

# A true story based on fiction

by Jerome J. Duran  
I've always found writing to be a perfect cure for insomnia. Inspired by a recent visit to campus from Art Buchwald, a famous satirical columnist who wrote "Washington is Leaking" during the Watergate trials, I thought I'd try my hand at a political satire to end my latest sleeplessness.  
Setting: Silly Services Department, Dean Roberts' office.

"Dean Roberts, the gentleman you've been waiting for has arrived, and there are still students waiting to see you."  
"Let the students wait. Show the gentleman in. We need to talk."  
"Dr. Roberts, sorry I'm late, but do you know how hard a person you are to pin down?"  
"Thank you, it is a skill I've developed after years of practice and self-deprivation. For a long time I tried

to hide in this very office with a 'MENS' sign on the door, but persistent people kept coming in anyway."  
"Well, that explains the odor coming from your office."  
"I couldn't tell you. I haven't figured out that smell to this day."  
"Well, I'm here about the fund-raising for your private slush fund."  
"Of course, how much have you raised?"

"Well, some of my contacts want to know how the money will be spent."  
"Did you mention test administration and other noble causes?"  
"I used that line, but they have questions about your rather indiscreet spending a while back during the student elections."  
"Oh, that again. Well, what do they want to know?"  
"They asked what controls there are over your sig-

nature authority on these funds."  
"You can assure them that I am responsible to two people: University President Bob and God."  
"That should quiet them, but tell me, Dr. Roberts, did the president O.K. your last use of signature authority?"  
"Let me see, the last time I signed, President Bob was busy, but God said I should spend the money."

"Do you think they will buy it?"  
"Believe me, it has always worked in the past. By the way, on your way out, can you pat those kids in the hall on the head and explain that I have important matters to attend to and can't be bothered with their business, which I think is simply silly anyway?"  
"I'll do it, thanks for the time. Oh, did you notice that smell just got worse."

**Boulder Dan & Dipstick Duck** by Ray Collins

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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teams and constantly gets "ripped" by the press. His actions will never produce optimism amongst his players, coaches, the student body or the community.  
The conclusion of UNLV's football season produced a clear fact: the team is a proven loser. Never again will UNLV see the Fremont cannon exploding after a touchdown; the offense can't even score one. Never again will you see a sold out Silver Bowl. Perhaps we should never see and hear Coach Jim Strong again. The team needs to get rid of the menace.

Tony Llanos  
Hotel Administration

Dear Editor:

Recently, I read an article by Shannon Ceresola entitled "Graduation has worst odds in Vegas," a risky subject to address in a college newspaper, but unfortunately, very true.

I am a senior at UNLV, majoring in communication studies and minoring in English. I'm going on my sixth year here, and I've just about had it!

My upbringing always stressed the importance of a college education and prepared me well for it. Immediately following my high school graduation, I entered UNLV as a full-time student and remained so for four consecutive years. Then I turned part-time out of frustration and a bad case of "burn-out."

See if this scenario rings any bells. In order to remain in a given "school of study," a student must maintain a certain grade

point average. Failure to do so results in dismissal from that school. During an annual visit to my academic advisor, I learned that although I had satisfied most requirements for my major and minor (and done quite well in courses relating to those fields of study), I was no longer listed as a communication student because certain unrelated courses in mathematics, sciences, statistics, etc. had brought my GPA just under what the minimum required average was.

His solution was to take all of the courses over again, only this time, paying more attention. What's more, once I reentered the school, I would have to face the "revised" requirements beginning that year.

I asked him if this meant that while I might have a cumulative average of more than a 3.0 in my choice of study, because I can't seem to grasp the concepts of subalters, cell mitosis and urinary tract infections, I'm not fit to graduate? "Precisely..." he began to say.

UNLV seems hell-bent on improving its academic image, but I think they should concentrate their efforts on the quality of its present educators, rather than the quantity of courses required for parole. UNLV is putting up a new building in virtually every vacant lot. They're not hurting for money, but I am!

Ted Milano  
UNLV student

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article written by Tricia Ciaravino entitled "Since it's back on the street, we're all in ecstatic

Ecstasy: The drug of choice for the 90s."

Hours before reading this article, a school bus driver reported four students overdosing on the buses (grades 6-11). The young people of this community are receiving the wrong message about the dangers and life-long effects of using drugs. One example is this article!

Not only are kids not getting the message about the physical and psychological damage, but they are also not getting the message that doing drugs is against the law.

Get your values back in perspective by not running articles glorifying drugs as the "in thing to do."

Mary Coons  
MAI

Editor's note: The contents of this article explicitly illustrated the various drawbacks suffered by those who have used the drug known as "ecstasy."

Dear Editor,

This is in reply to J.M. Wagner's letter to the editor on Nov. 26, 1991. As president of the organization Students for Choice, maybe I can help shed some light on your confusion about the group. You are correct in the name of the group being our position on abortion; but choice is about freedoms and basic fundamental rights. We advocate self-determination for women. This includes not only keeping abortion safe and legal, but having the right to be out at night without fear of rape, and having the right to a non-violent relationship. We feel that all of these issues limit a woman's freedom.

I do not feel the groups' title restrains potential members from joining, or misinforms the student body or masquerades or uses other issues to increase support for the pro-choice issue. You are correct in saying you do not have to be pro-choice to be concerned about women's issues. However, the majority of women's groups and organizations that deal with violence against women are pro-choice, and support our group on campus by inviting us to speak at rallies about domestic violence and co-sponsor rape awareness seminars on campus.

I agree that domestic violence and rape issues should have their own organization. But do you know if there is such a group on campus? Would you be willing to start one up? If you would, Students for Choice will support you and even hand over all of our resources about violence against women to help you get started. We would love to only focus on the pro-choice issue, because much work is needed in that area, but much work is needed in the area of women's rights also. Since there is not such group, Students for Choice has taken it under its wing.

I would encourage you to stop by our table in front of the student union tomorrow, between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to obtain an information packet about our group to better inform you about Students for Choice.

You are also welcome to attend our meeting on today at 5:30 p.m. in the Humanities building, room 232.

Melanie McEvoy  
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