

Local grassroots organization promotes 'pre-cycling'

by Kimberley McGee

Citizen Alert used their power as consumers on Earth Day "to help make a difference," said Tara Pike, volunteer coordinator for Citizen Alert and founder of S.C.O.P.E., Students Conscious of Protecting the Environment.

Wednesday evening, members of Citizen Alert, with support from S.C.O.P.E., walked into Lucky's located on the corner of Flamingo and Maryland Parkway and bought approximately a dozen items each.

After purchasing these items they removed the excess packaging and filled an entire shopping cart full of plastic, paper, Styrofoam and other miscellaneous packaging to drive home the point of pre-cycling.

"We need to pre-cycle," Pike said. "As the consumer you pay for all the extra packaging. We need to buy products that are not packaged with a lot of plastic or Styrofoam and use our power of consumerism to show the industries we don't want this excess, useless waste."

Don Delacruz, an area

businessman and key volunteer for Citizen Alert, pointed out the dangers of packaging production from beginning to end.

"The dyes in the cardboard create toxic runoff at the plant sight so that's polluting at the source when it is produced. Then you buy it and it's polluting all over again when you throw it away and it ends up in a landfill," he said.

"There is a lot of excess. It might provide convenience but look at all the waste," said Louis Benezet, water coordinator for Citizen Alert.

Benezet held up a carton containing 12 individually wrapped packages of applesauce and asked, "How hard is it to serve up applesauce? And these tomatoes wrapped in plastic, a total waste of materials which are creating a pollution problem which we all know is there."

"A lot of this stuff is packaged for advertising, they market for the kids, with the bright colors and snack sizes, and that bothers me" said Marla Hollander, a key volunteer for Citizen Alert.

Hollander stressed that it



photo by Rob Weidenfeld

Louis Benezet and Ashley Moll discard useless packaging found on their purchases.

is the consumers choice and they hold the power to choose whether or not industries will continue to abuse the environment.

Hollander picked up a package of HandiSnacks cheese

snacks and said, "You take a tupperware container and you put in some cheese and some crackers and a small knife. There is no reason to have all this packaging."

Melanie Branda, a senior

at Valley High School, was trying to set an example "so that kids younger than us can have someone to look up to. I'm hoping maybe they will give a little bit themselves."

Faculty Senate focuses on state legislature relationship

by William Holt

University Board of Regents member Daniel Klaich made a guest appearance at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Klaich said he thought the next Nevada State Legislature session would be oriented more to addressing issues of staff/faculty workload and tenure rather than the distribution of money to the school.

"It could be scary for us," he said.

He said the negative media coverage of the school in the past year has been very discouraging. He told the senate that it is up to them (senators/regents) to let the legislature know about the positive aspects still happening at UNLV.

He suggested that UNLV write to the Legislature telling it that it has no business investigating UNLV's system agenda any further.

"We should just inform them of the positive things only (such as national championships in areas of athletics, the performing arts, debate, etc.) so that the Legislature can use this as ammu-

munition for their own constituents," Klaich said. "We're working in a political environment where people feel they have to be re-elected."

"I feel that some legislators want to investigate us in order to get back at the board," said Liberal Arts Sen. Chris Dolin.

In dealing with the budget freeze, Klaich said, "If you change the workload of teachers and the teacher-to-student ratio even slightly, it has an incredible impact on the whole school."

Several million dollars have been "lopped off" of UNLV's budget, monies that the regents have agreed to go without, but that need to be restored eventually, according to Klaich.

In comparing UNLV salaries to other universities, Klaich said UNLV doesn't rank well if the expected merit raises that were denied are included in the comparison.

"Without the merit raises, we are in a world of hurt," he said.

College of business Sen. Phillip Lowry said that now that UNLV's pay scale has been lowered, it will be difficult to hire more people if we can't show them there are any rewards for coming to Nevada.

He said everyone has a family to raise, bills to pay and groceries to buy, and the reduced pay scale will ward away good people.

"We're going to be fighting to maintain the revenue base that we have had," Klaich said.

Klaich said teacher evaluation is closely related to the budget. He said the quality of teaching stands out in the minds of legislators in their decision to disperse monies and salary is an important factor when qualified teachers consider where to work.

"Good teachers have to be good researchers," Lowry said. He added that a good teacher is one who never fails to continue to learn. "You cannot be a good teaching institution unless its teachers are competent in research."

The official agenda of the April 13 Faculty Senate discussed the Senate retreat, MSU policy reformation, adjournment of the 1991-92 Faculty Senate, Senate elections and the seating of the new 1992-93 Faculty Senate with its new chair Robert Skaggs, professor of Engineering.

Student honored with national fine arts grant

UNLV student Michael Wine, a graduate student majoring in painting, has been selected as a cash grant recipient in the 1992 Liquitex Excellence in Art Student Grant Program, which recognizes outstanding fine artists at the college level.

Wine said he will put the money toward producing a body of work which will appear in a midway show in the Marjorie Barrick Museum in October. The show will run for about six weeks.

After receiving his master's degree, Wine said he hopes to continue to show and sell his work.

Wine acquired his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with high honors, from the University of Florida.

Nearly 1,500 graduate and undergraduate students nationwide applied for the program's 115 grants. A panel comprised of practicing fine artists and university fine art educators selected the award recipients.

There were 25 cash grant recipients selected to receive a \$500 grant to use toward continued artistic endeavors. In addition to the cash grants, the program awarded 10 \$750 purchase grants and 80 \$500 product grants.

"The Liquitex Excellence in Art Student Grant program recognizes outstanding accomplishments, at the collegiate level, in the painting discipline incorporating the use of oil, acrylic, watercolor or mixed media," said Kim Golden-Benner, spokesperson for the Liquitex Awards program. "It's an opportunity for painting students to apply for more than \$60,000 in cash and art material grants that they can use to pursue artistic studies."

The Liquitex Excellence in Art Student Grants are presented annually to outstanding college level painting students. The awards are sponsored by Liquitex, a leading manufacturer of fine artist paints.



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