



From the Editor's Desk:

Have you ever heard of the old cliché, "Do as I say, not as I do." Well, if you haven't, you will in the next few months. This cliché refers to the collective office space shared by all the military forces of the United States called the Pentagon. These people, up there somewhere on the third floor of that "Holier than thou" building, have for years pointed their collective fingers down at different groups of people in our society and labeled them into whatever category they feel fits.

In the past year College campuses across the country have been asking their respective Reserve Officer Training Corp programs to either change their policies or get off their campus. This ultimatum has resulted in the removal, or the attempted removal, of a number of ROTC programs from various campuses, such as Cal State, Northridge, University of Wisconsin, Princeton, and the University of Minnesota. The policies in question deal with the military's discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. No, I'm not a Gay nor am I a Lesbian, but I am a one who believes in the freedom that every individual has the right to pursue what ever direction he or she wishes to go.

Since the Civil War, our government has been telling us to respect the rights of every citizen, black, white, brown, yellow and so on, while at the same time the government discriminates against whomever they feel does not fit societies' norms. Who are they to decide what is normal? The military geniuses in the pentagon have ruined an untold number of peoples lives because of their Homophobia and their ridiculous line of reasoning.

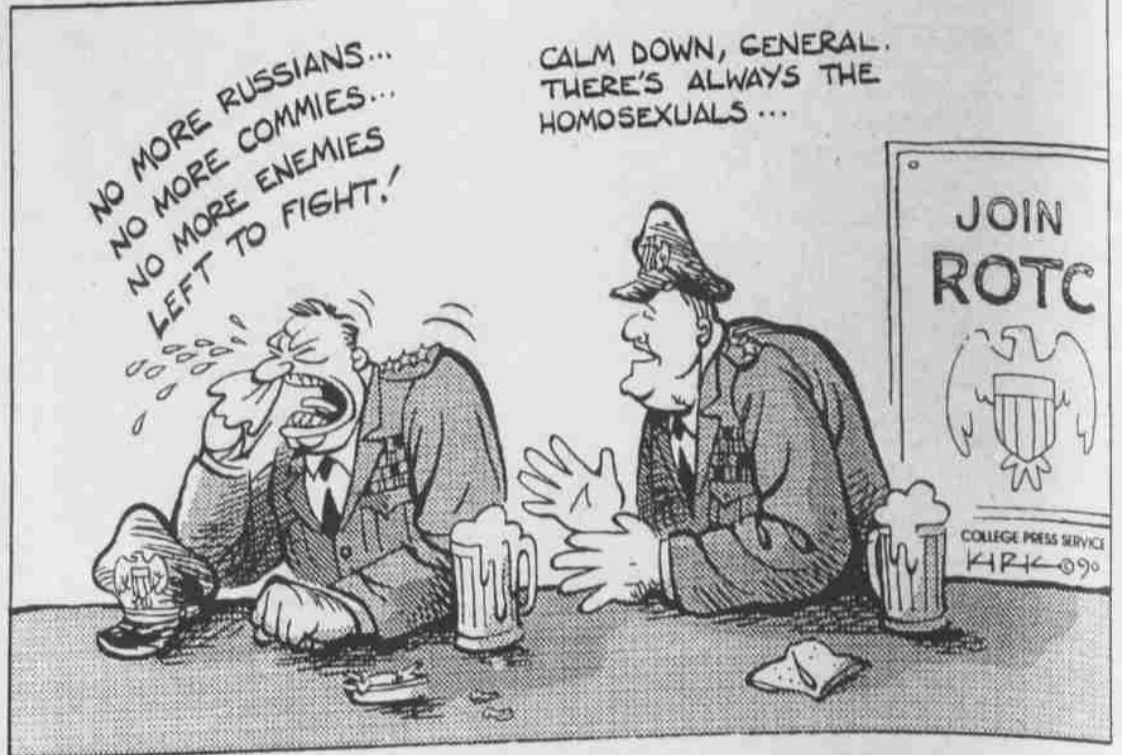
The Pentagon tries to tell us that the homosexuals are a security risk and that they are not worthy of defending our government. Well, the first part was disproven last year in a study done by a research team from the Pentagon itself. The research team concluded that homosexuals do not pose a security risk and that there is absolutely no reason to keep them from joining the military. The Pentagon said that the report done by this team was inaccurate and that it was not what they wanted studied, so they refused the report and said it didn't count. Sounds fishy to me.

How can we, university students from across the country, condone such blatant discrimination by our respective ROTC programs? I have nothing against the ROTC itself, I believe they do good in training our future military officers, but I can't condone their rules of not allowing certain people in because they don't fit societies norms. This is not the fault of the ROTC, it is the fault of slow thinking, backwards acting, military policy makers who sit in their comfortable offices and believe they know what is right for us or whom to protect us from.

This problem or question has not come up here at UNLV yet and I wonder if maybe we should all stop and ask, why not? Discrimination is Discrimination.

Richard Crow

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Flag burning by Sean Higgins

Flag burning has become an issue worth changing the constitution for in some eyes, and a petty issue we should not bother with in the eyes of others.

The emotions flag burning are arousing are the same emotions that led to civil disobedience in the 1960s—America, if you don't like it, leave it.

A northern Nevada gubernatorial candidate recently announced that he will pay \$50 to anyone who will stomp a flag burner, the president is taking a stand in contradiction to a Supreme Court decision and public attention is being channeled in a direction leading to absurdity at best.

The American flag is supposed to represent a condition that does not exist in this or any other country, that being liberty and justice for all.

Democracy (of, by and for the people) is permitted in issues of tradition, but the people have no say in the financial, social or in-

ternational situations that are what running this country is all about. The American people have been sold out on all levels of government, especially the federal level.

