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Emerald Editor:

Your problem

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This past week when the ASUO budget was released in the Daily Emerald I noticed just how curiously indicative the budget priorities were of our American society. At the very top of the list was the athletic department with a near phenomenal \$249,000. Athletics, exercise and athletes are fine but surely all those jocks are more than comfortable with their "astroturf" and the \$400,000 it cost to install largely on contributions from "well wishing" alumni.

Just the idea of the athletic department receiving all that cash over anything else brings to mind the absurdity of another American priority: the constant paranoia over hair and the ignorance and apathy over the American ghetto, which is a hell-on-earth for millions of our brothers.

The ASUO budget shows about as much social, political and moral responsibility and sense as hanging Christmas tree ornaments on Boulder Dam before it collapses. What are they doing in the athletic department with the \$70,000 for towels, having them cleaned in Hong Kong?

Just the slightest, most superficial mental investigation will reveal to even the most dense just how ridiculous this expenditure is, and that it could certainly be spent on something much more socially, politically and morally significant than the athletic department.

I can see the ASUO establishing some kind of Poverty Research Program where such expenditures would be spent to help those of the State of Oregon and in the country not fortunate enough to experience a university situation, much less the pleasures of an athletic department.

The money could be used to finance scholarships directly through the ASUO or to send University students into the ghetto or other poverty areas to help the poor.

Few of us as students of the University ever get the chance to directly help our brothers in the ghetto, we have all too little money, time or guts to experience or give our attention to such an environment.

An ASUO Poverty Research Program or other closely related programs within the ASUO could serve as an excellent opportunity for us as supposedly socially, politically and morally responsible entities to do something about one of the very things that could destroy the university along with the rest of our society.

Come on now! Which seems most important, a lot of jock's clean towels and fancy equipment or a response (your response) to our most pressing social problem (your problem, brother)?

Rod McCall
Junior,
Architecture

Kirby writes

Emerald Editor:

The letter of mine printed in the Emerald May 8 was meant to inspire those in favor of abortion to voice their beliefs and to acquaint them with the sort of irrationality they would come up against in the opposition. It was also intended as a catalyst to action during a petition-signing and letter-writing campaign being waged here in support of the Roberts Bill.

Unfortunately, it was not printed until the bill had already lost in the Oregon legislature.

One "right-thinking" Oregon senator did actually say that any woman who wanted an abortion deserved to die.

Ed Fadeley seemed to think the bill oppressive because it would have allowed the individual woman free choice in the question of abortion. One woman very much against the bill thought that it would have allowed her husband and her doctor to force an abortion on her because their signatures would have been required for her to get one, after she had made the original choice.

Of course, under the Roberts bill, as now, a doctor may advise a woman to abort if her health would be endangered by bearing the child. She still would have the choice to refuse abortion and risk her own life in childbirth.

Those are some examples of how the opposition to abortion reform thinks. Again, I was and am in favor of legal abortion. I am pleased that so many responded so clearly to my first letter.

With enough support and action in the next two years, perhaps such a bill can be passed in the next session of the Oregon Legislature.

Patsy Kirby

Sick

Emerald Editor:

Kris Hoeglum drops names and words he can't even spell. Hirtz hurts. Hurt feels grate. Sum day he shuld here the man whose name he misspells. Mississippi John Hurt wood delite ole Kris. I'm shure of it.

Ashun Studese
Junior
Steven Zukhemun

'Students unite!'

Emerald Editor:

Until recently, the most pressing business for the true radical on our campus was to rid this University of professors who propagandize rather than teach. Thus, the Committee to Encourage Professors Using Propaganda Techniques to Leave Campus and Teaching (CEPUPTLCT) was formed. This committee is truly deserving of student support.

However, it is clearly the case of radicals of good will must also turn their attention to another serious problem on the University campus.

The issue is that of bringing an early end to student government. Our student "leaders" and those who would be our leaders make it ever so clear that they are a luxury we can no longer afford.

Think for a moment of the possible reduction in tuition or the funds that could be given to the so-called deprived if there were no student government to support. Therefore, the Committee for an Early End to Student Government (CEESG) is now being formed.

I wish to urge all who care to do their very best to support the aims of both the above committees. To borrow a little of the surplus value of the late Prof. Marx, may I also suggest that students would have nothing to lose but their chains. They have indeed, a world to win.

Students of our campus, unite!

Barry Boyer
Grad., Economics
and Business

one opinion

odds and ends

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Senate Minority Leader Dirksen's pontification concerning the "sanctity of the Court" during the Fortas episode amazed this observer.

Granted, the Justice was in error, but Senator Dirksen was the last person I'd expected to be morally outraged by a conflict of interest. Asked last year why International Harvester, Pabst Brewing, Pepsi Cola, National Lock, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line, International Paper, and a dozen other giant firms, regulated by or doing business with the Federal Government, happened to travel to Peoria, Illinois to retain his law firm, Dirksen replied, "None of your business."

Slush Fund

It's noteworthy that Senator Packwood has so far escaped critical comment concerning the \$40,000 "communications fund" being raised in his behalf. A similar scheme got Senator Charles Percy in so much hot water he had to abandon it.

It will be interesting to see which prominent Oregonians (and their wives, sons, daughters, in-laws, nephews, nieces, grandchildren, and employees) make contributions of \$100 each, the tentative limit on individual gifts.

The dangers to the public interest in such a plan are obvious, and protection against them will be difficult at best. Unless Senator Packwood is extremely careful, he will have the stigma of a "slush fund" to contend with.

Free Warheads

Nearly 6.6 billion dollars may seem like a lot of money for the "thin" Safeguard System now being debated in Congress, but it's actually cheap when you consider that the Defense Department gets the nuclear warheads free.

In Congressional testimony and in Pentagon press releases, Under-Secretary Packard has put the "Department of Defense investment" in the Safeguard over the next six years at 6.6 billion.

He didn't mention that this is without warheads. Those will cost the Atomic Energy Com-

mission 1.2 billion to produce, but the loss is absorbed by the AEC budget.

It appears that the Administration is playing budget games as a hedge against the expected cost overrun of the system. However, if the 100 per cent cost overrun of the C5A troop transport plane is any indication, a measly 1.2 billion isn't going to hide it.

Dubious Cure

Last week, Eric Hoffer described to a Congressional subcommittee the sort of men capable of ending student violence and urban riots.

"You need chancellors of universities and mayors of cities who will get up in the morning and spit on their hands and say, 'Who am I going to kill today?' These are the people who will kill you." No doubt it is this enlightened philosophy that won him his place on the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

Two Steps Back

Reduction of the Job Corps by 20,000 men has satisfied at least one group. Building trade unions have always claimed a "lack of qualified applicants" for their apprenticeship programs, and hundreds of locals in the country remain lily-white as a result.

Now that the Corps will be training that many less masons, carpenters, painters, and the like, the building trade unions can simply point to the reduction as continued proof of their claim.

Obscenity Note

When Ralph Ginzberg was sentenced to five years imprisonment for the way he advertised Eros, I thought we had reached the ends of irrationality. I was wrong.

President Nixon is asking Congress to approve five-year sentences and \$50,000 fines for mailing to people under 18 anything dealing with a "sexual subject in a manner unsuitable for young people." Second offenses will bring ten years in jail and \$100,000 fines.

Of course, local juries will decide what an "unsuitable manner" is. A barbaric measure like this may slow down "obscenity," but I doubt if it will teach young people about reasoning out a punishment to fit the "crime."



Jules Feiffer

