ASB FEE ASSESSMENT PASSES - AN EDITORIAL

We can all sit back now and relax. The ASB fee election is over.

Judging from the turnout, though, quite a number of students were relaxed all the time. There were 154 voters in this crucial election, 66% of the 233 qualified voters. We had expected more because of the controversy we heard continuously through the past week or so.

The election results were gratifying, because over 2/3 of the students who voted chose to support the assessment of a fee. But it's disturbing that if two affirmative voters had been opposed instead the fee issue would have been defeated. There were 104 votes favoring assessment, 50 against, with a 2/3 majority required.

Clearly, then, support was far from unanimous. The ASB government would be well advised to bear that fact in mind, because those voters opposed to assessment will probably be vocally critical of anything they consider wasteful of their funds. The 1/3 who didn't see fit to exercise their right to vote on the issue may also be dependent on to criticize loudly. This adds up to 129 likely dissenters, and some of the 104 supporters may also say unkind words when they feel that their interests aren't being regarded quite highly enough. They do, of course, have that right, and the ASB government must be guided by their feelings as well as those of the fee supporters. It's just too bad that those non-voters didn't do their part to earn the right of dissent.

We were confident that a vast majority would see the necessity for an ASB fee. The closeness of the ballot count comes as something of a shock. It appeared to us that the overwhelming proportion of voters who supported establishment of the student government three weeks ago would have been unanimously in favor of supplying that same government with funds on which to operate.

TO THE STUDENT BODY:

This is to certify that I was present when the votes were counted and re-counted for the Student Fee Election on Tuesday, February 15, 1966.

I also personally counted the ballots before the results of the election were announced.

I therefore certify the ballot count to be correct as follows:

"No" votes: 50
"Yes" votes: 104

154 total votes cast.

(Dr.) Robert R. Harrison
Faculty Advisor
Election Committee

ON BEHALF OF the Election Committee, I would like to thank all those who helped on the Student Activity Fee election. The cooperation was appreciated, for with your help the election was a great success.

Jeanette Koolhaas
Chairman, Election Committee

ATTENTION, all those interested in participating in intramural sports:
There will be a meeting today at 3 p.m., in Room C-116.

This meeting will decide the types of sports to be played next quarter and who may participate. Mr. O'Gara of the Physical Education Department will make some comments concerning the use of intramural sports toward meeting a P. E. requirement. Please attend.

Paul Leithner
LET'S STOP PLAYING GAMES

Editor of COMMUNIQUE:
It has come to my attention only by accident that the test for SILENT SPRING is two weeks away. Yet I have heard no feverish discussions on the book by students, nor have I heard that lectures on the book have been scheduled.

I would like to ask exactly what is the purpose of the college-wide reading program? Is it to stimulate intellectual discussion for one or two weeks? The aim, I would suspect, is to create an intellectual community forever, and not just for a week or two.

If it is at all to create an intellectual community, it has yet to achieve its purpose by this method; for it seems students are more concerned with taking the test and getting it out of the way than in discussing the book. Students are too involved with class studies and personal interests to be seriously concerned over an extra reading assignment, especially when they are forced to read it.

Granted, if the purpose of the college reading program is to stimulate intellectual discussion, the cause is an honorable one; but the failure of this program merits serious evaluation not only by the faculty but by the students as well -- not behind doors but in the open.

The aim of this program, though it may be stated in a paper in some office, should be passed on to the students so that they will be aware of what is expected of them and why.

Carmen Molina

VICTORY IN VIETNAM?

Editor of COMMUNIQUE:
When are we going to win this war in Vietnam -- and why not? We have been told by the present Administration that we are going to continue "at war" in Vietnam. It appears that the purpose of our being at war is simply to be at war. And if there is any other purpose, the Administration certainly has not spelled it out.

President Johnson, in his State of the Union message, stated concerning Vietnam: "So far we have received no response to prove either success or failure." Doesn't our own government know whether or not we are winning? If we don't want to win in Vietnam, then why are we fighting? And if we do want to win, then why don't we take the obvious steps to do so?

Why doesn't the Administration stop trying to fight the war from Washington alone, and let our military officers in command have more say? Why not invite Chiang Kai-shek's half a million trained men to come in and help us? Or why not establish a tight blockade that will deprive our enemies of both food and weapons?

This present Administration must go ahead and win the war, and set up a real anti-Communist regime in South Vietnam. Communist aggression must be stopped now, and a good place to begin is with a victory in Vietnam.

Judi Roberts

HEY LOOK US OVER: A PROFILE OF OUR STUDENT BODY

With the advent of Winter Quarter, the student body of San Bernardino State has reached a grand total of 282 students. Forty-one are new this quarter. There are 146 men and 136 women. By class breakdown, juniors are the majority with a class of 121. Freshmen are next with 91. There are also 12 sophomores, 43 seniors, and 15 specials.

The predominant majors are history and English, with 69 and 65 students respectively. There are 44 undeclared majors, 35 budding political scientists, 26 math majors and 18 undeclared social science majors. The remainder are foreign language, biology, sociology and psychology majors.
ORANGE SHOW SETS "TEEN--AGE DAY"

A lively program geared to the interests of teen-agers is planned for Monday, March 14, as the National Orange Show holds its first "Teen-Age Day."

Festivities will open with a parade of the latest styles for young men and women. Later, dance bands representing high schools in the area will rock out their sounds, four dancing couples appearing with each band competing for several trophies.

A hootenanny will continue the entertainment, and an all-day showing of custom and racing cars will complete the program. There will also be special "Teen-Age Day" rates on the Orange Show's midway rides.

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PROTESTANT SOCIETY EVENTS

Dr. Will Herberg spoke at the U.C.R. Theatre Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, to an overflow audience which included members of the CSGB Protestant Society. His lecture, "Existentialism: Religious and Atheistic," proved most enlightening and entertaining. After the lecture the Protestant Society members met at the First Congregational Church for lively discussion, led by Dr. Van Marter, over coffee and doughnuts.

The evening proved so stimulating that the group is planning to attend the lecture to be given on Thursday evening, Feb. 24, by Abraham Heschel, of Union Theological Seminary. This lecture, "Mystery and Meaning," will be held at 8:15 p.m. in U.C.R.'s gymnasium dance room.

Sign-up sheets will be posted for those interested in attending and needing transportation.

Carol Marie White

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TODAY, Intramural Sports meeting, 3 p.m., Room C-116.

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