Objectivity 'laid to waste'

The political left has deemed this week to be Latin American Week here at the University of Massachusetts. Awareness of the people and politics of Central and South America cannot be realised unless the student body is presented with all sides of the complex issues that surround those nations south of the U.S. border. Since the Republican Club was not asked to participate, the dogma of the radical left will dominate this week's "awareness."

On themenu, no doubt, will be the usual emotional pleas and deceiving rhetoric served by an assortment of left wing activists and a few ivory tower academics. Swallowing their message whole will surely cause the student seeking objectivity indigestion.

With the vote in Congress on funding for the Contras pending, Nicaragua will be a focal point of this week’s activities. Many U.S. citizens who have traveled to Nicaragua will give testimony to the benevolence of the Sandinista regime, just as many U.S. citizens traveled to the Soviet Union in the thirties proclaiming that system’s virtues only to later discover that Stalin had murdered some twenty to thirty thousand of his own people. Typical of the unquestioning North American tourist is Massachusetts Congressman Ed Markey. Much of the border area population having been forcefully removed to camps within the interior of Nicaragua, Congressman Markey set out to talk with the people living in one of these camps. The Congressman speaks no Spanish, so the Sandinistas cheerfully provided a translator. Through the lips of the friendly Sandinista translator, Markey found these to be some of the most happy and satisfied peasants he had ever seen.

The person seeking to understand the nature of the Sandinista regime would do better to listen to former Sandinistas who now fight the perverted course of the revolution. A founding father of the Sandinista revolution Arturu Cruz writes: "I joined the Revolutionary Government with appreciation and pride. I served it with a loyalty founded on the conviction that the revolution would be good, first and foremost for Nicaragua. My experience has disillusioned me:

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