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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1993

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"I'm tired of people who come out with opinions and criticize without knowing half the facts. I wish they would stop making fools of themselves."

—Bud Benneman, CSUN Senate President

IN RESPONSE...

STUDENT ELECTIONS FOR THE AWARE

It always amuses me when I read an "opinion" piece about Student Government in the Rebel Yell, and when these items are accepted as based on fact. Opinion is defined as a belief stronger than impression and weaker than positive knowledge. An example of the weakness of opinion in contrast to positive knowledge is shown in the letter to the editor by Clarence White (senior). To explain, Mr. White's letter must be broken down into its separate parts.

To quote Mr. White's letter, "How many students know the Executive Board elections are coming up in the next few weeks?" In fact, the Primary Election is March 3-4, 9 AM to 7 PM both days, and polling locations are in the Moyer Student Union, Humanities, Beam Hall, the Library, Engineering, and near the CSUN Annex at the Health Sciences complex.

"I'll bet even fewer of you know the deadline (Feb. 11) for applying has passed...Is there an easier way for a president to win an election than to have his employee (...the elections board director) just not announce it?" Point in fact, the filing dates were advertised by Public Service Announcements graciously provided by KUNV, by verbal announcement in the Organizations Board meeting during the filing period to over 100 student organization representatives, and by flyers (which were removed, defaced, or posted over) around campus, as well as the two OSI announcements in the Rebel Yell. Furthermore, ALL Directors are employed by the Student Senate, not by the President. Ironically, it is the Senate President position which is contested in these elections.

"At this point...President Joel Kostman would probably say "it was advertised". I really cannot argue with that, since it is factual." This is the only part of the article that is factual, even though Mr. White did not speak with President Kostman, to any Elections Board member, or to the Elections Board Director. As well, the Elections Board Director did approach a reporter at the Yell regarding the elections. The Yell, which has always been aware of the elections and their filing dates, did not report on this newsworthy event, nor did the reporter bother to respond to the Director's request.

"...what I would say is that it was not effective." As far as effectiveness is concerned, there was more response by students seeking filing packets this year than in years prior, but upon learning that the incumbents were running, over ten students declined to file. This is indicative that the advertisements were effective; however, it is not the Elections Board Director's responsibility to recruit candidates. It must also be noted that the CSUN offices were open on the Saturday during the filing period, and an Elections Board member was present from 9 AM to 5 PM on that date to accept any filing packets submitted.

"How many of you know what 'executive board filing' means? I'll bet very few. This is precisely why the wording was chosen." What an amazing thing it must be for Mr. White to be able to read the Elections Board Director's mind without ever meeting her or even knowing her name. I find it insulting that Mr. White should assume ignorance on the part of nearly 20,000 students regarding student government. The students are not so unaware as Mr. White assumes. As a senior, Mr. White should himself be better aware of what Student Government is all about. Unfortunately, Mr. White is not involved in Student Government, and only chooses to complain about things which are not real rather than participate. As for "specifics" in his article, they are not specifics but rather hasty generalizations and uninformed opinions.

To end, the Elections Board Director, as a graduating Senior, has no bias to who is elected, and would rather take an active role than sit by the wayside, make empty complaints, and remain unaware.

Becky Jo Spray, Elections Board Director

VOTE!!

Let your voice be heard!

Be sure to vote in the
CSUN Primary Elections

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