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Gripes Aired At Comprehensive Bitch-In

Student leaders at Cal State San Bernardino sponsored a discussion forum on the Senior Comprehensive Exam. The "bitch-in" was held last Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the central quad. There were approximately 300 students in attendance, as well as a sizeable contingent of faculty and administration. Banners expressing student concern on the subject were evident in the wide assembly.

AS President Jim Penman introduced the speakers and acted as an all-around "master of the forum." Professor Robert Smith, acting chairman of the Social Sciences Division, compared the exam to an elusive "dragon" which students tend to forget about until confronted with it. He noted the system of grading the exam, adding that "no single person has received less than a pass... unless the exam was read by two or more readers" who agreed on the grade. In all cases, "the benefit of the doubt went to the student," he said.

Student Rene Jacober questioned the exam on several points. He asked whether the exams were valid measuring devices and further suggested the exam should be adapted to encompass the knowledge of all students, transfer and otherwise.

Dr. Edward White of the English Department cautioned students not to believe wild rumors about the "dragon." He asserted that the exam cannot be considered "experimental" and outlined the work and thought that goes into the exam. He noted, too, that an inferior educational system "does not ask you to assume adult responsibility," but San Bernardino State does.

"The idea of a comprehensive examination is basically a good idea," commented Ed Sheeran. He said that there were inequities, however, by pointing out: "Perhaps the Political Science and Sociology students are so inept in their respective fields that they cannot pass the exams. If so, how then do we account for the high GPA's of a good part of those who did not pass the exams, GPA's which include several 3.4's and 3.8's?"

Dr. Smith took the lectern again to say that the faculty never asserted that they had created "a perfect exam," and commented on student apathy in attending scheduled seminars on the exams.

Peter Shapiro said that the faculty senate declined to schedule the comprehensive exams at a time favorable to students; such a scheduling would allow students to prepare in areas they were deficient in, if they failed.

Shapiro was followed by student Celestia Bush, who pointed out that "the average student is not allowed to carry four courses in a quarter," but taking the comprehensive exam in their last quarter of matriculation is tantamount to being enrolled in four courses.

Richard Bennecke closed the rally by adding that students should remember that they have means of rational expression of grievances through forums of this type and through the student-faculty committees. He, as well as Dr. White, commented that the rally was organized well and reflected a concerned, but orderly, student body. The rally was covered by Margie Reynolds of the Sun-Telegram.
LETTERS

San Jose Report?

Editor of The PAWPRINT:

On the weekend of May 11-13, it was my honor and pleasure to serve as a representative of CSCSB to the California State College Student Presidents Association held at San Jose.

In the CSCSB delegation were Treasurer John Skeete, James Penman, Mickey Brown (president and vice-president elects, respectively), and myself.

Some explanation to the function of the CSCSPA is due for those who are unfamiliar with the Association. It is the purpose of the CSCSPA to make policy decisions for member-colleges in the hope that a unified voice speaking for all state colleges would have more influence in Sacramento. Arriving late Friday night due to a comprehensive beyond my control, I unfortunately missed out on an assigned committee meeting and workshop. On Saturday, I finally did sit in on several minor meetings of the General Assembly and heard speakers from the Chancellors Office and the San Jose Alumni Association.

On Saturday evening, our President, Mr. Penman, asked my personal opinion on the conference, and I stated I had not really been involved, but what I had viewed was not impressive. He then stated the same view, labeled what had been accomplished Friday as "mickey-mouse," and further stated the intention of leaving early the next morning for home, disgusted with the conference.

After Mr. Penman's rash departure Sunday morning, I found myself somewhat unprepared, but voting in the General Assembly on what had already been labeled as "mickey-mouse" accomplishments.

I found the latter statement to be quite the contrary, for first on the agenda was a policy statement concerning the dispensing of birth control medication on state college campuses, a reconstruction of the entire operational procedure of the CSCSPA was next; a guideline and organizational procedure for a Committee (Academic Affair Assembly) subordinate to the Presidents Assembly that would allow greater student representation to the Association, and fourth, a budget for next year's CSCSPA and AAA, and finally, sites for next year's conferences.

If Mr. Penman considers these measures as being unimportant to our campus, I pose the question to him, "What is important?" I realize that May 13 was Mother's Day and he did have a music test that week, but I was under the impression that Mr. Penman was elected by the student body, and his responsibility to that body took precedent over personal feelings or affairs.

It is with sincere regret that I must bring this incident to light; some may say it is unimportant, but I feel that I would be neglecting my responsibilities and duties, to you the students if I let it pass.

In conclusion, I must say that Mr. Penman left something to be desired in his first appearance in the role of chief representative for our campus, both to his fellow delegates and those of other campuses.

Robert F. Schwirzke
ASB Vice-President

(Editors Note: Because it was felt that Mr. Schwirzke's letter served to bring a matter to the forum of student discussion, it is published in toto. It is not our policy, however, to publish letters over 200 words. Mr. Penman answers the above letter on page three.)

Kennedy Author Speaks Today

Paul B. Fay Jr., one of the many President Kennedy authors, will speak on campus today, Wednesday May 24 in C 116 at 11:30 a.m.

Fay was under-Secretary of the Navy during John Kennedy's administration, but his acquaintance with the late president went back to World War II days, when the author met Kennedy at a "PT boat training base in 1942 and formed a friendship that lasted 21 years." His book, "The Pleasure of His Company," recounts moments with Kennedy from his PT boat days through his administration. Harpers says that "the book is a personal record of the delight it was to be one of (Kennedy's) intimates. . . ."

