

Editorial

Our Choice: Peplowski

With the General Elections less than two weeks away, *The Rebel Yell* would like to follow-up with another endorsement in the regent races.

The race for Sub-District D Regent between Mark Alden and Mark Peplowski pits two capable candidates against each other. Both are articulate and knowledgeable, with proven track records in their respective fields.

Alden is a certified public account while Peplowski owns a local sign company.

Peplowski earns our endorsement, based on his experience in the educational system and his sincerity and dedication to academic excellence.

As an instructor at CCSN for several years, Peplowski's day-to-day contact with students has kept him in touch with the real needs of college students.

At a time when many question the objectives and direction of the board of regents, we are confident that Peplowski will bring valuable insight and perspective to a board in dire need of sound educational experience.

During the recent Rebel Yell and CSUN sponsored debate, Peplowski demonstrated a cool head as Alden leveled specious charges regarding campaign financing. We believe the attack was without merit, and that Peplowski handled the situation with the same calm, level-headed approach that has become a standard during his campaign.

Additionally, Peplowski holds an advanced degree in Political Science and commutes to San Diego State University Law School. Peplowski said he will complete his studies in 1996. While some may view his attending law school as a detriment for a regent, we applaud his pursuit of higher education.

It is therefore, without hesitation, that we endorse Mark Peplowski for the regent position of Sub-District D.

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The Rebel Yell would like to wish everyone a scary Halloween weekend.

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Their Bash, Your Cash

You are cordially invited to a \$5,000 banquet at a country club at The Lakes this evening. Just kidding! You aren't invited, but you are paying for it.

The Student Senate is holding its end-of-the-session awards banquet tonight at the Canyon Gate Country Club, and the price tag is a hefty \$5,000. Senate President Pro-Tempore John Pida said it will actually cost closer to \$3,000, because not everyone is expected to attend.

The senators feel the banquet is their reward for the hard work they put in. "It's a chance to mingle and get to know people away from business," Pida said. "I think it is healthy to socialize away from work."

Me too, but whatever happened to the plain old barbecue? Isn't \$5,000, or \$3,000 for that matter, just a bit expensive for the chance to mingle with people away from the office? It is even more expensive when you compare it to the money being spent on the student body as a whole.

At Monday's senate meeting, the senate approved their banquet and also approved money for tomorrow's pep rally and Saturday's tailgate party before the football game. The pep rally and the tailgate party were budgeted at \$2,400, and that is for the entire student body. In contrast, only forty-five people involved with student government and one guest each were invited to the senate banquet at twice the cost of the tailgate party and pep rally.

"We (the senators) could have just gone down to Wendy's or In-N-Out Burger," said Pida. "We



On Target
CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL

didn't want something ghetto. We wanted something middle class and up."

Ghetto?

Let the students eat cake! Meanwhile, the senators can wine and dine at a country club.

According to Pida, the senate decided to roll out the red carpet for this event because

prior, less expensive banquets didn't work out. "This banquet is a tradition," he said. "We've held banquets in the past where the room was donated and we bought cheap food, but everyone (senators) complained about it and morale went down."

Apparently, there is a direct correlation between how hard the senators will work and the cost of their banquet. "There is no incentive for the senators to serve," Pida said. "The awards banquet makes them feel appreciated."

No one held a gun to their heads and forced them to become senators. Their involvement in student government is admirable, but if they are looking for personal rewards and benefits, they should look elsewhere. And besides, they just added a new incentive to serve on the senate—they voted on Monday to pay themselves a \$25 stipend per senate meeting.

"The \$25 figure was decided upon because, during the semester, it comes out about equal to a six credit fee waiver," Senate President William Romero said. "There isn't a department on campus that can survive without paying their students." The money they are paying themselves isn't out of line with other CSUN salaries and is consider-

ably less than what CSUN Student Body President Stephanie Boixo earns.

"Senators volunteer their time and effort into this system," Pida said. "We have lost a lot of good senators because they had to work and couldn't put in the time."

