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Uncontested general election draws only 309 voters

Elections Board voids 118 votes that questioned students about Student Government's performance.

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With the presidential and vice presidential incumbents running unopposed, less than 5 percent of the student body voted in last week's general election.

"It was better than I had expected," said Becky Spray, Elections Board director. "We expected less than 300 students to vote because the two candidates

ran uncontested."

Although Student Body President Joel Kostman and Vice President Jay Jay Held ran unopposed, a significant number of the votes went to "none of the above."

Kostman said this happened because the candidates chose not to campaign.

"I didn't want to waste money since I ran uncontested," he said. "Last year I drew over 700 votes. If you don't campaign, a lot of people don't even realize there is an election. I had a dozen people who wanted to campaign for me but I didn't want them to because it is not too tough to get disqualified."

In the past, uncontested can-

★ Student General Elections ★

President	
Joel Kostman	155
None of the above	142
Vice President	
Jay Jay Held	146
None of the above	151

didates have been disqualified for violating the elections procedure when they campaigned.

"There was no way I was going to let that happen," Kostman said.

The most recent disqualifica-

tion was in 1991 when former student body presidential candidate Chris Robertson, vice presidential candidate Christen Hardigree and Senate presidential candidate Leo Poggione were disqualified because a photograph was deemed as a violation of the campaigning procedure.

Held received 146 votes in favor of her retaining her position and 151 votes for a candidate went to "none of the above."

Even though more students voted for "none of the above," Held was not defeated because 100 percent of the votes went to her.

In addition to voting on uncontested candidates, students were asked to respond to 10 non-

binding survey questions that addressed issues from recycling to the performance of Student Government.

Of the students surveyed, 247 voted in favor of having a more comprehensive recycling system on campus.

Only 97 students were in favor of *The Rebel Yell* receiving over \$50,000 in student funds; 172 voted against *The Yell* receiving the money.

When asked to rate Student Government's performance, 118 votes were voided because the question was left blank.

"I was very disappointed with the Student Government poll,"

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Law school students forced to leave state

Students are being forced to pay high out-of-state costs because Nevada lacks a law school.

BY LOUISE KLEESE-WALLACE
FOR THE YELL

With the end of the semester fast approaching students are finding the job market tight and the cost of graduate school daunting.

But one group of seniors, prospective law school students in Nevada, has an extra burden.

If law school students want to pursue their law careers, they will be forced to go out of state. They have no other option because Nevada is one of only two states in the country without a law school. The other is Alaska.

"Yes, we're one of the last two outposts, the klondike and the desert outpost," said Frank Hearch, director of the Clark County Law Library.

It is only partly true that Nevada, like

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PHOTO BY ROB WEIDENFELD

Twisted sisters

Members of Alpha Delta Pi competed in Friday's Twister competition outside the MSU.

Students unhappy with graduation ticket situation

Graduating seniors will be able to get four additional commencement tickets next month.

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For the first time, UNLV graduates will be limited to the number of guests they can bring to the graduation commencement ceremony.

UNLV officials said the change came about because this year's graduating class is the largest in UNLV's history.

Robert Ackerman, vice president for Student Services, said the administration is anticipat-



2,660 students filed for graduation.

"If things go the way they have in the past, we anticipate 1,800 people and the commencement setup seats 10,000," Ackerman said. "If you do the math, it will come out to about five and one half tickets per person."

But some students are unhappy with the inconveniences the change has made.

David Mimoun, a criminal

justice major, and Maria Baschshi a business management major, said they have large families who are expecting to see them graduate.

"I need more than five tickets. I need 20," Mimoun said. "The university doesn't realize that we have friends and family coming from all over the country to see us graduate."

Baschshi said, "I have a large family and everyone wants to come. There is just no way."

Others voiced similar opinions.

"I'm used to open graduation ceremonies where everyone just

came," said Shana Black, an economics major. "That's the way I think it should be."

Ackerman expected that not everyone would be happy with the situation but he said that

this year nothing else could be done due to travel arrangements that were made around the time of the ceremony.

"If everybody brings all of the people they want...there is no place in town that is big enough," he said.

Ackerman said the situation could have been worse.

"We could have not said anything, let people show up, and possibly have to turn people away imposing a hardship on friends and spouses," he said.

Registrar Jeff Halverson said ticketing is a good way to control crowds.

"You have to plan for that so you don't leave people standing on the concourse," Halverson said.

Halverson also said graduates

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