

## The need for 'change' a bunch of hot air

"Change" was the battle cry in the election, and Americans took millions of numbers to voice their opinion. What was the result? What was the change that we wanted to alter our republic?

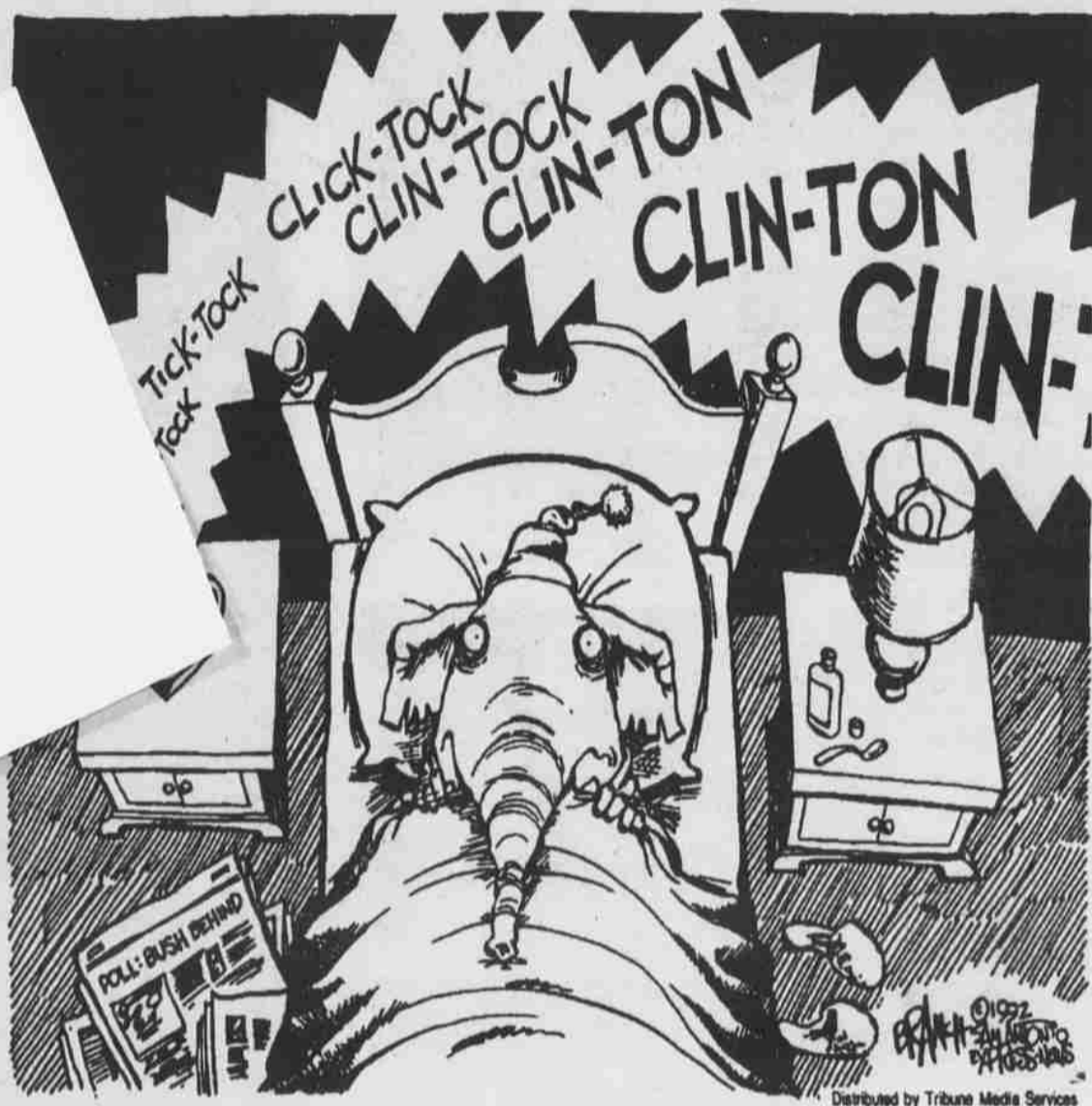
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...the change we want to see in the White House is that enough? When Bush was blamed for our lagging economy and various domestic crises, he attempted to shift the blame to the so-called "do-nothing" Congress. And despite their party affiliations, people generally conceded this view held some truth. However, now that Election Day has passed. That "do-nothing" Congress is still in place.

In the incumbents versus challenger races, the senators and representatives who presided during the Bush administration won by a landslide. Only a handful of challengers acquired Congressional seats. Now, what does that say about change. Even those members of Congress involved in the bad check and savings-and-loan scandals, as well as the 300-percent pension increase were re-elected in large numbers.

This amounts to a pretty sad commentary on this nation's need for change. It may sound good in a campaign speech but in reality voters wanted little in the way of change.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After perusing the Oct. 22 issue of *The Rebel Yell*, I would like to offer the following observations concerning Tonya Lomeo's article regarding the Moyer Student Union.

Nationally or internationally, the student union, or more accurately, the campus center, is founded on the philosophy that it serves as the center of campus life. In the passive sense, it means the center provides a pleasant environment for students and staff to interact. In an active sense, the center is charged with promoting student development through its services and programs.

To expand that philosophy, the MSU welcomes and endorses all programs and activities scheduled for the students' enjoyment. In the pursuit of these goals, the MSU's intent is to continue its programming effort while maintaining close

working relationships with all programming entities on campus to avoid possible duplications.

Lomeo said, "The cost of running the UNR student union is approximately \$400,000 as compared to the UNLV student union which has a budget of over \$1 million." Perhaps it would help to know that UNR subsidizes its student union's operating cost, while UNLV does not.

An annual debt payment of \$210,000 and one single monthly electrical bill can top \$20,000 which makes balancing the MSU budget a continuous challenge accepted by all MSU staff. While I wouldn't go to the extreme and claim that "waste" is not in our vocabulary, it is certainly accurate to say that "waste" is a luxury the MSU cannot afford.

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## Student Spotlight

### of the presidential election?

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Tonya Meeks  
undeclared  
freshman

junior

senior



Adam Gum  
geology  
freshman



Richard Macias  
history  
sophomore

I was really happy that Bill Clinton won, but I'm wary of the future. I think it will be difficult for Clinton because he truly won by a small margin.

Extremely excited that Clinton was elected because it's a change that this nation needs right now, and he'll focus more on the people and the things that we need.

I would have preferred Perot, but he wasn't stable enough because of him dropping out of the race. I can relate to Clinton, because he's for helping students.

I am very happy with the results of Clinton's victory, but I question the methods of his win, i.e. the electoral vote!

I don't really mind who's president because the checks and balance system really decides on the laws.