

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Torpedos Los

by kurt hildebrand

editor

Well, there they go again. This time, the Executive Board has decided to hold an Executive Board meeting in the Faculty Senate in order to show "support" for some bill or another, I think it is dead week.

Not only have they decided to hold their meeting at the faculty senate meeting, but they are holding a Senate meeting there, too.

By my count, they are holding three Emergency Senate meetings there.

This is what happens when people show very lit-

tle interest in their government, it goes amuck.

I got the announcements today. I don't know, but I think someone really wanted me to read them, because everything on them is Hi-Lited in yellow.

The heading is highlighted in yellow, the second item on the agenda (the only item on the agenda) is high-lited in yellow.

This item says, "II. Attend Faculty Senate Meeting"

There is also a "threat" written across the bottom, also hi-lited in yellow. It says, "THIS MEETING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL CSUN DIRECTORS,

SENATORS. DEDUCTION FROM STIPEND IF NOT IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING."

This may seem a little harsh for those who don't already know that anyone who misses an Executive Board meeting can be fined for it (this includes yours truly). But this is the first time I have ever seen it included on an agenda.

As for the senators, well, in the wisdom of the ages here at CSUN, if you want a senator to attend any function, you put out three agendas.

This is so, when a senator does not appear, the Senate President can give that person three unexcused absences and remove the senator from their position.

But, to be fair, they are letting all the directors off for the Executive Board meeting which occurs Mondays. I don't know what they are doing to compensate the senators.

Also to be fair, they (I am still talking about the Executive Board) really want this dead week thing approved. But, I think they are going about it in the wrong way.

I know, I know, this student body couldn't even muster up the required number of senators to run for this last election, which if my information serves me at press time, has one of the worst turnouts in the last 10 years.

But forcing people to make an appearance at a meeting to show support

for a bill which probably only affects a few of them is a travesty. It would look better if a few people who really wanted this thing to pass were there then it would for a whole bunch of people who really couldn't care less (whether they care or not is not the point) to be present.

This is why people are not required by law to vote in this country. Lack of interest is the minority's great protector.

Oh, I called to check, about dead week, and Hendrick told me that if I didn't support it, I shouldn't worry about coming. I will try, but I wish whoever is writing these agendas would lighten up. 'nough said.

Letters To The Editor

DERBY DAYS

An Open letter To The Brothers Of The Sigma Chi Fraternity

I am honored to have been selected as this year's Honorary Chairman of Derby Days by the Zeta Chi Chapter of Sigma Chi.

Due to the efforts of the "Derby" participants and the brothers and pledges of the Zeta Chi Chapter, thousands of dollars have been raised for Opportunity Village and other worthy charities. When the first

"Channing Way Derby" was held in the 1920's, no one realized what a success the event would be. This year, hundreds of chapters of the Sigma Chi Fraternity will host Derby Days on campuses across the United States and Canada.

As a former University of Nevada Regent, State Senator, and now as a U.S. Congressman, I have fought for the continuing growth of my alma mater, UNLV.

I am proud that exciting events such as Derby

Days are bringing attention to our University.

As a Sigma Chi Alumnus, I am especially pleased that our chapter is carrying on the grand traditions of our fraternity.

Sincerely,
James H. Bilbray
Member of Congress

Young Democrats

Dear Editor:

The UNLV Young Democrats will be having a meeting Monday, Oct 12 at 6:30 pm in MSU — Second floor in the Fireside

Lounge. Guest Speakers have been invited and all students are welcome. For further information, Please Contact Mike Kenney at 876-7618.

Sue Cunningham

Caste System

Dear Editor:

Shades of an archaic caste system — alive and flourishing and flourishing at UNLV's Dickinson Library?

Dear fellow students: I recently discovered there

are three castes using the library.

You should know this if the book you want is already out in circulation.

Your chance of ever getting it depend on who has checked it out.

A sweet young thing at the request counter explained the system to me.

"If the faculty has it, it's on indefinite loan; forget it. If Staff has it, it's an extended loan; you're lucky, you've got a chance."

She never mentioned the rest of us, who naively believe the library is here for the students benefit. To add to my frustration, the sweet young thing didn't seem to know who comprised Faculty and who comprised Staff.

Sad to say, it appears that even here at democratic(?) UNLV, who you are comes first. Why else would the sweet young thing hit me with the final blow, as she innocently stated, "There's nothing we can do about it. That's the system."

G.G. Drudge



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