



From the Editor's Desk:

Red tape, red tape, and more red tape; it seems to be a way of life at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

Today is day 171 since our computers were stolen and we have waited to have them replaced.

The red tape we have run into, in our effort to regain what was lost, is like a sea of confusion and "I don't knows."

First, the list of what was missing was wrong. Next we didn't have the money. Then something was wrong with getting the insurance. Then we find out the stolen computers are now obsolete so we had to go in a different direction. We put the order in and it sat somewhere on someone's desk for a month, then it got shifted to someone else's desk, then it was sent out with a large order and we were put back on the list as a low priority order. Actually we are a high priority because we are losing advertising money by not being able to put out a paper as we would like. We were told there is a backlog of computer

orders, and so on and so on.

Isn't this enough to drive anybody crazy? Yes, you bet. Since we haven't had the computers to help us put out the paper we have put in twice as many hours just to get everything done.

Also, we have been spending money on typists that we had not planned on spending. We have spent to the point where the university discount we were getting on the computers is almost used up - so much for a discount!

The red tape is rather frustrating and maddening but I guess it is a way of life on any university campus.

It just makes me wonder how anything gets done.

Starting with today's paper and until we get our computers and are running at full potential, we are going to have a computer day count.

Richard Cron

A letter from far away



with Joseph Wheeler

On September ninth, my cousin took a break from his new found routine and wrote me a letter. I had, after all, written him two weeks earlier and was waiting for a reply.

"Dear Joe," he began. "I received your letter, which was very welcoming. The one thing which boosts everybody's morale over here is letters from home."

My cousin's new found routine is camping out in the Saudi Arabian desert. In my letter, I had asked him what things were like as a part of Operation Desert Shield. He wrote back:

"You guys are better informed about world events than we are here, although we are at the crux of this mess.

"The sun comes up about 5 a.m., and since I live in an open tent, it's impossible to sleep very much past sunup. By 7 a.m. it's about 85 degrees outside. By mid-day it can get up to 120 degrees in the tent.

"So far the fine sand (more like dust than sand) has been only a nuisance. I keep hearing about 50 to 80 mile-per-hour windstorms we may face in the future, so I just hope all this is over by then."

At 27 years old, my cousin is a lieutenant who only joined the Navy because he couldn't afford

the cost of medical school. After becoming a doctor he was required to serve three years in the military to fulfill his part of the "deal."

A whim of fate had him doing a required six month stint in El Toro, California, starting on Aug. 2. Since certain branches of the military do not train their own doctors, the Navy program requires that young physicians (like my cousin) "help out" on a temporary basis.

He was therefore listed not as a doctor serving in the Navy, which would have put him on an aircraft carrier or even a hospital ship, but as a part of the service under which he was currently "loaned."

"Our food, for the first two weeks, consisted entirely of MRE's, or Meals-Ready-To-Eat; the contemporary version of C-rations. We now have hot chow twice a day. It's mostly rice, with this homogenized mix of beef, gristle, and vegetable we call S— On A Shingle (being a soldier now, my cousin had no problem spelling it out).

"The daily menu changes according to the inventiveness of the cooks. Today, we had plain S.O.S., but yesterday we have S.O.S. mixed with red food coloring the cooks called 'Sloppy Joes.' The day before it was S.O.S. mixed with noodles instead of rice. They called it 'Beef Stroganoff.'"

I was beginning to think he was having a lousy time, at taxpayer expense, until he told me how he and the other guys amused themselves.

"The main form of recreation around here is catching sand-flies. I think I'll have a troop of per-

forming sand-flies by the time I get home."

In my letter I wanted to know about nurses and such, and if he had managed to "play doctor" like Hawkeye on "M.A.S.H."

His answer was disappointing. And rather chilling by what it implied.

"There are no women here, and to tell the truth, that's good. I'm not sexist," he wrote, "but this is an extremely harsh place, particularly where I'm located, and it's not appropriate for women. Come to think of it, it's not appropriate for men either. Or dogs, or cats, or even the sand-flies!"

Which means that somewhere, dangerously near the Kuwait border, is a very surprised young man who only joined the Navy because he wanted to become a doctor. He made a deal, an education for a few years duty, and now finds himself carrying out that duty under conditions he never could have imagined.

He's a good doctor, my cousin, and he's ready to do what his country asks. But he is a reluctant Marine.

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Point of View

RFW

Do you think the military should be cut and if so why?



Merlinda Gallegos, Sophomore
Political Science

Yes, it should be cut. The government could find more useful things to spend the money on like education or the elderly. I feel we severely overreacted to the situation in the Middle East.



Shannon Roark, Freshman

Yes, we should cut it. They could divert that spending toward social service programs or education. Don't we have enough nuclear weapons already?



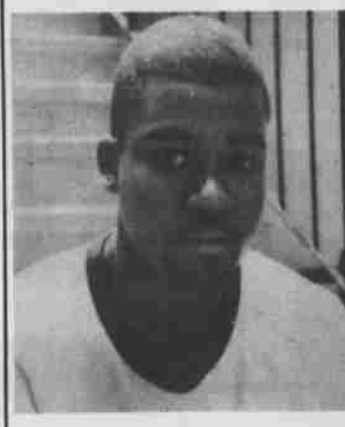
Jim Bucher, Freshman
Business Management

Yes. It would help to reduce the deficit. The United States has a strong military with enough weapons. I feel our country is safe and that we are secure.



Kevin Cusick, Junior
Criminal Justice

I don't see how we could at the moment. The situation in Kuwait is due to the need to protect our big business interests. We have made our economy so dependant on big business that we must protect those interests.



Anderson Hunt, Junior
Business

Yes, it should be cut. The money saved could be used on the homeless and education. A lot of good could be done with the money saved.