

## Yellin' Out

What position do you think the U.S. should take in the Persian Gulf; do you think we should go to war?



**C.J. Mitchell**  
21  
Finance Investment  
Junior

"I don't think we should go to war, but if they provoke us, we should retaliate. If we continue to bomb their oil platforms, it probably will eventually wear them down."



**Craig Power**  
21  
Communications  
Junior

"I think we should drop back and punt. As long as they're making moves, we should also, but eventually we'll have to go to war."



**Manna Braunstein**  
42  
Anthropology  
Sophomore

"I don't think it will come to that but I suppose we may have to go to war because of the commitment we've made to Israel."



**Kathy Lauckner**  
30  
Education  
Grad Student

"I don't think we should go to war. I think it can be settled by other means than killing people."



**Suzanne Scott**  
23  
Communications  
Senior

"I'm against anything that has to do with destroying the ecology. If we're bombing their oil platforms, I think that's wrong. We should not escalate things over there."

## Guest Editorial

by James E. Ohriner

Well, it's good to see that only the players change, but not the games! I was amused reading the *Review Journal* article, *UNLV newspaper editor claims violation of rights* by Sean Whaley (Thursday, October 22, 1987, p.4B). It seems that the cries of former editor, Franco Frantelizzi, still echo through your halls.

Having been a former CSUN-ite (Sen. Pres. Pro Tem 1983-4), and having gone through a similar situation, allow me to lend a few thoughts to this matter. As a CSUN officer who was publicly chastised in comparable fashion, I can assure you of two things: 1) this, too, shall pass, and 2) it will resurface again to gnaw at a future administration. I know that's not much comfort, but I do have a few words of historical importance which may allay this controversy.

In 1984, Franco accused me of denying him his First Amendment right of free press and speech when I refused to juice-up the newspaper bank account with \$5k to cover debts he incurred and further sweeten the fund with

\$2k more to cover the costs of printing the last several issues of the paper. Franco had apparently soaked the newspaper's bank account dry with various perks, unapproved stipends and a myriad of other unaccountable expenses, thus rendering the newspaper with, what I believe he referred to as a *slight cash flow problem*. He appealed to the Senate for the bucks.

I led a move to make good the debts he incurred in CSUN's name (since he already obligated CSUN by contracts, also entered into illegally), while concurrently denying the request for extra money to put out the final issues of the paper. Franco went crying *Freedom of the Press! Freedom of the Press!* to anyone who would listen to him, which included a local TV newscaster and the *Review-Journal*. It was almost humorous that Franco made such accusations against me, the man he referred to the year prior as a protector of student's rights when I prevented former Seantor Bobby Eglet (from the TKE-era) from denying Franco the job as editor on

a mis-interpretation of *Robert's Rules of Order*. In any case, the controversy continued for a short while. Ned Day wrote a scathing editorial which regurgitated Franco's lies and accusations (this, at the time I was a candidate for the Nevada Assembly). I spoke to Day, who made a 14-word apology in his column a month and half later. Needless to say, I was not pleased with Franco or Day.

The entire issue boils down to one realization: the editor of the *CSUN Yellin' Rebel* is an employee of CSUN — he is not independent of

CSUN—and it is the right and obligation of CSUN to prudently act as the publisher. You see, no R-J Staff writer (or editor, for that matter) would ever claim his/her freedoms have been denied every time the publisher of the paper sets a policy for the editor/writer to follow. CSUN, as the actual publisher in fact, has complete jurisdiction in what is printed in the *Yellin' Rebel*, and the editor and staff members *must*, as employees of CSUN, follow the rules set forth by CSUN. If Mr. Hildebrand desires absolute freedom without oversight by

CSUN, he has every right in the world to open his own newspaper.

You may or may not have been around when the *underground* newspapers were circulated on campus by a former CSUN-ite; that publication, which lasted only a couple of issues, lambasted people inside and outside of CSUN, and even took articulate lampoons at Ronald Reagan. He had the freedom to do so since he was the actual publisher in fact. If a source outside the CSUN walls (i.e. the UNLV administration) ever told the *Yellin' Rebel* to print

something or not to print something, then you would have a *Freedom of Press/Speech* argument. The publisher, not the editor, has standing in these matters, since the publisher is the entity that is liable for the content of the newspaper. Recently, the Supreme Court ruled in a case involving a high school newspaper, that the school board, as owner and publisher of that school's paper, has the right to establish policy regarding the content of the paper (I can find the case if you so desire/require).

