



## The future depends on our actions now

### Many students still haven't grasped the idea of recycling

by Christian Clifford

#### QUOTE BOX:

It seems that the generation I am a part of will not take action on environmental issues until the problems happen to conflict with their daily lives. Then we may realize it is too late.

Not too long ago I could have cared less about a lot of things. I was worried about my grades, what to do the upcoming weekend, how to avoid my boss, how to introduce myself to that beautiful brunette I sat next to in

history class, and, of course, the meaning of existence.

But one day I realized there was something with more meaning and more importance. In this case, I wanted to begin somewhere I knew even a measly college student could help.

Here is the scenario that almost made me give up on my peers.

It was another one of those ordinary, desert-hot and miserable class days. I found myself at the outdoor-tented snack shop area on campus. I was pleased to have my hunger and thirst

taken care of, but was soon to become ashamed of the student body.

After I had finished my lunch and was sipping the last drops of my soft drink, one of the workers cleaning the tables confronted me asking, "Can I clean your table?" I responded, "Sure, I was just leaving," and then added, "Is there a place I can recycle this (the empty soda bottle in my hand)?" The answer I got shocked me. The young lady, about my age, half-laughed and answered, "No, there isn't. You only get two cents back or something like that, anyhow."

I didn't say anything, but thought to myself, "This

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isn't about money," and retired to the library to escape the heat and to study. To tell you the truth, it made me gripe. Where I'm from, the Bay Area, not only the universities but most of the citizens are glad to help out by recycling.

Recycling bins and pickups are conveniently placed so the students and citizens can do their part. I realize UNLV recycles, but not to have bins near a frequented

snack shop is appalling.

We must realize that we humans are the ones doing the damage and destruction to the planet in which we live. We are the only ones who can come up with the answers and solutions to save the earth from decaying.

Supposedly, I am a member of the so-called "environmentally aware" generation and we are the young adults faced with the horror

of finding solutions to these problems the earth is burdened with. But sometimes I wonder if this is true and will ever become a reality. Will we be the saviors of the earth or the ones hurt by it because of ours and others mistakes?

Here is the only advice I can give to anyone. Do not rely upon the politicians and computers to come up with the answers. Even if you recycle that morning newspaper, or empty milk container, or in my case at that shocking moment, a 16-ounce glass bottle, you will be doing your own part in a very big picture. If you can do more, do it! You do make a difference.

## Fraternities: Bad rap or great rep?

Students should see the bright side of student unions

by Loren Dale

The American college fraternity has been a symbol of independence, national pride and leadership since its inception. However, within the past few years, fraternities have had a problem of trying to overcome a negative stigma.

This of course is supported by incidents of alcohol abuse, drug abuse, date rape, hazing, and an entire slew of others, the list of which is too long to include.

would run into the thousands.

A college fraternity provides a young man with the opportunity to learn how to work together with people, whether it be for the higher grades, the best homecoming float, a community service project, or merely to keep the house clean.

A fraternity provides a unique combination—it's a family, it's a social organization, it's a business, it's a home away from home, and it's an organization in which students can develop

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Is there anything positive and meaningful to gain from a fraternal experience? Fortunately, there is much to experience and gain from a brotherly affiliation. Fraternity men represent about two percent of the American male population. What is happening to the two percent? They are leading this nation.

Dr. Frederick D. Kershner, Jr., estimates that 80 percent of the executives of the 500 largest corporations in America are fraternity men. More than three-fourths of our U.S. Senators are fraternity men—as are a majority of the men listed in Who's Who in America. Of the fifteen U.S. presidents who had a chance to join a college fraternity, 12 took the opportunity.

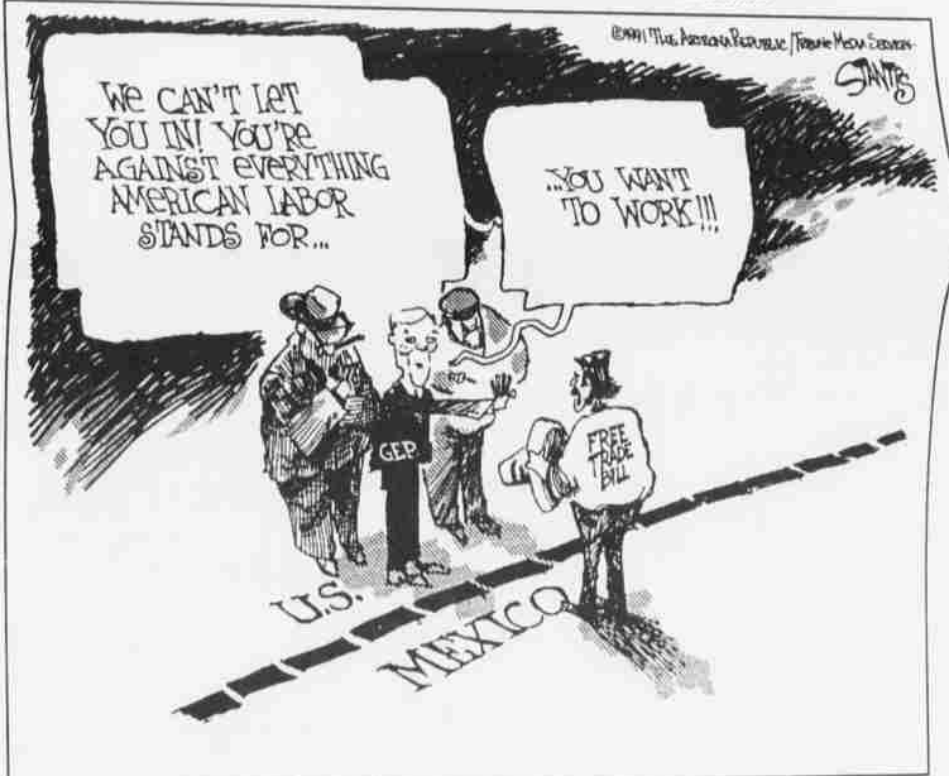
So many college presidents have been fraternity members that the total

confidence as they acquire competence.

Whether a student chooses to head up a community service project, serve on one of the dozens of chapter committees, get involved in campus activities, or assume the responsibilities of a major office, the opportunities for leadership are unlimited.

Too many students come to college, sign up for classes, study from test to test, memorizing material and feeding it back at test time. These students never get involved with what is going on around them.

They may get good grades and graduate, but it is surprising to find that many of these graduates feel they missed out on a meaningful college experience—something they can never go back and change.



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