If, and it is a big if, the stipend is going to make the senators do the work they were elected to do and feel accountable for their actions, I'm all for it.

But, \$5,000 for an awards banquet is another thing. This university is feeling the crunch of severe budget cuts. There are countless better ways to spend that money. What's more, senators see nothing wrong with their extravagance.

The senate will give a maximum of \$500 to any other campus organization for a function like this. Yet, they will spend 10 times that on their own banquet, and don't see anything wrong with it. To top it all off, students are not welcome.

"Students aren't invited to the banquet because they aren't on the senate," said Pida. "They had a chance to run (for senate) and didn't, so this is for the senators."

Hello? The money the senate is spending comes directly out of student fees. The senators think it is "their" money to do with as they please.

So if you don't crash the party tonight, check out the food at the tailgate party Saturday night. Then ask your senator how it compares to the country club's shrimp.

—Christopher Mitchell is an opinion columnist at *The Rebel Yell*.

Please Leave My Pants Alone!

Why has buying a pair of jeans become such a hassle?

Being a cash poor college student, I climbed in my 10-year-old Toyota economy box to travel to one of the many factory outlet stores in town, in search of a good deal on a pair of Levi's.

I didn't expect any problems in my quest for the perfect denim

addition to my wardrobe. Then I came back to earth as I discovered that the Levi's outlet I was shopping at was out of my size. That fact was hard to believe since I have a size 38 waist—not the most popular size, unless you're a professional beer drinker!

In my state of disbelief, I asked the clerk why they had sold out of the size I was looking for. The teenage clerk responded quickly by telling me that 38 was the most popular size. Could it be true? Was the rest of the world finally coming to the realization that they were all too skinny and I was the perfect example of manhood?

I don't think so.

Being a reporter, I continued to inquire on why my size had become so popular. The clerk was so kind as to explain to me that kids (particularly of high school age) were buying the pants and wearing them. These kids were not my size mind you, they might



Straight From the Gully
SCOTT GULBRANSEN

be a size 28 waist. Apparently these teens are buying jeans five to ten times their normal size because it is in vogue. Imagine that, America's youth are buying pants big enough for three of them to fit in.

Being a young American, I cannot understand the latest trend in clothing. It is one thing to want to be comfortable by wearing baggy clothes but wearing pants so large you look like something out of a Willy Wonka book? Where is the style in that?

It is true that every generation has its own style. The 1950s gave us rolled up 501s with white T-shirts and leather boots, the 60s gave us polyester bell-bottoms and floral shirts, and the 70s introduced us to leisure suits and collars the size of Manhattan. By the time the 1980s rolled around, conservatism and the preppy was back.

With the 1990s, a new look was adopted by America's youth, a look no other generation dare adopt. The look was the sloppy look. "Grunge" flannel shirts, shorts that hang down to the knee, and work pants most commonly found on construction site.

Being a part of this 90s generation, I found the new style to be, well, repulsive. While many feminists might be happy that clothing was moving close to a type of

unisex style, I found it had no character. Even the nasty polyester digs of the 1960s had character. It might of been cheesy but it had substance.

Let me get back to my point. Stop buying size 38 jeans unless they fit you!

Walking on campus this week, I saw a small-framed unlv student walking toward me. I couldn't help but notice that this guy was wearing pants that looked close to my size. Did he really think they looked good hanging half way down his backside? What is the fascination with showing your underwear to the world? I know what jockey shorts look like—a refresher course is not needed.

As a generation, our elders have tabbed us with a catch all phrase—Generation X. They say we're not responsible and we have no direction. I think they're full of it but no wonder they think we're all drug addicts. The way we dress makes us look like we've been homeless for years.

As a generation why don't we start reflecting a more positive image. I'm not saying we should all dress like stuffy Englishmen, we just need to develop a style that has more character.

And by the way, when you come across a pair of size 38 Girbaud jeans, leave them there. I'll be by to pick them up later.

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