



Letters to the Editor

Student Spotlight ignores campus' Bush supporters

I am writing you because I am deeply upset over the election of President-elect Bill Clinton. In the Nov. 5 issue of *The Rebel Yell*, you had spotlighted students about the election. Every student opinion was favorable toward Clinton and one toward Ross Perot. Was the newspaper unable to find one person who felt the least bit of dissension toward the election of Clinton? I personally found many persons, like myself upset over the election. To me it wouldn't seem hard for the newspaper to find someone in support of President George Bush. When you run a student spotlight, you need to get a truthful student spotlight.

Second, I'd like to make the point that the people of this country, in electing Clinton have given him tremendous power, more than any president has had since President Jimmy Carter. Clinton will enter the White House in January. Congress has a democratic majority, virtually giving him a green light to do whatever he wants. Any bill he proposes will most likely pass through without a hitch.

The original system of checks and balances is lost when the president has no constraints coming from Congress. His economic plan is based on a tax-and-

spend policy. With total congressional approval he could raise taxes, spend as he chooses and basically do whatever he wants. Does this country realize just exactly what they've done?

Third, I'd like to state that by not reelecting Bush we've given him a slap in the face. This man had the backbone to stand up to Saddam Hussein. This man had the backbone to veto the crazy bills that Congress put before him. This man had the backbone to lower and continue to

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hold interest rates down. Bush had the backbone to break the iron curtain of Eastern Europe. How quickly we forget all that he has really done for this country in making it rise to be the best country in the world.

Clinton has the power to do whatever he wants. He can screw this country up so bad that we may never recover. I just want this opinion published to let the students of UNLV know that not everybody approves of Clinton and that everything isn't going to turn out wonderful just because he has been elected.

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Election brought significant 'change' to America

I would like to respond to *The Rebel Yell* editorial in the Nov. 5 issue titled, "The need for 'change' a bunch of hot air." This article pointedly indicated that the so-called mandate for change which this election represented was, in fact, no change at all since most of the incumbents who were running were reelected. Who are you trying to kid?

While it is true that most incumbents were reelected, this editorial represents a tremendous oversight in not mentioning the extremely significant changes which did take place. For the first time in history the United States Senate now includes a Native American among its ranks. Also for the first time, a female African American has taken a seat in the Senate, from the state of Illinois. In addition, citizens in the state of California sent two female representatives to the Senate, also a first. Need I go on? Yes! While there will be only six women taking seats in the Senate, this is triple the previous amount which is certainly a significant change. Also, 18 women were elected to first terms in the House of Representatives. If these "firsts" are only "a bunch of hot air" as the editorial board of *The Rebel Yell* seems to think, then this university should cancel all history classes because history is completely insignificant. It's obvious that it is already

completely alien to this editorial board.

By the way, the "300-percent pension increase" mentioned in this article should be attributed to the elected officials in the state of Nevada, not to those in Congress in Washington as the article indicates by lumping the pension increase in with the "bad check and savings-and-loan scandals." Somebody should do some homework.

I would be remiss if I did not point out the biggest change which did take place. With this election the citizens of this country will no longer have to listen to President Bush's "hot air" as he snivels about the transgressions of Congress "spending all the money" while he ignores his perfect record of presidential vetoes which are not over-ridden. Since he is so fond of quoting Harry Truman (a democrat), perhaps he should have used his most famous quote, "The buck stops here." With Bush, there was no stopping the buck.

The "change" of silence will be welcomed.

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