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Guest Editorial

by dan geary

It was eight o'clock in the morning. I was in the Student Union, staring blankly at my coffee cup and wondering for the 437th time why I keep scheduling early morning classes.

Suddenly, a small knot of students appeared and moved about the tables, distributing flyers. They had a purpose. They had a mission. They were Republicans.

A flyer appeared on the table before me; "OLIVER NORTH — JAIL OR THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM," it proclaimed.

"Oh great," I thought. "Aroused conservatives before noon really ruin my day."

I watched the real Ollie North slide show as it was presented on the floor of the House of Representatives, where I worked this summer. One by one, Republican members of Congress brought out blow-ups of the great Ollie North dog and pony show.

As I watched this grandstand performance, I was wondering how comforting it would be to live like these people, selectively ignoring the whole truth that everyone who is anti-communist must be O.K. If we have to ignore our own democracy to help them out, well that's O.K., too.

Lt. Col. Oliver North, USMC, was a combat officer of considerable bravery and skill. He should have stuck to something he was good at.

During testimony, he stated that he was doing what he saw as his duty. Did he "support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies foreign and domestic..." which IS his duty as a Marine officer? Hmmm, let's see.

Either on his own, or at the direction of his superiors (nobody seems to recall), he engineered a secret deal to sell arms to Iran - a self admitted and

repeatedly demonstrated enemy of the United States.

That's right — we sold arms and spare parts to those very same people who are dropping mines in the Persian Gulf and daily threatening the move that was.

And where does the money from this sale go? The U.S. Treasury, you say? Nope, get this; it goes to a Swiss bank account!

The United States and Iran haven't come to direct blows yet, but I hope that perhaps for the first time, Colonel North's mind becomes "unshredded," and he realizes what a mistake he made.

So, where do these funds go? The "Contra" rebels of Nicaragua. Actually, a variety of little groups who are, in some cases, led by former officers of the previous Nicaraguan government and seem to spend most of their time shelling the villages and stealing supplies from the people they are "liberating."

I would think, if I were a Nicaraguan, that I could do without either the San-

dinistas or the Contras.

Where does all this lead us? We'll, it seems that a group of appointed White House advisors have broken the law they have sworn to uphold and they have trampled the constitution that they have sworn to defend. They have covered-up their misdeeds by destroying evidence and have ignored the American democratic system by hiding their wrong doing from Congress.

We have a President who can't recall whether anyone told him about this, and his advisors, in their pursuit to bring democracy to Central America, have shamefully defied our own democratic system.

What about us here in the good ol' Silver State?

Well, we have a U.S. Senator (Chic Hecht) who doesn't seem to mind not being informed and consulted with.

After all, what's a few breaches of the constitution among friends, right?

What do the American people get when they ask, "Why is the law of our land so easily ignored? Why are

we being lied to?"

Well we get a slide show. That's right; a bunch of slides of Russian mischief in our hemisphere. "We have trampled our system of government to save ourselves from the Com-mies," this presentation tells us.

Gee, thanks.

I'd like to add a few slides to the show:

Slide 1) Here is a picture of the Ayatolla Khomeini saying thanks for the shipment of TOW anti-tank missiles we so thoughtfully sold him.

Slide 2) Here is a picture of President Reagan shrugging his shoulders and saying, "Hey, nobody tells me anything around here!"

Slide 3) Oh good, this one's my favorite: Here is a picture of the College Republicans, standing around a clean-shaven, all-American guy in a Marine uniform, thanking him for sacrificing himself so that our president can remain clean, and for making public policy, so that our poor overburdened elected officials around the White House and Congress don't have to.

Letters to the Editor

It is with regret I write this letter to you protesting the Yellin' Rebels' coverage of CSUN E&P's Oktoberfest this year. Any individual who picked up the newspaper on October 13 and read the front page would come to the general conclusion that the events scheduled by CSUN E&P involving wild melees and decided these activities were not for them. Or worse, we might even attract undesirable people who want to be willing participants in this type of behavior.

At CSUN E&P we have worked diligently to stage programs for UNLV community's enjoyment. Our goal is to bring credibility back to our organization while providing high quality entertainments to our constituencies.

I am disappointed in this

particular front page article in that it is factually incorrect with misquotes and misspelled name, and the entire article centers

on negativism. Nothing was ever mentioned that this year's Oktoberfest was considered by many one of the most successful

events in recent years at UNLV. Knowing how we all strive to be the best we can be, I have to admit that I am expecting a lot

more out of the Yellin' Rebel, our student newspaper.

John Fazi



GEORGE BUSH DECLARES FOR 1988: "YOU'RE GONNA SEE A REAL TIGER OUT THERE!" HE SAID.