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From The Gutter

by mike keller

editor

Why can't I ever find a pencil sharpener? Well that's easy, it's because there aren't any. But thanks to the generosity of CSUN there will soon be a pencil sharpener in every classroom on campus. But it was not as easy as it sounds.

When I first heard of the idea I thought to myself that

it was about time, but for some reason the senate felt that spending a little over \$800 for pencil sharpeners was too much. So they cut the amount in half so that there would be a pencil sharpener in every other classroom. What a silly idea! Could you imagine during the middle of a test for a student to come into your class to sharpen a pencil because their class happens to be the odd one. But wait, it gets worse! At this very same senate meeting your senators passed \$4000 for intramurals of which \$112 were used to buy an electric ball inflator. WHY!

There's still more. Somewhere in the CSUN Constitution it says that the Executive Board, which consists of President, Vice-president, and Senate President, can authorize the use of up to \$499. By cutting the number of pencil sharpeners in half it made it possible for the Executive Board to buy the other half of the required sharpeners.

So in the end UNLV will be receiving 57½ pencil sharpeners from the CSUN Senate and 57½ from the Executive Board. Is this defeating the whole purpose of having an Executive branch and a Legislative Branch?

Guest Editorial

by victor marcus

guest opinion

Being new to the editorial game, it seemed very hard for me to come up with a topic of discussion or controversy. After a long hard search however, I've come up with something that I'm sure is on the minds of all students. But first, I must tell you the story leading up to this event.

Around February of this

year, a small, rather meaningless discrepancy was found at the library. It seems that the knob on one of the doors of the elevated walkway between the library buildings was coming loose. Many times I watched people struggle (with much embarrassment) to open this door. This tiny problem became very annoying to us who frequently visit the library. My worst nightmare; approaching the door with a

mob of people, late for class, behind me.

Time went by without anyone fixing this problem; days turned into weeks, weeks into months. I don't know about you, but I couldn't concentrate on my finals. All because of this stupid doorknob.

Now about this time I suppose most of you are asking yourselves, "Why didn't he just mention this to library personnel?" I did, but would anyone

listen? I guess that I'm just another one who belongs to the Heck No club.

So, to make a long story even longer, Spring Semester ended and I took a vacation. After a three week break in Wisconsin, I came back for Summer Session with a brand new attitude. Believe it or not, Vegas was looking pretty good and I couldn't wait to start school again. Out of curiosity, I went to the library and much to my

surprise, something had been done. Someone came up with the amazing idea of putting a block of wood under the door to jam it open. But of course, the knob was not fixed.

I ask you, what's the deal here? Should such a ridiculously easy thing, a doorknob for example, stay broken for six months? Is it me, or is someone not doing their job? I would really like to know. Why should a problem someone

could fix with a screwdriver cause so much trouble, there's no excuse.

So, in conclusion to my first editorial, I would like to say good luck to everyone who hasn't preregistered. Just be patient with the people at the Registrars Office. There are thousands of you and only a few of them. When you're ready to fly off the handle, think of what it would be like to have their job around this time.

Letters to the Editor

Rumblings

You thought because it was summer you would escape the usual "bitchy" letters that are received throughout the year? WRONG!

Things are pretty quiet during the summer, but the "Queen of Complaints" can find something!

Here's a disturbing item. Is it not true that computers are supposed to make life easier? Then why are we still having so much trouble with registration.

CARS is supposed to speed things up, but it's doing just the opposite. First of all, having CARS registration before Summer Session registration is ridiculous.

What happens if you can't get into a class in the summer and you were

counting on that class in order to take one in the fall because it is a prerequisite?

What happens is you have to take the time to rearrange your schedule and you can't even do that until August. Missing work and time from studying defeats the whole purpose of CARS registration which is specifically to save you time and hassle.

This is only part of the problem. What about signing up for five classes and only getting one. You find out it was a computer mistake but that doesn't mean that you can easily correct it by a mere telephone call. Instead you have to go to school and stand in line getting signatures and God knows what else.

Take it from someone

who was previously signed up for a class in London. I'd be glad to go to London two days a week for class if UNLV picked up the tab.

I was told I had to go down to the registrars office and clear this mistake. I didn't want to miss work, but that was the rule, I had to go down there in person.

Being the stubborn person that I am, I refused. I couldn't understand why their mistake couldn't be cleared up over the phone. "No" was the reply I heard for two days, until I got hold of the head registrar.

So, What's my point? To my fellow students I say, hang in there! To whomever is in charge of CARS, let's start doing a little debugging.

Connie Scordato

Letters, anyone?

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