

SENATE BILL #1464

Title: Credibility

Introduced: November 3, 1983

Thesis:

Sponsor: Consumer Committee

1. Whereas students of the University of Wyoming have found difficulties in
2. using checks in the City of Laramie, and whereas merchants are reluctant
3. to accept student checks due to difficulties in obtaining reimbursement
4. for bad checks; whereas the Chamber of Commerce has stated its support
5. for ASUW reimbursing such checks, and whereas this would significantly
6. improve student-merchant relations; Be it enacted by the Student Senate
7. of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming that a feasibility
8. study by the Consumer Committee be done for such a program.

Referred to: Steering

Date of Passage: November 15, 1983

Signed: Kristi Hall

ASUW Senate Chairperson

"Being enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, I do hereby sign my name hereto and  
approve this Senate action." veto 11/22/83 ASUW President

November 22, 1933

VETO MESSAGE - SENATE BILL #1464

After listening to the Senate debate and after researching this proposal on my own, I have reached the conclusion that Senate Bill #1464 should be vetoed. The preliminary findings of the effects of this bill are so undesirable that any further study is unwarranted.

First, my greatest objection to this bill concerns the misuse of student fees. The Consumer Committee is proposing to take student fees, paid for by all students, and to put them into a fund which would pay for the "insufficient-funds checks" for a few students. I believe that the students of this campus would prefer to have their student fees spent to promote campus activities and programs rather than to pay the delinquent bills of a few. The proposal of Consumer Committee is aimed at a policy which encourages students to write bad checks. I cannot condone such a use of student fees or encourage students to act irresponsibly towards their debts.

Certainly, we can all misjudge the balance of our checking account or fail to record a check now and then, but the "real world" has adopted sufficient remedies to deal with these problems when they arise. I don't like pink slips any better than the next guy, but I do not believe that it is up to the ASUW to pay for my mistakes.

Further, I do not believe that it is proper for the University to be denying admission to this college or withholding grades from students who may or may not have written a bad check outside of the University. The University is not a "collection agency". The University has enough to do without adding the legal and administrative problems associated with collecting bad checks, and necessitating the holding hearings to deny admission.

The University Administration has given me an unofficial policy determination that they would not put the weight of the institution behind the collection of bad checks by denying a student admission when he would otherwise have good standing except for the fact he has written a bad check to the outside community.

Also the majority of students here at the University have reached the age of majority and fiscal responsibility is a matter to be left to the individual, not a matter for an educational institution to become involved in.

We do not wish to commit the Senate's time and resources on a fruitless matter when that same time could be better spent on pursuing such matters as a student bank or landlord-tenant relations.

Don Kessler  
ASUW President