

Student Government student (dis)service

Is "Student Serving Students" becoming "Students Serving Themselves?" by Chris Kindred

Has anyone else come to the conclusion that strange things are happening in the Student Government Student Services Department? During the last semester several interesting incidents have occurred that need to be brought to the students' attention.

Recently, rather interesting supplies have been ordered through UNLV inter-departmental requisitions. A large number of specially colored items have been ordered. As most of you are

probably aware, specially colored items are much more expensive than non-colored, or "normal" items. This means that Student Services is actually spending more

student money than is necessary for supplies. To their credit, a few members of Student Government opposed these orders. Unfortunately, they were overruled.

Why Student Government

would waste student money ordering supplies in this expensive format remains a mystery.

A number of students have recently complained about the lack of services from Student Services. Several students have complained that they were unable to purchase class notes because no one from Student Services was in the office to sell them.

Currently, there are five Student Services employees. However, the office is often left unattended. In fact, during the director's office hours, she is often working at another on-campus job. How can students be served if no one is in the office to help them?

Another student complaint is the unprofessional attitude of some of the employees. One secretary refuses to use the typewriter provided her, but insists, instead, on using the ones provided for student use. While using these typewriters, she can often be found typing reports for certain Student Government directors.

Unauthorized personnel have also been observed attempting to

sell class notes in the student services offices. Their conduct has been particularly unprofessional and questionable.

There have also been several complaints about Student Services employees smoking in the offices. These complaints have been reported to the Student Government Executive Board members, the campus police, and the MSU offices, all of whom have refused to take any action. Smoking in unauthorized areas of public buildings is a violation of state law, Student Services employees, as representatives of Student Government, should abide by these laws or be terminated.

Despite the massive problems occurring in the Student Services Department, Student Services performs valuable functions for UNLV students. Student Services provide class notes, typewriters, blue (now red) books, and Scantron forms to students.

They also, however, currently offer needless expenditures, lack of assistance, and unprofessionalism as well.

Student Services is supposed to be "students serving students." It is the responsibility of all UNLV students to make sure that it does not become "students serving themselves."

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Choice affects more than Question 7

Choices. It's all about choices. The most controversial issue on today's ballot concerns abortion, and the question of whether or not the Legislature can change the current law. The forces in favor of approval have labeled it a fight over "choice," which brings up the another key issue of this, and every, election: Who will make your choices?

For many younger Americans, voting isn't a priority. Students have traditionally been one

of the groups with the lowest voter turnout. Less than 20 percent of students vote. During the recent voter registration drives, sponsored by Student Government, 500 students registered to vote. As tiny as that number sounds, it actually marks an improvement over previous election year efforts.

Yet there remains the issue of choice, and choices to be made. This election will decide issues, many of which have a direct bearing on a student's every day life. Tired of paying sales tax on textbooks? Vote against it on Question 3.

Do you think more should be done to help Nevada's parks and wildlife? Question 5 addresses that issue.

How about a corporate tax? Question 6 will decide that, and any future entrepreneurs will certainly do well to pay attention to such issues.

Where will you stand on the abortion question? Voters will decide whether to approve the existing law or give an open invitation to legislators to attack it. If you've chosen not to vote on Question 7, you've capitulated your position to the people who will vote. They will decide the issue, while you'll have to live with decisions made by others.

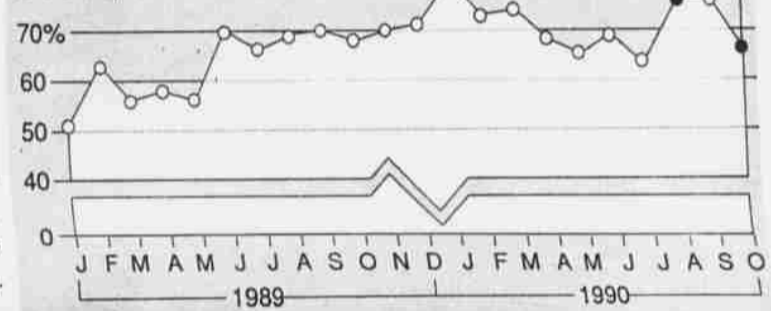
Voting, in this country, is a choice. Not voting (by failing to register or failing to show up at the polls) is a choice as surely as voting is.

The Yellin' Rebel urges every student to grab the opportunity to make a difference. Vote. Make a choice. Decide what direction you think this state, and this nation, should take. The choice is yours to make, because whether or not you decide to vote, the decisions will be made.

The opinions expressed in the Question 7 editorial are those of the Yellin' Rebel.

President's popularity rating dips

In the wake of the recent budget crisis, President Bush's approval rating has dropped, according to a Gallup Poll.



Nationwide survey of at least 1200 people. October 1990 poll was 1010 people. SOURCE: The Gallup Poll

Congress' record on environment weak

Only 49% of U.S. senators, 54% of U.S. representatives voted for conservation in 1990.

Senate voting record

Percent of votes from state for environmental legislation

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- 74% to 50%
- Less than 50%



House voting record

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SOURCE: League of Conservation Voters

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