

Complaint filed about the use of vulgar language

by Rick Nielsen

In an article published in *The Yellin' Rebel* Oct. 30, 1990, a reference of vulgar language was publicly attributed to Student Government Vice President B.J. Willard-Engel.

Outbreaks of obscene and unfitting language continued, according to Ken Tomory, senator for business and economics.

"Student Government is represented by the voice of the Executive Board. I find it atrocious that we the students, and other CSUN officials are made a spectacle of, by the words and actions of a less than orderly display of abject language," said Tomory with reference to obscene language used at previous senate meetings.

Tomory attempted, during the last Student Government meeting of 1990, to air his dissatisfaction by asking the Executive Board to relay a warning to her to refrain. He said he felt a warning was appropriate at this point.

At the opening meeting of 1991, Willard-Engel's display of profanity continued. The minutes from this senate meeting, #21-06, give Willard-Engel's response. The minutes state, "She (Willard-Engel) stated that in reference to her language, don't threaten to file a complaint over profanity and that she will swear if she wants to swear; it is her right." This statement prompted Tomory to file his official complaint.

The complaint, dated Jan. 27, was written and filed in accordance with the Student Conduct Code (SCC). The complaint states that in the 21st session of the Senate, meeting 21-6, Vice President Willard-Engel used obscene and abusive language and stated that she would continue if she pleased. This is a direct violation of Article VI Section A-13 of the SCC.

Tomory directed his complaint to Liz Baldizan, assistant to the Vice President for Student Services, in accordance with SCC rules.

A copy of the complaint, listing 28 members of Student Government present at the session, was sent to Student Body President Joe Bunin, who was also present at the meeting.

In a written reply to the complaint, dated Feb. 13, Baldizan agreed that the "repeated use of obscene and abusive language in a public setting"—in this case a Student Government meeting—is inappropriate and a violation.

However, she said she felt compelled to first exhaust internal options. According to Baldizan, this is the responsibility of Senate President Gina Polovina. Mentioned also in the letter was a discussion with Polovina of "the gravity of this behavior." Polovina agreed it is unacceptable.

Contacted by phone on Feb. 26, Polovina said the matter had been handled administratively. She then claimed that it had no merit. She later said the complaint was confidential and finally said it would be resolved. When asked

what the response would be to future overt use of profanity by Willard-Engel, Polovina said, "I don't foresee it happening."

The SCC handbook states that, "Depending on the seriousness of the SCC violation, sanctions may be imposed by a hearing officer, an administrative officer, hearing committee, or vice president of Student Services—in any order or combination.

The forms of sanctions are varied. A sanction may be just a warning or a notice. It may be either oral or written punishment and can include loss of privileges or exclusion from participation in activities for a specified academic term. This may include exclusion from participation in work-study programs or other campus employment. Willard-Engel receives both a paycheck of \$400 per month and a fee waiver for her position.

Student Government operates under Nevada Revised Statutes and the U.S. Constitution, and controls a budget of approximately

\$750,000.

Willard-Engel was unavailable for comment.

Liz Baldwin, assistant to the Vice President of Student Services, was also unavailable for comment.

A copy of the Student Conduct Code is available at the office of Dr. Robert Ackerman, in FDH 330.

The Yellin' Rebel has attempted to obtain exact quotes by B.J. Willard-Engel that contain obscene language and which were used at senate meetings. However, this information is only available on the tapes of the meetings.

Although these tapes can be accessed by *The Yellin' Rebel* for use in the CSUN office only, the most desirable one, #21-6, is presently (for the last two weeks, at least) in the possession of Senate President Pro-Tempore Bud Benneman who is "transcribing" them for an investigation.

Wayne Nunnely resigns from Minority Student Services

by Bonar Tucker

Wayne Nunnely, Director of Minority Studies Programs and Minority Student Services, is resigning from his position and will be leaving UNLV to accept a job as assistant coach at the University of Southern California.

Nunnely, who is a former football coach for UNLV, said that to coach at USC was a "dream" of his.

"I grew up around the area and had dreams of playing there as an athlete," Nunnely said. "When I resigned from coaching at UNLV, I said there was only

one other school in America that could convince me to go back to coaching. This is a dream of mine that will only come along once in a lifetime."

Nunnely said he has enjoyed his job here and continues to enjoy it.

"I have confidence in knowing that the person who will replace me in the Office of Student Affairs is so competent. Tony Gladney will be stepping into my job and he has my complete confidence," Nunnely said.

Nunnely will be leaving this weekend to begin his new job on Monday.

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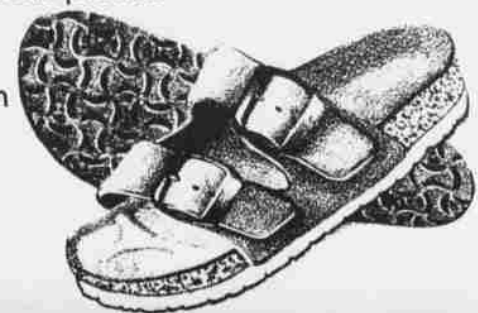
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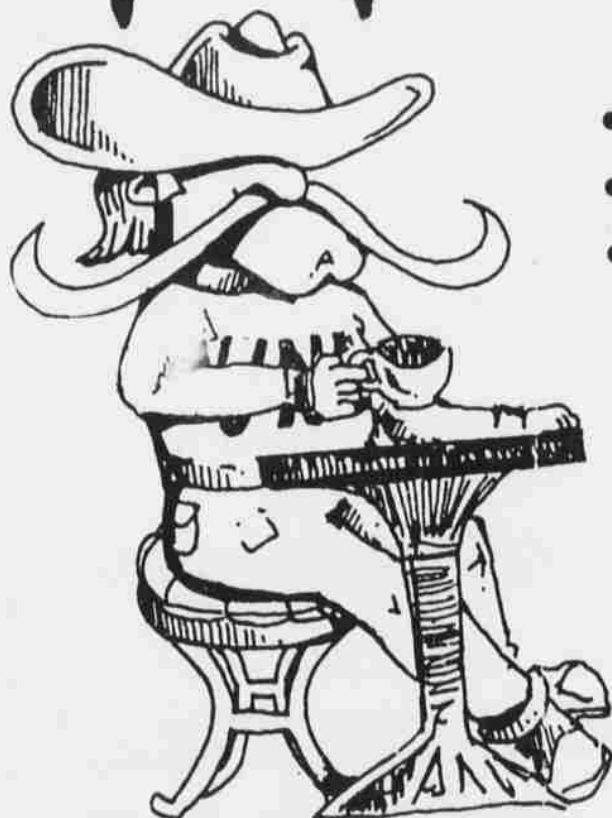


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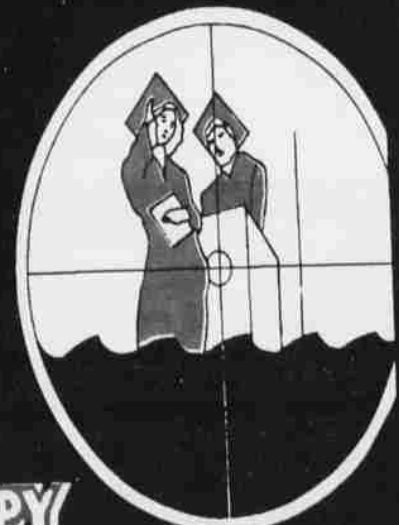
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