

# EDITORIAL

## Guest Editorial

by karen splawn

staff writer

Nicaragua. The *contras*. These two subjects are enough to enrage anyone, be they enraged Pat Buchanan (everyone's favorite conservative grouch) fashion or more to the left of Jesse Jackson's spectrum.

Even the most calm, cool and oh so collected individuals can make blithering gazorts out of themselves over this touchy issue.

(Just watch the Donahue show and see what I mean.)

I'm not sure on this topic myself. There just doesn't seem to be a middle ground when it relates to a certain country with the largest military force in Central America.

I already suspect what some of you readers (you are out there, aren't you?) may be musing regarding my last sentence: Hoo

boy, another right wing goofball!

Sorry to dissappoint you folks but not a single pair of spit and polish jackboots have I.

Nicaragua may indeed have the most powerful fighting army, but they are still a backward country. Sure, they've made strides in illiteracy but according to a report I read by William Greider of *Rolling Stone* they have five (yes, *numero cinco*) elevators in the whole country. Considering other circumstances (such as disastorous economy which truly may or may not have something to do with the *contra* insurgency,) I believe him.

Somehow, the thought of a counry with five elevators doesn't make me cower in my home for fear of communists who, according to our illustrious president, are just hours away from Texas.

Wait, let me expand on

that. Imagine this scenario:

Say the Sandinistas decide to "liberate" the United States (tee-hee-hee, giggle-giggle, guffaw!).

Those vicious, god-hating pinkos would probably have to cross through Mexico (I'm not sure they have any big battleships to cross the Gulf of Mexico with.)

And if those malevolent Managuans trekked through Mexico, they would have travel through Mexico City, which covers most of Mexico.

The pollution alone in that city would kill of most of them.

And even if the fun and revolution-loving Sandinistas made it to the Long Horn state, they would most likely be eliminated by the Texas Rangers. Why, our own army could wipe them out in 45 minutes to an hour.

I for one don't expect the dreaded Red Menace to come knock-

ing at our border any time soon. They have got enough problems at home as it as.

Yet, there's another part (the right side, of course) that doesn't blame those persons who are wary of Soviet satellite in our backyard. After all, a country that shuts down the only opposition newspaper (*La Prensa*) isn't exactly a democracy.

(I know, I know. There's been reports of *La Prensa* being open again, but I'm dubious.)

There are those supporters of the current regime who would blame the *contras* for the crackdowns on press, speech, etc. Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega says Nicaragua is under a state of siege and forced to use measures that don't exactly remind one of democracy

The Reagan adminstration backs the *contras* fully. Instead if supporting a group of ragtag rebels (freedom fighters, ter-

rorists, take your pick) who seem to blow up a lot of villages and capture quite a few banana fields, and doling out money (much of which ends up in Oliver North Swiss Bank accounts) to them, why doesn't this administration admit (and carry out) its real goal, invading Nicaragua?

Honesty would be preferable to all this pussyfooting around.

After all, the U.S. has had recent experience overthrowing hostile governments (and just where were you when the invasion of Grenada began?).

For those ready to send snarling hate mail, I will say this: I AM NOT TAKING UP ANY VIEW ON THIS ISSUE. Savvy?

My desire is to see honesty from both sides: The Nicaraguan government, for what it really is, and our administration (and any other *contra* boosters) for what their ulterior motives really are.



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### Apology

Dear Editor:

It has been my great

honor to serve as editor for this brief time, however, I find the necessity of moving on too be to great to continue past this semester.

That and I found out that I am in the clear academically.

Therefore, unless it

becomes absolutely necessary for me to stay I will remain for only a short time.

I would like to thank my staff for their support and I hope that there is no hard feelings concerning this decision to leave.

I will do my best to leave

this paper in the same condition I left it in, however, too much has happened to allow my continuing involment.

I thank you for your time and patience and for the opportunity to become *Yellin' Rebel* Editor

Kurt Hildebrand

## The Small Picture

by kurt hildebrand

editor

Well, election time is nearing, and for those of you who have undergone past elections, you are in for a new experience.

It is quite possible that there will be no race this time.

There will be, on the other hand, a very important candidate on the ballot. That is the revised CSUN constitution.

As one who has had a hand in its making, I can tell you that it represents a lot of hard work on the part of the revisors.

Many of the issues addressed in it are simple clarifications of its original purpose, there is one big change, and that is in the number of senators elected.

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