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## Guest Editorial

by ken hildebrand

The coincidence of the Pope's visit during the bicentennial celebration of the founding of our Constitution may cause some — Catholic women in particular — to reflect on the response of these two institutions to their needs in recent years.

Many Catholic kids of the 60s are looking back at the lives of their divorced parents and making quality of life decisions that place them in conflict with church doctrine.

As they see it their parents got married in the first place, had more babies than they could care for, and remained married beyond the termination of a meaningful relationship — all to satisfy Catholic doctrine

as proclaimed by the Pope.

They are making different decisions — having sexual relations prior to marriage, turning to birth control techniques to avoid parenthood and even resorting to abortion to solve quality of life problems.

What has changed?

Many things, of course — technology brought the pill, Dr. Spock brought the "me" generation and television journalism brought a skepticism regarding the integrity of most of our institutions.

But let us focus today on another change — the recent revolution in the meaning of the document whose 200th birthday we honor on September 17th.

Women vote, as they

have since 1920. But, now they vote to please themselves rather than their husbands or convention.

They seek and hold public office. They manage corporations and schools and government agencies. And they manage their own bodies.

They owe this new freedom to political power born out of a revitalized, more perfect concept of Democracy — one woman, one vote.

This gives them a voice with which to discuss, argue, persuade — where logic and reason and passion and justice are given a chance to prevail.

And what do they get from the Pope? They get no discussion, no persuasion, no reasonable argument, no vote — and no justice as they see it. They get the exercise of

a different kind of power, that born of tradition and authority, based not on majority rule but on faith.

So, in an era of diminishing faith, in a world gone amok, where malevolence, though not more prevalent is better advertised, women are asked to concede to the Pope that which they have wrung so slowly and painfully from the United States Constitution.

Change, of course, is inevitable. And while Catholic women are frustrated by Pope John Paul II's air of implacability, the Pontiff most certainly must be aware that many of these demands must be met to save the Church.

But, in his wisdom, if not in his divine inspiration, he understands that the Church is imperiled not only by resistance to

change, but as well by the temptation to accede too readily to change. So he appeals to faith.

Many of us, in our yearning for simple answers, will reduce our quality of life problems to a simple choice — in which institution should we place our faith, the Catholic Church or the Constitution of the United States.

For me, a non-Catholic, the choice is easy.

And I have nothing but sympathy for those whose devotion to the Church has undoubtedly brought so much comfort, and now find themselves torn between doubt and conflict.

Brace yourselves. If you think the United States Constitution changes slowly, try measuring the historical pace of religious institutions.

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### Saturday Night Special Dear Editor:

Lighten up Kirk! Enough is enough. At the time S.N.L. broadcast its show depicting UNLV as an unacademic institution, you and the rest of our student government got into an uproar over something that happens every week.

Once again SNL had made fun of something or someone, only this time, it was us.

Big Deal.

Along with national

recognition comes the opportunity for shows like SNL and Comedians to take shots.

So relax, it was a comedy show — not a half-time college profile.

It's six months later, let go of the bone — you're making us look like whiny, oversensitive students.

Tish Keahna

### Babs to the Bone

Dear Editor:

Regarding the recent article by Babs Goldberg:

Being a native of Las Vegas, I find it rather humorous that this reporter could even begin to compare the vacant nightlife in Las Vegas with the nightlife in L.A.; to even suggest that there is a facsimile of liberal, open-minded nightlife is preposterous.

Even more ridiculous is the absolutely incorrect opinion and view given on

the people of Las Vegas as opposed to Californians.

To assume that Las Vegans could ever be more liberal and open-minded than our adjacent neighbors has got to be one of the most asinine statements I have heard in quite a while.

In fact the complete opposite is true when one is speaking of the average UNLV student. The average student actually adopts a certain ambience of superiority with someone different than the mode they are accustomed to. The MSU in itself is a pit full of blithering fools whose egos will soon be too large to fit under one roof.

I can just imagine this reporter jumping into her sporty little car every weekend and cruising over to one of the famous Las Vegas love zoos.

Hanging out at places such as Tramps, [the name says it all], The

Stake-Out, or any other local meat market.

This is the disgusting epitome of L.V. nightlife, and if this perm-haired, sprayed bangs, Reebok wearing third-rate reporter got her incorrect opinion of L.A. after her most-likely first trip there, then she was either the butt of a very tongue-in-cheek joke, or in one of the sleazy nightclubs she's become used to.

It's time for Babs to wake up and see Las Vegas' students for what they always have been, and always will be — poor imitations of real people.

And before I sign off, I would also like to take this time to condemn the *Yellin' Rebel* for allowing this extremely bigoted piece to appear in your publication.

I'm sure all the "mini-skirt prostitutes," and "fags with bleached jeans and purses" will agree.

By the way, the only reason I haven't left the

Glitter Gulch yet is purely financial. Thank You for your time.

Carmelita Sanchez  
Editor's Note: You want a job?

Train, train

Dear Editor,

In a recent classroom discussion on S. Brian Wilson, the veteran who was run over by the munitions train, I was astonished to hear a classmate say that, "he got what he deserved."

What an "odd" place America has become indeed when its citizens are eager to glorify a man who would lie to them, yet scorn a man who would die for them, on American soil no less.

Are these the kinds of notions about America we want to be exporting to Nicaragua and the rest of the world? Get Real.

Jean Boudreau