

# Are Bud books really a good idea?

**At the campus level...**

Several years ago, CSUN offered Blue Books. Today, CSUN offers Bud Books. The difference lies in the fact that the former is sponsored as a student service by CSUN. The latter is partially funded by an alcoholic beverage company.

In exchange for funding, the beverage company is given advertising space on the cover which promotes the use of its product, an alcoholic beverage.

The conflict arises due to the fact that the majority of students who attend this and consume this product tend to be under the legal drinking age.

Several student governments around the nation have become socially conscious of such literature and have voluntarily stopped accepting questionable funding.

It is unfortunate that many students consistently complain about

student government yet fail to enact any change by way of participation and/or protest, voting, forming an organization, joining committees, signing petitions, writing letters to the editor and talking to elected student body representatives.

Although the bureaucracy is often difficult and tedious, one person can make a difference.

Many faculty members apparently believe they are not employees of the university. If they are not, then what organization employs them (pays their salary and benefits?)

**At the local level...**  
Recently, the beautification project sponsored by a local utility company along Flamingo Road has been completed.

The project is undoubtedly aesthetically pleasing.

However, it flies directly in the

face of common sense and practicality, considering the project consists of a two-mile stretch of grassy slopes, supplemented with young trees that consume a tremendous amount of fresh water.

This community is situated in a desert and is growing at extraordinary rate. Foresight must be used in conservation matters if this trend is to continue. Already, there has been controversy over water misuse, golf courses, man-made dams and irresponsible irrigation.

**At the state level...**  
Is there a possibility that Nevada may be the best situated area in which to place nuclear waste products?

The state is relatively sparsely populated in comparison to the forty-nine remaining states.

Would the reaction to the selection of our state as the main site have been so severe against its implementation if we had also been the recipients of the multi-billion dollar atom accelerator program?

**Cannon Fodder**

**by Martin Dupalo**

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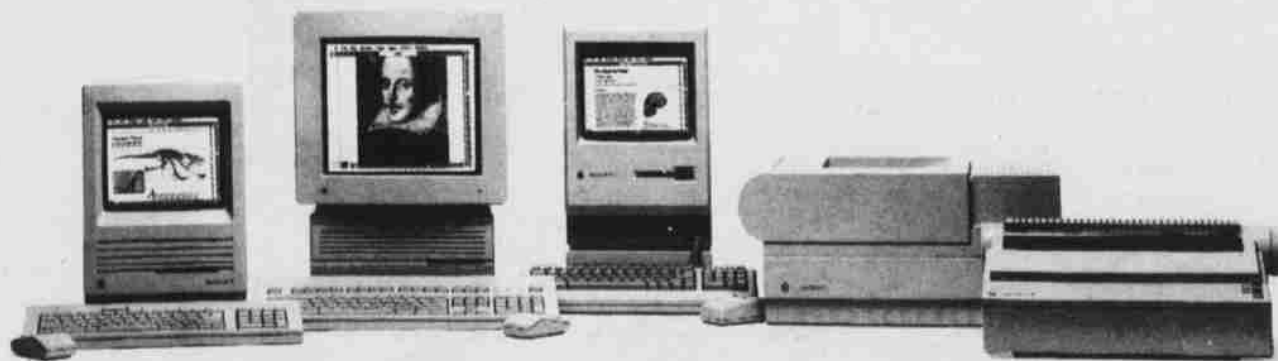
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