

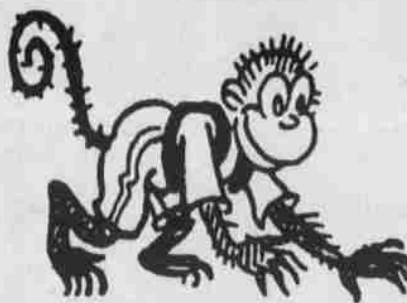
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Mills' stipend reduction unconstitutional

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The CSUN Judicial Council ruled unconstitutional the Senate's action to reduce Student Government Vice Pres. Joe Mills' stipend from \$750 to \$375 for August. The judicial council ordered Monday, "all back wages withheld from VP Mills be paid back in full immediately."

In the Sept. 22 hearing, Mills told the judicial council an unexpected family emergency was the reason for his temporary leave in August. Mills addressed the fact that the Senate Constitution does not require executive board members to complete a set number



Joe Mills

of in-house hours. Mills contended that his position is not an hourly one, and furthermore that reducing his stipend would violate the laws of the Senate Constitution.

Sen. Terence Carroll argued in favor of the stipend reduction at the hearing on the basis that no notification of Mills' emergency reached the CSUN Secretary. Carroll contended Mills acted irresponsibly by leaving the Senate unaware of his whereabouts during the month of August and strongly urged the council to support the Senate's decision to reduce the stipend.

Sen. Keith McLain pointed out Article 6-C4 of the CSUN Constitution empowers the

Senate to assign and alter stipends for CSUN officers and officials, unless otherwise specified by a two-thirds vote. McLain supported the stipend reduction and defended the Senate's decision to penalize Mills for his three-week absence this summer.

The judicial council, responsible for interpreting the Senate Constitution, found in favor of Mills and ordered all back wages withheld from him immediately be paid in full. According to the CSUN Constitution, the Senate is allowed to assign and alter stipends for CSUN officers and officials only prior to contractual agreement. A change in terms of contract can only be entered

upon agreement of both parties. Therefore, Mills' stipend could not constitutionally be reduced by the Senate without his approval.

"I was pleased with the ruling," said Mills. "I wasn't surprised because, logically, they (the judicial council) did what they had to do," Mills said.

Sen. Shawna Campbell said of the ruling, "It changes the whole face of Senate power. It limits our (the Senate) checks on the executive board."

Student Government Pres. John Pida said, "With the information that was given to them (the judicial council) they made the most sound decision they could and I have 100 percent confidence in them."

Student Senate votes to deny Castillo remuneration

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UNLV's Student Senate voted against allocating a 12 credit fee waiver and a \$150 monthly stipend to newly appointed assistant director of entertainment and programming, Mike Castillo. With a majority of Senators exercising their right to abstain from voting on the issue, the motion failed.

Entertainment and Pro-

gramming Director Brian Saliba argued on behalf of Castillo, pleading with the Senate to financially compensate the assistant director.

"Mike puts in a good 20-30 hours a week for me," said Saliba. "He deserves to be paid for his time."

"My job is enormous," Saliba continued. "I need Mike's help putting on these events. Please take that into consideration."

Nevada Student Affairs Director David Turner spoke against Castillo's receiving a stipend on the basis that Tod Story, assistant director of Nevada Student Affairs, was denied financial compensation from the Senate three weeks ago.

"I have nothing against Brian (Saliba) or Mike (Castillo). It's nothing personal. It's against the Senate," Turner said.

"Some of you (senators) come into the office and eat, some come in and work. You voted to pay yourselves next (Senate) session. My assistant director does more than any of you. It's a matter of principal," Turner added.

Senate opinion of the motion varied. Sen. Keith McLain agreed with Turner, stating, "the Senate voted not to pay Tod Story. So we should not pay Mike Castillo, either."

Sen. Jonathan Schiff disagreed with McLain's rationalization. "We don't need an assistant NSA director. The issue isn't who does more or less," said Schiff, "it's who does what's necessary."

"The Senate didn't feel an assistant NSA director was necessary. Entertainment and programming is the most active directorship and should have a paid assistant," Schiff said.

Have you voted?



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Las Vegas Thunder mascot, Boom Boom, visited the UNLV Campus Wednesday to cast his vote for the CSUN Senate elections. Voting continues through to day.

UNLV students to address Ensign

Rebel Green Vote to discuss the environment

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Members of UNLV's Rebel Green Vote plan to address Nevada Republican Rep. John Ensign tonight during a town hall meeting on what they perceive as pending legislation threatening to the protection of the environment.

Students will present Ensign with a 2,100-signature petition outlining a list of fundamental environmental rights such as the Clean Air and Water Act, at The Spring Valley Library, 4280 S. Jones Blvd., from 6-8 p.m.

"The petition supports a national environmental agenda, which mimics the work we are doing here for

the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water," Rebel Green Vote member Ben Contine said.

"The major obstacles which stand between us and a safe and sustainable future are polluting industries which contaminate our waters with chemicals, ravage our natural resources for greater profits and pollute our political system with big money," Contine said.

The signature drive, sponsored by Free the Planet, is part of a nationwide effort by a coalition of environmental groups to fight congressional deregulatory legislation and to make lawmakers more aware of the merits of stronger environmental protective guidelines.

At issue is a July 31 appropriations bill, in which Congress voted to reduce the Environmental Protection Agency's budget by 34 percent. Another issue of concern for the group is a bill introduced this month by Rep. Don Young, R-Ala., that would revise the

Endangered Species Act.

Rebel Green Vote sponsored an event Sept. 30 to celebrate over 1 million signatures gathered nationally. UNLV student and Rebel Green Vote member Byron Gwinn swam 10 miles across Lake Mead "in protest of the Congressional rollbacks to our environmental protections."

"We are amidst this Congressional blitzkrieg upon our environmental protections," Gwinn said. "The public health and well-being of society depend on clean air and water."

According to Rebel Green Vote spokeswoman, Tamara Shaw, the petitions will be presented to House Speaker Newt Gingrich later this month.

Shaw said her group also plans to meet with both Nevada Democratic Senators Richard Bryan and Harry Reid later this month.