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Attribute

A professional reporter should attribute opinions to a source so that they are easily distinguished from facts. Your reporter, Shannon Kelly, in an Nov. 11 article on the women's club soccer team did not do this.

If Kelly had bothered to contact Manfred Tschan or me about the article, as a professional journalist would have, she could have printed both sides of the story and let the reader decide.

It is the Athletic Department's policy not to allow a Club Sport, over which it has no control, to compete in Nationals and possibly jeopardize other Varsity sports. This is a far cry from a "ban" or secret agreement.

I would like to thank Athletic Director Rick Bay for making an exception to the policy last year. Thanks also to Sandy Vaughn of Club Sports and Coach Tschan for working so hard to get Bay to take a chance on us.

The women's team should look to its win-loss record to find what is really keeping it home. Last year's team was one of three undefeated teams in the country going into Nationals. This year the Ducks have racked up four losses.

Coach Tschan and I kept no secrets from team members about our talks with Rick Bay. They knew everything we knew. Coach Tschan informed the incoming coach, Tom Ebelew, of Club Sports' relationship to the Athletic Dept. over six months ago. If team members didn't know of the policy, the "problem of lack of communication" seems to be among current coach, captain and players, not among past ones.

While I'm tidying up details I should mention that, although the team did raise some money, Club Sports paid for rental cars and part hotel and food expenses, Nike supplied printed warm-ups and travel bags, and United Airlines helped with travel arrangements. (We travelled by plane to the National Tournament in North Carolina, not by bus as the article said.) Thanks again to all of them for being part of our success.

*Theresa Bottomly
former captain,
women's soccer team*

these incidents are contrary to the campaign for human rights; however, the fact remains that the U.S. government created and supports oppressive regimes in Latin America.

The present regimes in Latin America receive both financial aid and military training from the U.S. to maintain their reign of terror as long as they comply with U.S. interests. Training was provided by the Defense Department and the CIA which included methods in counterinsurgency, torture, and the identification of communists (peasants who want to form unions and develop organizations to improve health and literacy).

The level of preoccupation these regimes have against communism is amazing. The U.S. military training instilled this form of paranoia to legitimize the oppression of the masses. Anyone who empathizes with or aids the poor are considered to be planning a communist revolution.

The U.S. reasons for choosing to ignore the obvious violation of human rights stems from the tremendous investment that U.S. corporations have in Latin America. Oppression becomes a means of creating an economic climate that is favorable to international investment.

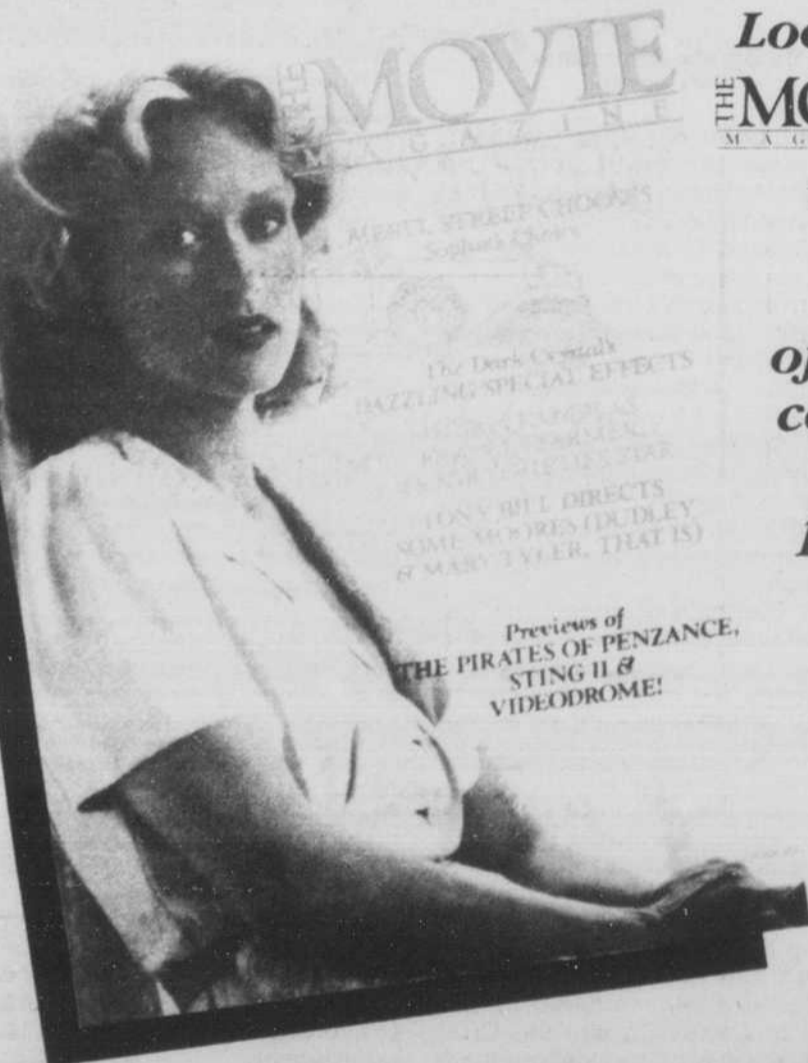
It seems absurd that the United States imposes sanctions against the Soviet Union in condemnation of their human rights violations when the United States maintains military dictators in Latin America to accommodate U.S. corporations.

*J.P. Monroe
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Oppression

One must question what type of legitimization the U.S. government uses in its denunciation of martial law in Poland and Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. It is true that

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