

(Dis) Organizations Board

by Chris Kindred

During the February 7 senate meeting, Senator Ken Tomory asked the Organizations Board for a list of all CSUN recognized organizations. Tomory said that he had "asked for such a list since November of 1989 from the Organizations Board."

Tomory did not ask the most important question concerning the Organizations Board. What the senate, and the student body as a whole, should be asking is, "Why is Vice President B.J. Engel permitted to remain Organizations Board director in direct violation of the CSUN constitution?"

The Organizations Board operating policy states that, "The Chair of the Organizations Board shall be the CSUN student body vice president." However, if the CSUN constitution states that, "The vice president shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of all CSUN entities excluding the Judicial Council."

If the vice president is already an ex-officio, non-voting member, then she cannot also be the Chair

of the Organizations Board. The constitution clearly states that CSUN officers "may neither file for, nor hold, more than one office simultaneously within CSUN."

It would be reasonable to conclude then, that one cannot be both Vice President and Organizations

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Board director simultaneously. Thus, Vice President Engel's position as Organizations Board director is a violation of the CSUN constitution.

Senate bylaw number 16 prevents the vice president from holding the position of Organizations Board director. The bylaw states that, "The director shall vote only to break a tie."

The Organizations Board director is allowed to vote in certain circumstances. Furthermore, the Organizations Board Policy states that the vice president is the Organizations Board director. However, the CSUN constitution states that the vice president is a "non-voting member."

Whenever CSUN officers take office, they are required to swear an oath of office. The CSUN officers swear to "Preserve, protect, and defend the CSUN constitution, its bylaws and statutes, and other laws of and within the United States and the State of Nevada."

Ironic. The Organizations Board Operating Policy contains a list of rules for other Organizations to follow, yet the Organizations Board director, herself, is in violation of the CSUN constitution.

The Organizations Board expects its organizations to obey its rules, but can the student body expect the Organizations Board director to do the same?

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UNLV: up and coming or down the drain?

by Rick Nielsen

During this time of escalating war, when much of our attention is shifted to the Middle East, it is equally important for everyone here at UNLV to keep a focused eye on issues that are threatening here on the home front.

What better time to actively participate than now, when activism is experiencing a heightened comeback?

Many recent studies show that Las Vegas is running out of water. How soon it will happen or how long it will last should not be the main concern. The bottom line is it is going to happen unless we all join in the battle and unite in conservation.

We're not alone in our dilemma; it's happening in other areas, too. Conservation does not lend itself well to naysayers or finger-pointers. The fact is that everyone on God's "Green-for-the-time-being" Earth uses water, and

most abuse it.

Extra time spent in the shower, running water in the sink, leaky faucets, toilets and hose bibs, extensive car washes and lawn watering are a few examples of excessive water consumption. By personally making a conscious attempt to reverse these problems,

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you can execute a personal conservation effort.

Let me paint a picture to motivate your effort: Say we exceed our current rate of population growth, the war lasts longer than estimated and our present water supplies don't last as long as expected. Think of the returning

troops' agony and astonishment when they return to an empty canteen. It's a worst-case scenario, it's better to be safe than sorry. If you won't do it for yourself, be a sport, show your support, do it for the troops!

There will be a presentation on water conservation here, today at 4 p.m. in MSU 201. Speaking at the meeting will be Dr. Linda Littell, director of Public Services at Las Vegas Valley Water District; Jerry Belt, conservation specialist for L.V.V.W. District; and Jan Lavery Jones. The presentation is part of the ongoing Speakers Bureau Presentations which feature concerned members of the community. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

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Soldiers are just doing their jobs

by Kelcey West

High school, for some students, meant deciding: After graduation, should I go to college or to the armed forces?

From the cramped UNLV parking lot, thousands of students obviously selected college. Millions of young people decided to give President Bush four years of service by joining a branch of the military.

One can only imagine the roller coaster feelings inside the stomachs of these soldiers when war erupted on Jan. 16. According to John Stevens, a recruiter for the United States Marine Corps, almost 65 percent of the men and women who enlist do so only for job security and educational benefits.

"They never take heed to the fact that once they enlist they are a part of the United States Army," Stevens said.

One reason students don't understand the seriousness in enlisting is due to the recruitment process. Military recruiters sometimes work like used car salespeople. They mention every possible benefit except being the

first to go if a war should break out.

When young adults, primarily poor minority students, are preparing to graduate from high school their only real concern is money for survival. It's a recruiter's most deadly weapon. When students hear, "you can make \$600 to \$800 a month plus a \$1000 bonus here and there," they forget everything else.

With this in mind, we should no longer protest Bush's decision to send troops to battle. It's their job. People don't march in front of the courthouse when college students are assigned essays, or when police officers and fire fighters risk their lives doing the job they signed up for.

One day the war will be over and monuments will honor the soldiers who gave their lives in battle. Then, hopefully, high school and college students will begin to take movies like "The Deer Hunter" and "Full Metal Jacket" seriously. We live in a world where tomorrow can always be Vietnam.

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Point of View

What would be the perfect Valentine's Day?

Nicole Lucas
Sophomore-Delta Zeta
Communications

First of all, I would receive a single yellow rose. Next, I would have a romantic dinner. Then, we would go home and cuddle by the fire.



Matt Grimes
Freshman
Marketing

The evening would start with a candlelight dinner at a nice restaurant. After dinner we would spend an intimate night at my house.



Jeff Stewart
Sophomore
Hotel

I would have someone sweet enough to call my valentine. We would spend a quiet evening at home sipping champagne by the fire.



Tracy Dean
Junior-Delta Zeta
Elementary Education

I would have a moonlight picnic on the beach. I would get lots of roses from a gorgeous guy who has a lot of money.



Stefanie King
Sophomore-Delta Zeta
Undeclared

I would have a romantic dinner in a log cabin somewhere close to snow skiing. My date would be a beautiful, rich, intelligent gentleman.

