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'Yell' drops the ball on elections

Probably unbeknownst to many, campus primary elections are being held Wednesday and Thursday.

Unfortunately, *The Rebel Yell* is at fault for the lack of publicity the election has received—and perhaps for the fact that only the Senate president position is being contested.

Actually a student (Clarence White) has done a better job of staying on top of developments surrounding the filing by candidates.

Here's a brief recap:

The deadline to file (Feb. 11) for Executive Board positions—president, vice president, Senate president—for the 1993-94 school year saw no one stepping forward to challenge the presidential and vice presidential incumbents.

As a result, Student Body President Joel Kostman and Vice President Jay Jay Held are unopposed as they seek second terms. Current Senate President Bud Benneman is also seeking a second term; he is opposed by Willie Romero—currently Senate president pro-tempore—and Uri Clinton.

In a letter to the editor in the Feb. 23 edition of *The Rebel Yell*, White correctly identified part of the problem: "How many of you know what 'executive board filing' means?"

In a letter from Student Government's Office of Student Information, elections director Becky Spray refuted White's letter intimating that students who didn't know what "elections board filing" meant were somehow ignorant. This is the best example of what White described as an attitude of keeping insiders in and outsiders out.

Elections board filing is probably a familiar term to Spray or Kostman or others who have been involved with Student Government for two or three years, but maybe not to the rest of us.

The point is, *The Rebel Yell* and Student Government are both to blame for the fact that two Executive Board incumbents are running unopposed for second terms. This does not mean that either is necessarily a bad choice. But the students' interests are not being served when they're not given a choice.

Vote for Clinton

At the risk of sounding redundant, we need a change this election.

Bud Benneman has served the students of UNLV as a senator, Senate president pro tempore and (currently) Senate president. But it's time to move on.

In the primary elections Wednesday and Thursday, students need to consider voting for an "outsider": Uri Clinton.

Clinton, a political science major, has identified what he calls Student Government's "group think"—everyone thinks and votes alike and the same people are shuffled from position to position.

He also wants to improve Student Government's accountability to students. He believes student legislators need to ask students what they want.

And Clinton is not a member of Student Government. His opponents—Benneman and Willie Romero, currently Senate president pro tempore—are.

True, Benneman has put much effort into his responsibilities: in 1991 he was instrumental in *The Rebel Yell's* bid to become independent of Student Government; this year he is doing the same for KUNV. He has lobbied the Legislature on students' behalf.

But he has held multiple positions within Student Government. It's time share the wealth a little.

There are more qualified candidates—like Clinton—for student office who aren't running because they aren't "insiders." We need to encourage the "outsiders" to run instead of just shuffling people from job to job each election.

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Senate President

- Bud Benneman
- Uri Clinton
- Willie Romero



"UM... YOU HAVEN'T FULLY EXPLAINED WHAT YOU MEAN BY 'SACRIFICE'!"

Passivity broods inactivity

BY ULYSSES PALROSE

Notes from the School of Afrikan Philosophy

WARNING: The consciously aware have determined that apathy is dangerous to your health.

Apathy, a lack of interest or concern is manifested daily in the nine areas of people's activities: economics, education, entertainment, labor, law, politics, religion, sex and war.

A recent study found more and more Afrikans in America are becoming less and less aware of the true social climate of the times. Researchers found Afrikans have become quite compliant with their status in life and have been very inactive in determining their own destinies even when the opportunity to do so is afforded them.

Many of these Afrikans in America have bought into the idea that "things are getting better, conditions have improved drastically since the 1960's and that a bright future lies ahead. Others have thrown in the towel and have simply given up any hopes of improving their

condition. They look to the heavens for their sanctuary and have resigned themselves to allowing another "man" to dictate their future.

You know how a crack

addict gets when he's high on crack: he has no clue as to what's reality, right? Well, this study concludes that many Afrikans in America are high on the "American dream" and have lost their sense of reality while others have given up that dream and now live a daily nightmare and are content to let others speak for them.

Gee! What a shame! If only you Afrikans would take the time to read, to learn about yourselves and to learn about the issues as they relate to the nine areas of human activity. Oh well! I don't care either!

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