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Guest Editorial

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staff writer

Thursday, Sept. 24, I attended the CSUN sponsored "Ollie North Slide Show" presented by the college Republicans. If you weren't there, I'm sorry; it was quite an evening, and a bargain at that.

Sure, they asked for a two dollar donation at the door, but look what you received in return.

What entertainment! What value for the money! For less than the price of a discount movie ticket there was scandal, there were revelations, there were disclosures, there were fantasies that would make George Lucas think twice before he offered the public another of his second-rate (by comparison) Star Wars saga.

I have to give the College Republicans credit.

The brought in two Nicaraguan speakers, experts, who in one short evening taught me more about the proper working of a democracy and the communist inspired corruption in my own elected government than I was able to learn in three long years of university and professor.

I'm always glad when experts arrive from countries with long democratic traditions and offer to help us poor, misguided Americans towards a better, more open society.

Did you realize that our congressment conduct their business, not in the halls of Congress, but in the centers of prostitution and dark alleys of Washington?

I didn't know that.

Did you realize that any congressman who votes to withhold Contra funding

is certainly Communist inspired, and, worse still, some of those very men and women who we elect to our nation's highest offices are none other than the dreaded red agents, night-of-the-living-dead, freedom-eating-zombies from the land of Gog (Russian agent, for those who don't speak Reaganese)?

I didn't know that either. And, did you realize that providing funds to wage war implies not moral or ethical responsibility and any poor, helpless, misguided bastard who believes it does will probably fall prey to the evil intentions of the first touring, religious fold group that hits Las Vegas.

I didn't know that.

And, at first, I had a hard time believing it, but, since both experts really stressed this point and both said they were dedicated, hard-working men locked in a hoary

death struggle with godless Commiunism I suppose I should suspend any powers of critical reasoning I might possess and just take their word on it.

All this I learned and more. However, some people just don't recognize a bargain. By half-time, two thirds of the audience had melted away. Didn't they want to see the five minute teaser from the video, *Oliver North: Fight for Freedom?* Can't anyone take a joke? So what if this is the bicentennial of our nation's Constitution; Noth might've treated like a restaurant menu, picking the points he wished to defeng and ignoring the rest, but Ollie is a patriot and patriots are above th law.

Right?

In any case, the video was on sale in the back of the room for an insignifi-

cant \$20, so maybe the people who left just wanted to buy it and watch it in the privacy of their own homes (like some people do with those X-rated videos).

The slide show itself was great. I don't know why congress didn't let Ollie show it during the hearings. It was really colorful and would've looked great on television.

There were all these maps with red lines encircling our southern borders and arrows pointing ominously towards San Antonio, Texas.

Well, when I though about those dirty commies hoisting the hammer and sickle over the Alamo I became really upset and I want to personally thank the Contras for keeping the United States of America safe and free, I don't see how we could have done it without them.

Letters to the Editor

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Test Site

Dear Editor:

In a recent edition of The Yellin' Rebel, an article, or rather a folly, was written about the Nevada Test Site. The piece, entitled "How I spent My Summer Vacation," was negative towards the NTS from the very beginning. I believe that the author was extremely biased and obviously ignorant.

When speaking about a tour of the NTD, the author

clearly stated the notion that he feared for his life at times.

More specifically, the author was obsessed with the thought of being "radiated" at the low-level nuclear dump. If he would have listened to his tour guide, he would have known what was going on.

The low level dump has some materials with merely cardboard covering them. But, these materials were emitting Alpha particles, which cannot even penetrate thick paper!

the waste was enroute to being buried anyway. Any nuclear waste that is high-level enough to pose

danger in its immediate vicinity is stored in special containers and buried for future retrieval. Our acclaimed author was in no danger.

I could go on and on. But I don't want to waste my time (and yours) proving this guy wrong. I don't think that our government

would give us tours of the test site if it were not safe. Educate yourselves, then form your own opinions.

The NTD is not merely a nuclear blasting ground. There are many classified, (as well as non-classified) projects currently going on at the NTS.

W. Mitch Fifield

