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"WHAT WILL ASB FEES DO FOR ME?"

"What's in it for me?" appears to be the attitude of many students toward next week's election for the assessment of Student Body fees. The question occurred to us, too. Investigation of numerous possibilities brought a multitude of answers.

Any student body is composed of individuals, with divergent interests. The ASB naturally can't begin broadly enough to satisfy everyone; nor can it start deeply enough to satisfy anyone. Solid foundations are necessary for sound structures, and serious planning is needed before any program can accomplish anything. We'll all have to compromise, give a little, cater to each other's tastes. In the process we'll learn a lot about our fellow students, and maybe something about ourselves.

The State College Board of Trustees has imposed a maximum ASB fee limit of \$20 per year for each student. That's not much when one considers that the taxpayers have ponied up over \$1100 for each of us to attend. Those tax funds can't provide more than basic educational programs, but a college education is a pretty bare cake without some frosting. That's what the ASB fees are planned to deliver. Not only social events, but such intellectual offerings as art exhibits, dramatic presentations, debates and panel discussions, musical groups, and the appearance of well-known, often controversial, individuals in many fields to speak on campus.

Other possibilities for the future are non-class-connected field trips to appeal to special interest groups, or sending students to professional conventions in their major fields.

Just over two weeks ago the Student Body voted to establish a student government. Next week's election is intended to give it funds so that it can do the job we voters agreed must be done. Without the money they need the ASB officers' hands are tied, and the same people who would vote to deny the funds would be the first to howl that the student government wasn't doing anything. Illogical, certainly, but that's the way some people are.

We feel that any voluntary fee payment plan would be most unwise, because Sam Student would keep his money and depend on someone else to shell out; the someone else would do the same. ASB funds would be negligible, and whatever income appeared would be so undependable that any government activities would be chaotic.

Present students may not reap much benefit from the funds we vote to provide. We must be farsighted enough to work for future development, and unselfish enough to finance the unseen so that it may be in view to serve students yet to come. "What's in it for me?" is a selfish, shortsighted attitude that can only harm the college.

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CAN YOU READ THIS?

If you're having trouble, you're seeing one of the reasons we need to pass the ASB fee. COMMUNIQUE, as a student function, has no official access to college-owned typewriters, relying instead on whatever we can get. We're restricted to certain machines, not fully suited to the job of preparing masters. One of the first objects of the student government is to provide office equipment for the use of student activities, including COMMUNIQUE. Equipment should be on a pay-as-you-go basis (to avoid paying interest charges on credit purchases), and credit is impossible unless a reliable income is forthcoming. Essential equipment includes typewriter, filing cabinet, stationery, and postage.

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ASB PRESIDENT URGES PASSAGE OF STUDENT BODY FEE

A great event has just passed in the form of our first student body elections and the ratification of our constitution (which, incidentally, received 82% of the 182 votes). This election, supported by almost 80% of the students, gives an indication that the majority of the student body supports the idea of student government.

We now have only the framework of a student government. The substance, i.e. program, requires money, and only you can provide that. It is my sincere hope that all of you give serious thought to an issue that will spell either success or disaster, for student government cannot exist in a middle state; it is either the best for all students or it is nothing for all students. Let's make it the best. Attend today's assembly at 1:30 p.m., Room C-116; and on Tuesday, February 15, vote according to how you feel student government should exist here at Cal-State.

The election for the purpose of assessing a student body fee is the only way for student government to become reality. This election is rigidly controlled and must pass by a 2/3 majority of all voting students. The Chancellor's Office sets a maximum of \$20 per student that can be assessed each school year (i.e., three Quarters). It is then evident why your first elected officials voted on a \$6.50 per Quarter activity fee. It always helps to get started on the right foot and by having money available for your use (yes, YOUR use) you will be better able to build a strong and lasting foundation. It will be up to every one of you to add to the ideas and development of programs to your liking and to the liking of all who are interested in securing for Cal-State San Bernardino a well-diversified program of educational and cultural enrichment along with recreational activities.

Will I just be supporting future projects or will I see the fruits of my student fee while I am still a student at Cal-State? How will I benefit from this money? In what areas will the money be spent? These are a sampling of the questions which will be answered for you at today's assembly.

Richard J. Bennecke, ASB President, CSCSB

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Young Republican Club meets Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Room L-145.

Theta Mu Omega (Men's Service Club) meets Thursdays, 4 p.m., Room C-116.

Wesleyan Club meets Mondays, 7 p.m., Room C-108.

Drama Club meets Mondays, 7 p.m., Room C-116.

College Chorus meets Tuesdays, 4 p.m., Room C-116.

COMMUNIQUE Staff meets Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Room L-147.

Women's Service Club meets Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m., Room L-149.

Newman Club meets Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Room C-110.

DON'T FORGET ASB Assembly Today, Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Room C-116.

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LET'S STOP BEATING A DEAD HORSE

There's a petition circulating on campus trying to force the Election Committee to reveal the vote count by which our new ASB officers were elected. The petition implies dishonesty in the balloting procedures or counting, or possibly both.

While we regret that ballot counts weren't made public, we feel that skullduggery not only didn't occur, but under the conditions of the election couldn't have occurred. There was a faculty supervisor at the polls at all times during the voting, and at least one faculty member was present at all times during the counting.

Not only do we feel that the petition's goal is unnecessary, we deplore the lousy timing of its appearance; the timing appears calculated to torpedo passage of the ASB fee assessment. We hope that this was not the case, we don't believe it was, but it does display quite poor judgment. The best we can do now, presented with the petition already in circulation, is to hope for only a few signatures (there really shouldn't be any, we feel) and, since it is phrased as a request, to ignore it.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

On February 15, 1966, the Student Body will vote whether or not to accept the payment of a Student Body Activities fee. The form of the ballot will be: "Shall a membership fee in the Student Body Organization of California State College at San Bernardino be fixed which shall be required of all regular, limited, and summer session students enrolled in the State College?"

YES ___ NO ___ (The voter shall mark a cross after the answer he wishes to give.)"

The polls in the foyer of the Library Building shall be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the above date. If two-thirds of the votes cast are affirmative, the Associated Student Body will recommend to the Chancellor that fees be set as follows:

Regular Students (more than 6 units): \$6.50 each quarter (Fall, Winter and Spring)

Part-Time Students (6 or less units): \$3.00 each quarter (Fall, Winter and Spring)

Summer Session Students: \$3.00 each six-week session.

Full-time students in prior continuous attendance Fall, Winter and Spring quarters will not be required to pay the \$3.00 Summer Session fee.

Dr. Robert R. Harrison
Advisor, Election Committee

Miss Jeanette Koolhaas
Chairman, Election Committee