

The grass is getting greener on the other side of the fence

by Kelcey A. West

In the Jan. 24 issue of the *Las Vegas Sun* there was an article that overwhelmed me to the point where I wanted to call the president personally.

The article I am referring to had the frivolous title of "Bush: Give Russia \$645 mil-

lion more." It is apparent that President Bush, at the opening of the conference for the 47 nations trying to aid the Commonwealth of Independent States, made a proposal to Congress to give such an amount.

I am bewildered and upset because I don't feel like this country is in a state to lend

anyone 50 cents right now. In fact, as I look out my window in the morning, I see people walking outside, unemployed and hungry for a meal called opportunity. The same picture is outside my window at night when I see people freezing on the streets, trying to use the one page of want-ads as cover and

inspiration.

I simply don't understand how President Bush can look out his window and see an utopian environment capable of not using, nor missing, \$645 million. If this act of blindness is executed, hopefully America will not sit back and tolerate it without a fight.

Right now in America we are letting our chief officials, time and time again, water the grass of a foreign country with millions of our tax dollars while our own grass is burning up in a daily drought perpetuated with the few pennies our country spends to sprinkle our own hungry land.

But where will the lawyers go?

A satire that proposes solutions to the lawyer problem

by Andre Lagamarsino

A World Peace conference attended by some of the most resourceful, diplomatic minds of this century such as Carl Sagan and Colin Powell addressed the issue that someone needs to find a place in society for the lawyers that have been allowed to run loose in the streets.

Several proposals emerged from the conference. Guest speaker Colin Powell suggested that lawyers be required to serve five years in the military upon passing the bar exam.

His opinion was challenged by military analyst Jack D. Ripper, who pointed out that "aside from the fact that most of them would fail their physicals," lawyers would not constitute an efficient military resource. They'd just make their fellow soldiers do all the work. Or they'd try to sue the enemy, or spend all their time chasing MASH ambulances."

Another speaker complained of the shortage of teachers in America and suggested employing lawyers as instructors in elementary and secondary schools. This seemed like a fine idea until a subsequent speaker predicted that it would be unwise.

"They would let all the students bribe them into giv-

ing A's. They'd probably also spend all their time hanging around the nurse's office looking for potential clients, or threatening to sue the lunch ladies for food poisoning," said the unidentified speaker.

Dr. Carl Sagan offered the most innovative idea: Send them into space. "There are many unexplored regions of the cosmos which may be unsafe for human travel, or even monkeys and dogs. But lawyers..." he said.

The thunderous applause soon gave way to skepticism after a reply by science fiction author Orson Spock. "Dr. Sagan's suggestion," he said, "offers a dark and terrifying scenario of unspeakable proportions. Imagine the weary space traveler who unwittingly lands on 'Lawyerworld.'"

Moreover, Spock pointed out that within the next century, space ambulances could be developed which would constantly be under siege from these rogue attorneys.

The three day conference offered many ideas to solve the lawyer problem. But like most solutions to the piracy of American legal manipulation, few ideas withstood critical scrutiny. Unfortunately, space does not permit any explication of the most well received proposal, given by a J. Dahmer of Milwaukee. It is titled, "Lawyers and Global Malnutrition: Killing Two Birds with One Scalpel."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have something to say to Dennis Monokroussos, author of "Pro-life makes more sense," in *The Rebel Yell*, dated January 23, 1992.

Dear Dennis:

It's obvious you've never been pregnant. Perhaps you've never been sexually molested or raped either. And just possibly, you haven't grown up with the expectation that you will be sexually, emotionally and mentally submissive to the opposite sex. I have as much respect for life as many pro-lifers. I believe we need the choice to abort babies and I also believe we need to end warfare. Many pro-life people believe we need to keep the babies, yet support sending them off to war when grown. Neither position "makes sense."

No amount of logical reasoning will ever erase the

years of neglect and abuse I suffered as a child. How about you, Dennis? Have you ever thought about suicide? I have. Should I have been aborted? It's too late to make an objective decision about that. What I do know is that I am firmly opposed to torturing children, and parents who don't want children do torture them — one way or another. What is your alternative?

Carole L. Moran
Psychology major

Dear Editor,

Great name change to the paper! Not only is it more aesthetically pleasing, but it sounds and looks better, too! Kudos to the creative geniuses at *The Yell* for coming up with such an original, creative, and commercially accessible name for the one and only official newspaper of the UNLV campus. I look forward to reading more! more!

more! of *The Rebel Yell* from the second I step on campus to the midnight hour.

Sincerely,
Billy Idol

Students, Please! Move your cars!

As the apartment manager of the Senate and the Virginian, I understand, and am sympathetic to the parking frustrations that UNLV students are experiencing. However, many students are parking in the designated parking spaces at the above mentioned apartments and this is inconvenient to my tenants, some of whom are also students. I must warn the parking violators that if they continue to park at the apartments near campus, they leave me no option but to start towing cars.

Robert Joseph

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By Ray Collins