska will be on campus to recruit teachers for grades K through 12. Sign up in Grant 242-C.

APRIL 15: Representatives from the U. S. Geological Survey will be on campus to recruit graduating seniors.

APRIL 16: Representatives from the First National Bank, will be on campus to recruit graduating seniors for their officer training program. All majors will be considered.

APRIL 17: Representatives from Needles Unified School District, Needles, California, will be on campus to interview teachers from grades K through 12. Sign up for interview in Grant 242-C.

APRIL 17: Representatives from Desert Sands Unified School District, Indio, California, will be on campus to interview teachers for grades K through 12. Sign up for interview in Grant 242-C.

APRIL 22, Representatives from Nevada Youth Training Center in Elko will be on campus to interview graduating seniors for teaching, counseling and supervisory positions.


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