Mr. Fay's lecture deals with the experience of writing a book about John Kennedy, and about John Kennedy the man.

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SAN JOSE REPORT CONTINUED

PENMAN NOTES NEED TO CHANGE CONVENTION DELEGATION POLICIES

ASB President Jim Penman replied today that some serious changes concerning CSCSB's policy of sending delegations to the California State College Student Presidents' Association (CSCSPA) conference will have to be made soon.

Penman prefers to send a standard delegation of three students who are well-versed in CSCSPA affairs rather than take three people along as a reward for services rendered the school.

"At this last conference," Penman said, "our effectiveness was diminished, due to the lack of preparation by our delegation. This is the fault of our current system rather than any individuals' personal shortcomings."

Penman declined to comment on the letter written by Bob Schwirzke, but said that he and Vice-President Mickey Brown left the conference early. Mickey Brown left the conference early because of reports that CSCSPA members are well-versed in CSCSPA affairs rather than rely on three people along as a reward for services rendered the school.

When asked to elaborate, Penman said he believed his action was necessary for two reasons: (1) to prevent a confrontation over CSCSPA policies which could only have had harmful results toward San Bernardino State College. Secondly, "to justify the ASB providing funds to send the two extra delegates (Skeete and Schwirzke) who up to the time they were given our votes..."

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QUESTION CORNER

Question: What would you do with a million dollars?

Craig Jure: "I'd rock out."

Dennis Dean: "Invest it, but buy a Porsche first."

Walt Kadyk: "Buy my own State College and charge tuition."

Bob Wilson: "Pay the tax, then buy a hot dog."

Ted DeMijry: "Buy my draft board."

Ed Sheeran: "I'd do a million dollars worth."

Del Powell: "Live it up for the rest of my life."

Mickey Brown: "Buy an island, Natalie Wood, a case of champagne, and put the rest in a Swiss bank and collect the interest."

Janie Richardson: "Start an orphanage."

Want a Yearbook?

To obtain a yearbook, each student must fill out a post card with his name and address. These post cards were available at the voting area for the recent CASABO Queen event but late comers can still purchase their post cards at the CASABO office, A 151.

You will be notified by post card in August that your CASABO has arrived and where you can pick it up.

Those students who have attended CSCSB for three quarters receive their yearbook free. Students attending two terms this year need only pay $1.00; students who have not been here three full terms, but who wish to have a copy of CASABO '66-'67, may purchase their yearbook at the CASABO office.

"Casabo" Queen Named

At 11:15 Saturday evening, President Paul crowned Miss Erin Rollins the 1967 CASABO Queen. One of eight contestants, Erin received a bouquet of roses, a trophy, and the honor of the Queen's Dance with her escort, Terry Foreman. Only managing to say "I'd do a million dollars worth," for two reasons: to prevent a confrontation over CSCSPA policies which could only have had harmful results toward San Bernardino State College, and to justify the ASB providing funds to send the two extra delegates (Skeete and Schwirzke), who up to the time they were given our votes..."

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 Theta Psi Omega, the campus women's service club, is planning a bake sale this week. You have probably seen their display already, but the girls say they want to make this sale an individual and competitive money-earning project, and urge everyone to stop instead of breezing by.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Runyan who became the proud parents of another boy (8 lbs, 7 oz.) last week. Bill asserts that he was the first student to become a father once (18 months ago), and now is the first to become a father twice while a student at CSCSB.

 Theta Psi Omega reports that it will disclose who the "Senior Girl of the Year" is tomorrow. The nominees are: Charlotte Elder, Aletha Lober, and Konnie Zaharopoulos.

There will be a Mathematics Colloquium this week, Wednesday, at 12:30. Russ Wheeler will talk in L 117 on "Mathematics for Pleasure - Seeking Americans." I'd rather play dominoes myself.

Seniors should not forget to attend the organizational meeting of the new CSCSB Alumni Association. The date is tomorrow, May 25, in L 118, from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mr. Stansel. Upon receipt of his invitation to the meeting in the mail, one senior said: "Alumni Association? Does that mean that I might graduate?"
Sports at Night

The physical education facilities are now open on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. Students are encouraged to "beat the heat" by recreating in the cool of the evening. Activities that are possible include archery, badminton, fencing, handball, squash tennis and volleyball. Tournament ladders in badminton, handball, squash and tennis are being formed and will continue through May 31.

A folk and square dance workshop will be formed, if enough participants are interested, according to Dale Swire of the PE Department. He suggests that interested parties contact the department in Room A 138.

Penman Nominates Kadyk and Wilson

Need for New ASB Post Told

AS President Jim Penman said today that he will nominate Dennis Wilson to serve as Inter-Mural Sports Chairman for the 1967-68 academic year. The Cabinet will consider Wilson's appointment Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Penman also announced that he will nominate Junior Class President Walt Kadyk for the office of Chief Justice of the student Judicial Board.

The ASB president added that he intends to ask the executive cabinet to create the position of administrative assistant. Penman stated that the research required in student government today is of such a volume as to make it impossible for the president to handle it without assistance and still fulfill his other obligations. He further foresees the administrative assistant as a research position with additional assignments in maintaining files and assisting the AS government with public relations.

Penman has interviewed several persons for the position, and has decided to nominate Miss Kevin Riddell at Tuesday's cabinet meeting.

"Miss Riddell has been active in student government both here and in high school," Penman said, "and has many impressive ideas regarding research and legislation."

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