

Letters to the Editor

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Student Senate is insulting and embarrassing

Students for Choice was not surprised at the recent events concerning Yolanda King. Last semester, Students for Choice was denied funding due to personal biases on behalf of Sens. James Yohe and Willie Romero.

We requested funding for a picture-taking campaign for pro-choice in which we created a wall with photos of pro-choice supporters. This was an important aspect of our campaigning as well as our membership drive. We met both criteria, being a recognized student group and being open to all students, but were originally denied funding because Yohe felt we were supporting the killing of babies.

After the ensuing struggle, and much effort, we were granted funding, despite the actions of the two senators which included, specifically, Yohe passing a picture of a dead fetus around the room.

Consequently, we are disappointed but certainly not surprised that, once again, it seems personal biases are intruding upon student growth by standing in the way of important and legitimate student activities. It seems fairly reasonable to suggest that bringing in as many diverse speakers as possible can only enrich and educate the entire student body.

We are insulted and embarrassed that such behaviors on behalf of our student representatives are allowed to continue. We encourage every student to seriously consider if this is the kind of representation we really want.

Students for Choice does not expect everyone to agree with our political positions, but we certainly

expect some measure of professionalism from our Student Senate. We expect them to make decisions on the basis of merit and not simply personal preferences. Obviously, we have been expecting too much.

It also should be noted that Romero did vote to provide funding for King.

Mary Terzian, Co-chair Students for Choice

Senate isn't racist or sexist

First off, I'd like to say that I support student Sens. James Yohe and David Turner and all the others that voted against appropriating the \$6,000 to have Yolanda King speak at our university.

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They acted in the best interest of their constituents when they voted against it. It is a typical knee-jerk reaction to say that it is racist or sexist. It's just what Feminazi's or African Americanas say when something doesn't go their way. It is obvious that it was proper policy to vote against it. I mean if this Womyn's festival wanted King bad enough, they could have raised the money themselves.

Besides, it is true that most of us men on campus wouldn't want to hear a Feminazi speak anyway, since we are constantly deluged with it in the media and are sick and tired of their ranting and raving. They need to come up with something other than their old, tired rhetoric.

Brian Danise history

The need for African self-determination

Once again we have come to the end of Black History Month. In recognizing this occasion I would like to forego the traditional practice of deploring the exclusion of African-Americans, Native Americans and others from the history books (which really serves no useful purpose), and instead focus on what we, as Africans, can do to uplift ourselves and hence create a better world for our children.

must agree with the "There is no subjugation so perfect late great as that which has the appearance Senegalese of freedom, for in that way one scholar Cheikh captures volition [the will] itself..." Anta Diop when he -Jean Jacques Rousseau Émile (1762) noted that Europeans

(and their American off-spring) have always had a propensity for war, the suppression and degradation of women, xenophobia, and a chronic individualism. I take this position out of the realization that in liberating our minds (which is task No. 1), it is essential that we not only know who we are (self-realization), but also what we are not.

Needless to say, removing the shackles from our minds will not be an easy task. Centuries of Caucasian domination, acculturation and mis-education has resulted in the slave mentality that consigns blacks to the very bottom of every society on this planet. Reclamation of our African history, culture and identity is crucial if we are to survive as a people into the 21st century. Indeed, it is this slave mental-

Indeed, it is this slave mentality and lack of knowledge of self that produces a mental disorder prevalent in the black community, the symptoms of which include social maladaptation, a lack of a sense of self-worth, feelings of hopelessness and helplessness, and an extreme dependency upon the white power structure for our well-being.

Noted historian Dr. Chancellor Williams, author of "The Destruction of Black Civilization," has also pointed out that it is this slave mentality that produces African-American "leaders" who still are unable to distinguish between a "good" school and a white school or between a "good" community and white community. The fact that they continue to see these things as one and the same is indicative of the Caucasian success in capturing the black mind.

Another problem with our socalled leaders is their inability to perceive the global dynamic of white supremacy racism for what

it really is. In a world where the majority of the human population is made up of people of color(black, brown, red, and yellow),

white supremacy is a system designed to prevent the genetic annihilation of white people. This is why white superpower nations like the United States surround the non-white world with bombs, missiles, and rockets (interestingly enough, all phallic-shaped). This is why true integration between blacks and whites will never, ever occur.

All attempts at "integration" have continued to result in the mad flight of whites to suburbia. This is the thing I've never been able to understand. Black nationalists are accused of being "racist separatists" when in fact it is white people who continue to flee, en masse, to suburbia to set up their own separate communities complete with bumper stickers proudly proclaiming support for "our police."

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With knowledge of self will come the realization that we African-Americans are the only people on the planet who, day in and day out, actually strive to lose ourselves in another people's culture—that of white Americans. With knowledge of self will come true black unity and self-determination.

Thomas Cacho sophomore health care administration

Student Spotlight

Are you worried by statistics that less than half of college graduates receive a job in their field of study? What are you going to do to combat this?



Jacqueline Masciocchi freshman psychology

Yes this worries me. Due to economical stress as a whole in the public, despite what field you are in, there is going to be a drop inemployment until there is more money to be distributed.



James Kim freshman pre-professional chemistry

This does worry me, so I have chosen to go on to graduate school in order to increase my chances of getting a job after I graduate from a university.



Brian Allen senior hotel administration

That statistic did worry me, so a year ago I began working at the Golden Nugget. As a result, I have had two job offers for immediate employment after graduation.



Randy Freedman freshman undecided

These statistics both worry me and concern my future. I plan on extending my education to graduate school in order to secure my future.



Dawn Zachman junior criminal justice

I'm not worried by the statistics.

I feel I have prepared myself for the future by being currently employed in my field of study.