

Board must be replaced, now

When the Student Senate enacted resolution 23-02, they not only weeded out funding for *The Rebel Yell* over five years, but the previous Rebel Yell Advisory Board was also dissolved and no interim board was put in place. Thus, while other university entities are planning for the next year, the student newspaper is scrambling to assemble a new board from scratch so that an editor can be selected for the 1993-94 school year.

A new board headed by Senate President Bud Benneman—chair of the former board—is in the process of being formed under the guidelines spelled out in 23-02, which includes more student representation on the board.

Right now, the paper is in limbo and no preparations can be made until an editor is chosen. If an editor is chosen at the last minute, it could prove to be devastating for the paper.

Student Body President Joel Kostman has known he'll be returning next year for the last two months. He can prepare for the upcoming year.

The dissolution of the previous advisory board and the subsequent drawn out process of producing a new one has prevented the paper from enjoying that luxury.

After the pains that were taken to arrive at 23-02, those involved must be mindful of what a critical developmental period *The Rebel Yell* is embarking on. The transition and planning that must begin soon should not be hamstrung by a lead-footed process of selecting the new board—and an editor.

The Student Senate demonstrated poor planning skills by allowing an important part of *The Rebel Yell* to be carried out in a haphazard manner. The Senate has also had two weeks to appoint its representative to the Rebel Yell Advisory Board though they have yet to do so.

With everyone dragging their feet on such an important issue, the paper festers in unwarranted uncertainty. The fact is, we need an editor and we need one before this semester is concluded.

Student Government leaders not trying to get rich

The Student Senate will decide Wednesday whether or not to grant pay raises to the executive board (student body president, vice president and Senate president) beginning next year.

Hopefully, the Senate won't worry about the public implications of raising the salaries of public officials. The question here is: Should these positions be exclusive, or open to any student?

The proper commitment for a student body president is 40 hours per week. At \$700 a month—the proposed amount—that works out to about \$4.07 an hour; the current \$500-per-month stipend is about \$2.90 per hour.

Student positions such as these aren't places to get rich, but at \$4.07 an hour, there's no worry about that. If there's not at least a cursory attempt at compensating these students for their time the positions themselves could be damaged.

We don't want to limit the candidates for these positions to those students who are financially solvent. Nor do we want to reduce the positions to figurehead status. We need student leaders that are able to devote their time to better the institution.

Let's be realistic. This is no get-rich scheme. It's just a little more realistic compensation scale.

The above is the opinion of The Rebel Yell.

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We didn't start the fire

BY DEBRA D. BASS

If the '80s were the "me" generation, then the '90s will surely be deemed the "who me?" generation.

Air pollution, ozone depletion, disappearing rain forests, the deficit, water shortage, endangered species, "Three's Company" reruns and government corruption compose only a small list of the problems we've inherited from those who came before us. Thanks Mom.

This weekend's Earth Day festivities reinforced the prevailing sentiment that it's up to us to stop the world from plunging into a downward spiral and down into the abyss. They say it's up to us to start new trends which will improve the earth's living conditions.

My question is, how do we know we are doing the right things? The earth is a living organism continuously breeding and sustaining life and we know that every living thing seems to evolve and change. So, why are we excluding the earth from this process?

George Carlin probably said it best when he remarked that it is an insult and a sure sign of a superiority complex for us humans to think that we have this omniscient power over the earth and, subsequently, all living things.

If the time the earth has been in existence were explained on the scale of a year, humans would come about minutes before the new year. How egotistical we must seem to think that we have had this vast influence. Like

Carlin said, perhaps the earth needed a surplus of styrofoam and plastics stored beneath its surface and brought us into existence to make it.

Everyone is upset because the things aren't the way they used to be, but isn't change an intrinsic part of growth. Humans obviously aren't going to inhabit this planet forever, if current trends persist, but the earth will still be around. So, are earth conservationists really concerned with saving the earth or saving our own skins?

I'm with Carlin, in a couple of centuries or so, "the Earth's gonna shake us off like a bad case of the fleas."

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Sapovits is one tough dude

In Jay Sapovits' commentary on March 23, he went to the core of the corruption in college athletics—the lack of courage on the part of the faculty to protect the integrity of the curriculum. I intend to quote him Monday in Chicago when I present the case for disclosure in front of 200 to 300 faculty members and administrators at the 92nd annual meeting of the North Central Colleges and Schools.

And I'll be danged careful not to say anything bad about him. He is one tough dude.

Jon Ericson
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Resident upset with 'sad state of affairs'

I'm writing to you to address the sad state of affairs involving Residential Life. The organization is totally out of touch with the needs of the students it serves.

The majority of this wickedness lies in Terry "I'm always right" Piper and Dave "I have no clue" Brown. Neither of these individuals possess leadership skills or a youthful outlook. They ignore the plights of students and treat us like children. Just look at their "Year End Bomb" fiasco. No one went.

It was a complete waste of funds and effort. They keep thinking this is high school, and push their trivial events. Meanwhile, they hire kids who are introverts, and let's be frank,

losers to monitor and serve the dorms. The majority of students can't relate to a college experience in this atmosphere. Just ask anyone who lives in the dorms what the situation is and you'll hear the same kind of response. Is it just a coincidence that a majority of students are moving out of the dorms?

The sad part about this is how, with the lack of returnees to the dorm, it will be reflected in, perhaps our tuition?

The organization that is Residential Life needs to be revamped with people who are levelheaded, reasonable and basically cool.

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