

Letters to the Editor

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event is not understood by the student community.

First let me say that the convention is first and most important an educational endeavor. It is open for every University student who wishes to participate. The reason it is a Republican, as opposed to Democrat convention is that the former is the "out" party; the party in which a scramble for the presidential nomination is even now developing. If it were the Democrats who were "out" a model Democrat convention would be in order.

To emphasize this even further, I would like to point out that many students working on the various planning committees are themselves Democrats. This fact speaks for the objective, informative, and education nature of the Model Convention.

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U of O Model Convention

Questions Drive

Emerald Editor:

A definite trend has become established at the University of Oregon, that student government is to reflect only the ideas of its "leaders". The boldness of this political philosophy was reflected by the Civil Rights Week Chairman McGhee's printed conclusion that "donating everyone's money to a certain side in a controversial issue may not be entirely democratic." The fact that such a philosophy of student government is a definite force on this campus is evidenced by both the structures of the Civil Rights Week program and the ASUO Senate's action in voting ASUO resources and support to one side of this "controversial issue".

The purposes of the Civil Rights Week Program, as stated

in the Emerald, is surely contradictory. How can an organization representing diverse student opinion sponsor "educational programs to inform students about civil rights issues", and at the same time hold forth to the community at large that the ASUO has already come to a conclusion as to the "right" solution to the problem. The problem we are referring to is not whether Negroes have a right to vote, but how to accompany that right with an effective government looking out for the interests of all the people governed. Along with the right to vote, there is a responsibility to vote intelligently. In extending the vote to more Negroes in Mississippi, would we also be assuring the institution of intelligent voting? There is at least "a shadow of doubt" in our minds that giving uneducated Negroes a majority vote in hostile communities is a lasting or satisfactory solution to a social (not a constitutional) problem.

If the professional organizations of CORE, NAACP, and other members of COFO desire to organize and conduct a fund raising drive on this campus, we certainly have no objection. However, we do object to the committed support of all University of Oregon students.

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Artistic Viewpoint

Emerald Editor:

Perhaps the value of Gerd Stern's "The Verbal American Landscape, 'Take Two,'" cannot be appreciated by the noble village of Eugene because the lack of a high degree of electronic culture leaves only a

moral judgment for those who have never been part of a heavily populated, industrialized area.

Stern's experiment with the word as a visual object is essential in aiding man to express his feelings of being a participant in an electronic culture. In pointing out the authoritarian qualities of signs as they affect modern man's everyday life, i.e. his preoccupation with sex, Stern hopes to awaken people to the realization of how much our material society influences our emotional behavior. The demonstration was not a basis for Mr. Stern's aesthetic or moral opinions, but a presentation of "light and sound as an experiment with possibilities and effects of simultaneous communications and media-interaction" to create a release-mechanism allowing the artist to express his relationship to a world of growing technology and industrialization.

In the presentations of Stern's program at the San Francisco Museum of Art and the Festival of Art at the University of British Columbia, he was criticized as controversial and thought-provoking, but the police were not called and his experiment was not implied to be pornographic. If the University of Oregon is to be an institution of higher learning, men such as Stern need the right to exhibit their art forms without prejudice from antiquated, Puritanical minds. Governor Wallace and Dr. Schwarzs may come and go freely without any outraged complaints to the police, but to an artist who demonstrates his innovation in the art of communication, comes a referral to the authorities, because some individuals are incapable of understanding that art deals with man and his senses, and close their eyes to anything their self-righteous minds deem immoral.

Little hope can be seen for this viewpoint to change to a realistic, objective outlook consistent with the scientific culture of today.

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Redirected Fees

Sportsfans:

Allow me to offer a moderate position in the campus issue of compulsory intercollegiate athletic fees. If there is absurdity in the next thoughts, the pertinent fact that I attempt to stop smoking should clarify any misapprehensions.

Compulsory fees are necessary, provided funds are "needed" and their use is a matter of common agreement amongst

members of the University of Oregon student body. Recent arguments (e.g., Bachelis and Eaton), it seems to me, have not concerned compulsory fees per se, but rather the Athletic Department itself. In other words, there seems to be more graduate student argumentation against the use of funds, distinguished from their collection. My position is that if the Athletic Department, for the purposes of intercollegiate sports competition, requires funds to offset monetary losses from their "normal" program, then compulsory fees should be used, in order that the athletic program is sustained at its present level.

If the Athletic Department should be profit-making, I object to supporting a self-sustaining organization. Unfortunately I must openly admit that the University's main library suffers from a horrible case of one-bookiness. I venture to speculate that lack of funds prohibits multiple book-buying of identical texts that are often used or highly recommended in many courses during the same term. One copy is not sufficient, even though it may be on two-hour reserve.

I support Everett Dennis' suggestion to use compulsory fees to aid the library, with the proviso that athletics do not suffer. Perhaps the administration of this problem raises other complexities but the gravity of

the argument is that funds can be compulsory and re-directed.

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Questions All Fees

Emerald Editor:

There are some people who feel they should not be forced to pay for University services they do not use. Why should this logic be used on football alone? To be fair the rule must cover all University services.

My catalog has quite a list of University services paid for by student fees: library, student paper, concert and lecture series, health service, the gym, and others.

If I have used Mr. Holly's seat at football games he can have my share of the concert series. Maybe he has a plan to put the library on a self-supporting basis.

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Residence Question . . .

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Two important questions are brought to mind by this subjective policy. First, can laws assumed by the body politic be regulated or enforced or applied differently by an inferior agency endorsed for action on the part of the parent body? This question was recently referred to the State Attorney General by action of the ASUO Senate. The second question concerns the ethics of the Committee's policy. Should the Committee be allowed to continue to base decisions regarding residency on purely subjective terms? This policy allows the possibility of arbitrary, and, as we have seen, questionable decisions to be made by the Committee. Perhaps the most important defect in this policy is that it gives the student no formal objective criteria which he must fulfill, and knows he must fulfill, in order to gain resident status. His status hinges on his ability to convince the Committee of his intent to remain in Oregon after graduation.

Let me make it clear that this is not an "ad hominem" criticism of any of the personnel involved in the decision-making process, but is rather a criticism of the process itself, and of the subjective policy which, even if substantiated legally, cannot be exonerated on an ethical basis.

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