

# Letters to the Editor



## Whose rules?

To the Editor:

Some of the rules apply to some of the people some of the time.

As the final seconds of the game tick away, student government moves in for the slam—boom—they score.

But whom do they score against? They score against the same student body electorate who voted them in as their representation in student affairs.

Last year around this time many students were vying for a position on the Executive Board, which consists of Student Body President, Vice-President and Senate President.

What started as a field of contenders dwindled rapidly after Joe Bunin announced his

intention to serve the student body for another term.

Not surprisingly Bunin triumphed over his opposing candidate "None of the Above."

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As the primary races begin again, Chris Robertson and his running mates are disqualified.

Why take obviously qualified candidates out of the race?

Because, according to Senator Mike Bunin, "I don't like to see anybody disqualified, but you have to follow the rules."

What Mike Bunin, brother of

President Joe Bunin, fails to mention is that the President violated the qualification rules that exist for those participating in student government.

The rules state that student senators must be taking a certain number of credits and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.0—yet Bunin has ignored these rules and failed to prove his eligibility.

By Mike Bunin's logic shouldn't his brother be disqualified for not adhering to the rules?

Or is it that some of the rules only apply to some of the people some of the time?

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# The baby gets his way again

by Tricia Goldberg

Joe Bunin has once again abused a Senate meeting by parading in—late—and announcing loudly, and at great length, whatever little thing is on his mind. The last Senate meeting, March 21, 1991 netted a heap of graceless quotes from Mr. Bunin.

After a late arrival, he made an impassioned plea for moral support from the Senate and told his protracted story of how Assistant Director of MSU Eric Walters and Vice President of Student Ser-

a chance? Say the latter." These questions made it clear that Joe had taken a position against MSU without even having the facts yet.

My discussion with Walters and Ackerman further clarified the story. Student Government did not have their ducks in a row. They didn't organize a cleanup crew in advance of the event. Bunin's own quote condemns him: "...In fact, I did make mention that I would try to organize a cleanup crew, but it (the cleanup) was already done."

It is unfortunate that this

venue is made available to Mr. Bunin for airing his grievances du jour. It is my understanding that a Senate meeting's purpose is for the Senate to conduct its business. Although it is acceptable for a president to sit in at a senate meeting, it is unacceptable for him to stop the proceedings on two occasions to make an emotional appeal for support on a controversy which he himself has caused.

**"One wonders why any person would willingly provide such ample mileage for criticism of himself by going on the record at a Senate meeting saying things such as, 'I will be in Teresa Chiang's office tomorrow morning behind her desk playing with the FAX machine,' and his statement to Dr. Ackerman, 'You don't give a sh\*t.'"**

Dr. Ackerman, were torturing his soul. The controversy centered on the cleanup after the Springfest. One wonders why any person would willingly provide such ample mileage for criticism of himself by going on the record at a Senate meeting saying things such as, "I will be in Teresa Chiang's office tomorrow morning behind her desk playing with the FAX machine," and his statement to Dr. Ackerman, "You don't give a sh\*t."

Bunin then left the meeting. Approximately 20 minutes later, Bunin again joined the meeting. This time he updated his story for the unfortunate audience.

Despite the story's awkward delivery, it seemed to have some credibility. If Student Government had indeed not been given a chance to clean up, then they would have a credible gripe with the MSU. Perhaps Joe had a point.

However, Bunin later asked a Senator, "Our cleanup—was it supposed to be at 2:30?" and "Rob, when did the breakdown of cleanup occur? Did we just not do it, or did they do it for us without us having

Dr. Ackerman will pay the \$50 to keep peace between Joe and Eric Walters of the MSU. Walters will get the money; Joe will get his way. This bailout is particularly distasteful since, according to Dr. Ackerman, the Student Government usually pays around \$75 for cleanup after events. Joe would have saved the Student Government \$25 by accepting the MSU's terms.

Once again, the baby gets his way.

Goldberg is a reporter with The Yellin' Rebel.

## Dorm increases may force students out for good

Dear Editor,

With three and half semesters at Tonapah Hall behind me, I consider myself a veteran of dorm living, and despite the recent problems with the telephones, I feel I can handle just about everything—including faulty elevators, leaking pipes, and too few electrical outlets. I can handle this because I have always felt that some kind of campus involvement beyond the classroom was important—and living in the dorms is how I got involved.

I am, like most college students, on a very fixed budget. The recent announcement by

Residential Life to close Tonapah Hall for a year to make improvements pleased me—to some extent. Improvements are definitely needed and closure of the building is the only way to get them done. I was, however, reluctant to move (even for a year) because I truly prefer Tonapah over the newer residence halls. I had pretty much accepted the idea of moving (and a small increase in fees), when new prices were announced.

I am currently on a 19-meal plan—therefore, my room and board for this year was approximately \$1800 a semester. Next year, an equivalent meal plan and a room in the newer dorms will be approximately \$2500 a semester.

This approximate \$1400 increase (for the year) needs to be investigated. By closing Tonapah Hall and substantially increasing our fees, Residential Life is forcing many students, who would normally have stayed on campus, to seek enrollment in other universities or, as a less drastic solution, housing off campus. It has always been my assumption that Residential Life's basic policy was to promote involvement in campus living and activities—it's going to be hard to do if your hardcore veterans leave, isn't it?

A Tonapah Hall resident.

## Prisoner makes correspondence

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you in hopes that you might publish my name, address, and other information you may find relevant, in your paper.

I am a student at the "Prison Campus" of Central Arizona College pursuing my Associates degree in Arts, and am seeking correspondence with free world students.

This semester I am enrolled in American Literature, Biology Concepts, Cultural Anthro-

pology, English Composition and Philosophy, and would like to hear from students sharing these interests.

In addition to scholastic endeavors, I am an avid weight lifter and body builder, believing that the physical appearance and well being of the body must be in balance with the mental processes.

I am five feet nine inches tall and one-hundred-sixty-five pounds. I have brown/blond/silver hair, and blue eyes.

Having been incarcerated

with nothing but men for a number of years, I would appreciate hearing from unencumbered ladies, but any and all letters will be answered.

Any consideration you may give this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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