I laid down my life in Vietnam for a democracy and way of life that no longer exist. In the past 25 years, very important rights have been stripped from the American people for the "protection of society". Searches are made without warrants, guilt is assumed before proven and our court system is controlled by the wealthy.

The American people are being enslaved by a monetary system forced on them by deceitful politicians whose lips will say anything the people want to hear, only to let time prove those promises to be lies.

Veterans are betrayed by the very system they fought for, and children and the elderly are being denied life's essentials to balance a budget that's \$3 trillion in the

red due to elected politicians who give the Council on Foreign Relations financial domination of the people.

The American flag has become a piece of cloth used to deceive children into believing in an ideal that doesn't truly exist.

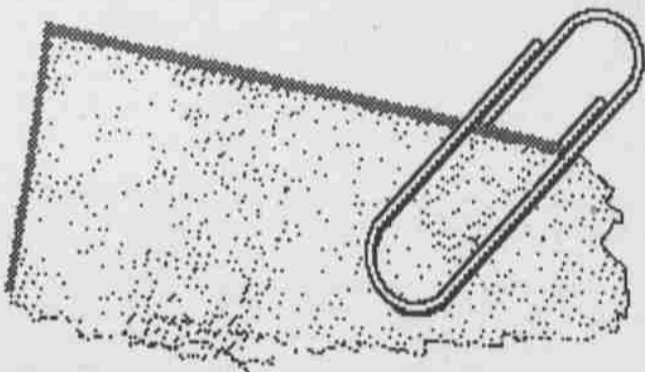
Should an American be allowed to burn the flag? Should a government official be allowed to pay to have a flag burner beat up? Are the politicians allowed to betray the people in the name of the flag?

I've been in pain 24 years as a result of my service in Vietnam and I've watched the reason for my suffering become all in vain. I will never salute the American flag, but I will never burn it.

However, I will defend another's right to burn the flag. The desecration being done to the flag by America's leaders is far worse than any match could do.

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Comments from my refrigerator by Bonar Tucker



I may as well confess. I'm a journalism major, one who should delight in reading the morning news stories concerning Supreme Court decisions, natural disasters, crime statistics and big business. But instead, I admit, I find the most enjoyment from the "blunders". You know the ones... the kind you read that makes you realize the certain individual in print is really no different from the rest of us. He or she goofs too.

I've even been known to clip a piece or two like this and hang it on my refrigerator door. I'm not sure why. I think it has something to do with reminding me we're all in this together. I make mistakes. The other guy makes mistakes. We correct them. We go on.

Last winter, I had Lee Iacocca on my fridge. The article was how Mr. Chrysler himself was boasting about the safety of his company's vehicle because of its air bags. Seems as though a head-on collision in Virginia proved this when both drivers, who were in cars with air bags, walked away from the tattered mess unharmed. (It made a believer out of me!) But Iacocca failed to admit how far he'd come from successfully lobbying against air bags during the Nixon administration (when it was requested all cars be equipped with them by 1983) to tooting his horn so loudly about their virtues now that you'd think he invented them! Ah well, like I said, we all goof.

I can usually count on our

Vice President Dan Quayle to fill a bare spot on the fridge's door. Last month, a little ditty I clipped about him showed nicely right there between the 20 cents off coupon for dog food and the appointment reminder card from the dentist's office. Mr. Quayle had put his foot in his mouth again when he told 3,000 high school students he was "proud to be the first vice president to visit their city since Vice President Calvin Coolidge did in 1928." I'm no history buff, but Coolidge was President in 1928!

But this week, the blunder I clipped is a little different than the rest. It is a small piece which explains that the Las Vegas City Council put an ordinance on hold that would have made it a misdemeanor to have open containers of alcoholic beverages in vehicles. City Attorney Roy Woofter convinced the council it should hold off on the ordinance until after the State Legislature meets next year.

I don't get it. Every time I go to get a glass of milk, I see this hanging there and I still don't get it. Under state law, passengers in cars and trucks can legally have open containers of alcohol, but

drivers are banned from drinking while behind the wheel. Is it only my devious mind that would consider the driver, with beer in hand, may just spot an officer in his rear view mirror with those colorful blinking lights coming at him, and simply pass the drink to the passenger in his car? Aren't we sort of defeating ourselves with this one? After all, Nevada is one of the few states in the country where drinking alcoholic beverages in a vehicle is still legal. Doesn't having the drink under your nose make the temptation to sip it just that much greater? It seems to me to be bordering on absurdity... like giving the dieting person a piece of chocolate cake to "hold", we give the thirsty driver a cold beer to "hold".

I do wonder how Mr. Woofter would explain to a mother who has lost her child's life because of a driver who passed his drink to a passenger (while, at the same time, having a blood alcohol content level exceeding the allowable limit) that he wants the council to wait until the next Legislature to even discuss this.

I think I clipped this one because it leaves me with such an eerie, unsettled feeling. I've

thought about being innocent until proven guilty and I've thought about denying people their rights. But, to me, it doesn't add up.

The blunders I clip usually show the human qualities in all of us. The errors made reflect back on the individual in one way or another. With appalling figures soaring to an average of 25,000 deaths a year due to the alcohol and driving mixture, this is a problem we need to be doing as much as possible to overcome. The error this time won't fall back on one individual, but on many more for a long time to come.

A refrigerator clipping from the past tells how, after visiting the San Francisco earthquake, Dan Quayle embarrassed himself once again when he told Cable News Network, "The loss of life will be irreplaceable."

Concerning drinking, open containers, and driving, I'd have to say this time Mr. Eloquent may have a point.

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