

Student Senate news

Math and science reps voted out by Senate

by Karen Splawn

The Senate voted 11-0 Oct. 17 to override a provision that would have let Sen. John Epperson (math and science) keep his seat.

Epperson had missed three senate meetings without informing Student Government.

Three unexcused absences on the part of a senator, according to the Student Government Constitution, is cause for disqualification.

"It's rare for senators not to give their peers another chance, but Epperson made no attempt to contact Student Government," said Senate President Mike Kennedy. "I don't think any of the senators wanted to

throw anyone off, but there are rules and regulations."

Sen. Bud Benneman (business and economics) pointed out he had left message after message for Epperson.

"If somebody cares about the Senate, they're gonna show up," Benneman said. "We didn't know if we'd even make quorum this time or not."

Only 11 senators were in attendance.

Epperson could not be reached for comment.

Although it was not Halloween, senators had a prank pulled on them when a bogus item proposing that a student fill the business manager's position was put on the agenda.

The business manager

handles all Student Government-affiliated budgets.

Many senators debated the plan until they discovered the proposal was phony.

Sen. Scott Fisher (business and economics) said the agenda item was used to "see if anyone was paying attention to what they were voting on."

"You really had me going there," said Vice President Kevin Briggs on the pseudo initiative.

Sen. Maxi Maultsby (engineering) was approved 10-0 (he abstained from voting) as assistant director of Entertainment and Programming. He will earn a monthly stipend of \$250.

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Senator calls for new elections director

by Karen Splawn

Sen. Mike Bunin (communications) suggested at the Thursday Student Government meeting that a new Elections Board director be found, after he criticized the performance of current director Kim Kershaw.

Bunin, a board member himself, called her a "poor" director "who takes her power to a new level." Kershaw was not present at the Senate meeting.

Bunin cited an example of where Kershaw started an Oct. 3 meeting after she asked him and board member Christopher Lee to run an errand for her.

In a telephone interview, Kershaw said Bunin and Lee volunteered to get

her notebook at that meeting.

"As long as I have (enough members), I can start the meeting," Kershaw said. "They did not miss one thing."

Kershaw countered that neither Bunin nor Lee helped with counting ballots from the fall election.

"It's easy for them to say I didn't do my job right, but it's part of their job as board members to show up for ballot counting," she said.

Many candidates who were at the Oct. 3 meeting felt the argument between Kershaw and Bunin was embarrassing according to Sen. Bud Benneman (business and economics).

Benneman said Bunin probably disagreed with the

board's decision to waive the fines of candidates cited for illegal posting of flyers.

The fines, Kershaw said, were waived because of confusion over which candidates were guilty and the posting of "anti-Homecoming" flyers by outsiders.

Bunin also criticized Kershaw's handling of a case involving 1991 Homecoming Queen Jay Jay Held.

Kershaw, who belongs to the same sorority as Held, broke a tie by voting to fine her for campaigning within 25 feet of a voting booth.

Bunin said that when he asked why she voted against Held, Kershaw replied she didn't "want to take

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program, we feel that there are those persons who will be attracted to the idea of pioneering a quality school of law in Nevada," Flagg said.

The annual operating expenses, not including the construction of a building and a law library, are estimated to cost between \$5 and \$6 million. The UNLV Foundation is looking to local community members to help fund the law school.

"Las Vegas lawyers have expressed their interest in a Nevada law school as a center for continuing legal studies, intellectual stimulation and support," Flagg said. The law school will concentrate on gaming, entertainment and natural resources.

"The University is committed to pursuing a law school. It may become a reality as soon as 1995," Flagg said.

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classes, there were 43,826 seats available for first-year law students, compared to 42,296 places for those entering in 1980-81, an increase of 3.5 percent. However, the number of applicants for those seats has increased 24 percent in the same period.

These factors, combined with the new 1991 LSAT exam's new format, have increased students anxiety over the entrance exam. The

Ronkin Educational Group has noted a marked increase in the number of students seeking professional services to help prepare for the LSAT.

One reason the Law School Admissions Council has changed the test is that too many test takers were getting top scores. The revisions were aimed in part at eliminating over-crowding at the high end of the scale. The new scale allows for greater differentiation among test-takers. Students are nervous that the new test is going to be more difficult and they are more conscious of opportunities to prepare.

Law school applicants appear to understand that the competition has increased and have adjusted their application strategies accordingly. Students are applying to more schools

than they did in the past. In addition, students are applying to a larger number of "safety schools."

The largest increase has been for law schools whose LSAT mean scores were 31-33 (on the old scale of 10-48). These schools received 326.2 percent more applications than last year, compared to an increase of only 3.6 percent for schools with test means of 40 or higher.

Although the general trend is toward applying to safety schools, there are also the students who would rather work harder to gain entrance to a more competitive school. The rationale? Getting a job after graduation will be even more difficult than getting into law school and a degree from a top school will help the student to capture the best job.

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