

# OSI Office of Student Information

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## ...And Justice for All

A little over 200 years ago, our American forefather, George Washington, wrote, "The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government."

Fortunately, although a bicentennial later, the ideology behind Washington's words lives on and makes an attempt to permeate every level of society. At the highest level, the pursuit of justice is manifested in the Supreme Court of the United States.

That same justice is pursued, neither being diminished or trivialized, at one of its lower levels; that level is the Student Government Judicial Council.

The Judicial Council consists of five to seven members who are responsible for interpreting the Student Government Constitution.

"We basically have to hear cases involving constitutional questions," stated Mike Barclay, Chief Justice of the Judicial Council. If there is a passage in the constitution that two people are interpreting differently, we make the determination on what it means - just like the Supreme Court."

The Council also has the power to invalidate Student Government elections if not con-

ducted properly. The importance of this authority is amplified during election seasons, one of which happens to be occurring right now (Homecoming and Senate). Because of the magnitude of the elections, whether they are for Homecoming or Senate or Executive offices, the members of the Council are constantly preoccupied not only with normal business, but with taking heed of any potential problems that may arise.

"Sometimes the Chief Justice or another justice will try to head off problems before they become problems. We'll say, 'Look, this is how it has to be done and if you don't do it this way, there's a potential problem. We may be hearing cases regarding it,'" Barclay commented, explaining how necessary it is for a Justice to have foresight particularly during election periods in order to avoid any problems.

In addition, the Judicial Council (Chief Justice Mike Barclay, Associate Chief Justice Paul Stuhff, Justice Mike Kennedy and Justice Kara Kelley) may decide appeals initiated by students on decisions of Student Government entities, as well as act as arbitrator between students and entities of the University of Nevada System.

Experience on the Judicial Council is invaluable to anyone aspiring to go into law, politics, criminal justice, public speaking, or any field that requires critical and logical thinking. The practice of deliberating cases proves to yield benefits much greater than just the outcome of the case itself. However, discordant with the philosophy that "Practice makes perfect," Barclay asserted, "The fewer cases we have to hear, the better." He continued, "Even though I would enjoy hearing cases, I want Student Government to run with as few conflicts as possible."

When a conflict does actually make its way to the Council, it is reviewed by a group of individuals. As required by the Student Government Constitution, justices must have a 2.75 grade point average (GPA) to get on the Council.

In addition, according to Barclay, "There is a preference for justices to be interested in law, interested in the way procedure works and some debate experi-

ence is good."

The Chief Justice emphasized that although the aforementioned qualities are helpful, they are, by no means, mandatory.

"What is a little more imperative, on the other hand, is an ability to clearly disseminate arguments - both sides - and take them apart, not just make a decision based only on their own impressions," stated Barclay.

Barclay acknowledges that no one can ever be totally separated from their biases, admitting, "What is looked for is someone who doesn't have a distinct, heavy bias toward any one thing. We look for an ability to put aside, sometimes, what you'd like to do for what you have to do."

Judicial council is the branch of Student Government dedicated to the pursuit of justice.

Barclay explained, "The Judicial Council is a group of people who really want to do it. They go to great pains to make the right decisions."

**PRESENTLY THERE ARE SEATS AVAILABLE ON THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL. IF INTERESTED INQUIRE WITHIN MSU 120 OR CALL 739-3477 FOR INFORMATION. ASK FOR MIKE BARCLAY, CHIEF JUSTICE.**

## Family Fair

Free Food  
and Drink

Entertainment!

Friday, Sept. 21  
In the Academic Mall (between buildings  
going toward the library).  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Organizations will be offering  
information regarding their  
membership enrollment  
and activities.

Join the Pep Rally for  
Rebel Football!

Sponsored by UNLV President's Office, Office of Intercollegiate Athletics  
and Student Government Coordinated by MSU/Student Activities

## SHAC

The Student Health Advisory Committee needs volunteers to assist in this year's activities aimed at promoting the quality of student health provided by the Student Health Center (SHC). In addition, SHAC assists in promoting health education to the students at UNLV. These goals are accomplished through the following activities:

Health Awareness Days  
National AIDS Awareness Programs  
National Nutrition Programs  
National Condom Week  
National Smoke Out  
And much more . . .

If interested in becoming involved with SHAC, stop by MSU 120 or call Ken Tomory, Chairman - SHAC at 739-3370.

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

*Student Government recognized organizations may have information regarding their activities printed in the OSI Page. For information regarding submissions, please stop by MSU 120.*

The Black Student Association will be hosting a **Comeback Celebration** on Friday, Sept. 21, 1990 at 10 p.m. at the Thomas and Mack Center. The confusion has been straightened out and now it's time to CELEBRATE! Join them in festivities that you won't forget!

Hey! Attend the **Filipino-American Students Association** meeting on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.! Old members and new are invited to attend to discuss activities for the Fall semester. The meeting will be held in the Moyer Student Union, rm. 210 South.

- Everyone is invited  
to come!! -

Attend the **Black Student Association** meeting on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 4 p.m. on the Moyer Student Union. Take part in this successful year by joining early! All are invited.

The **Fantastic Fiction Club** will meet Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Oasis Room (MSU 210 North) for all students interested in science fiction and fantasy. Writers, artists and all other fans are encouraged to attend. For more information about this organization, call Paul at 739-6559 or stop by Student Government!

The **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)** is holding its first meeting this semester on Sept. 25 in the Oasis Room (MSU 210 South). This meeting is for old and new members and interested persons to get to know one another, plan the upcoming year, and to socialize! Anyone interested in meeting great friends and good people, please attend - it's not just for orthodox students!

Citizens Alert/HSAC invites you to "Walk Against Waste" on Oct. 21, 1990. This is a 10k walk, jog, or run to help continue efforts to prevent the high-level nuclear waste dump from being located in Yucca Mountain. If interested, come out to the MSU Patio at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 and register to "Walk Against Waste." For more information, contact the UNLV Honors Student Advisory Council or call Citizen Alert at 648-8982.

Student Government would like to extend best wishes to the Minority Student Affairs Office directed by Wayne Nunely. Good Luck on your new start. Student Government supports your endeavors!

### NOTICE

Organizations interested in setting up a booth for Family Fair on Friday, Sept. 21, please sign up in MSU 120. See Joyce.

Traci Smith: Director