

Letters

Below capacity

The *Emerald's* editorial on "Cooling Inflation" (April 8) warns that as unemployment declines, more money is put into circulation, perhaps touching off a new round of inflation. This is an economic fallacy.

Growth in the money supply alone need not be inflationary, particularly if it results in a corresponding increase in productivity. In an economy operating far below its productive capacity (as in the U.S.), substantial monetary growth can be absorbed by increased employment, thus stimulating productivity. Only when monetary growth exceeds increases in productivity (or the potential for productive growth) are the fires of inflation fanned anew.

In other words, there need be no trade-off between inflation and unemployment. If the Federal Reserve continues its present policy of moderate monetary growth, there is no reason why both the rate of inflation and rate of unemployment should not continue to decline.

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Cooperation urged

Most students will agree that they expect the ASUO staff to operate in such a way as to further the best interests of the students of the University of Oregon. To any student paying tuition, the number one interest at present is to get the most for our tuition dollar, through either cutting the student's share of the costs or raising the quality of our education at the University. The only realistic way to free the student from the constant escalation of tuition is to obtain more state support for higher education; any other efforts to get more for our dollar are sadly misdirected. To achieve the goal of increased state support in the 1977 legislative session, students need the cooperation of the University administration and the good will of the people of Oregon.

Recently, however, the ASUO has been involved in a series of projects which seem to have been designed to cause a climate of wariness and unease in their relations with University officials. The ideas of the Mac Court and EMU control boards, together with the whole rhetoric of the "student control" movement seem calculated to push the University administration in every way possible, instead of trying to bring about a spirit of cooperation. Saying that the administration won't cooperate, student government officials — both elected and appointed officials — have tried to circumvent or confront the administration in order to achieve their goals. In this type of conflict, the students will always lose, particularly in view of the long-term priority of increased state support for the University.

How one states his position and how one attempts to achieve his goals is often as important as the substance of those positions and the direction of those goals. It seems that much of the advocacy for ASUO projects and proposals has been in the form of publicity putting the administration in tight spots, placing undue pressure on those whose help will most be needed if the student's position is to be significantly advanced in the legislature next year.

If the ASUO is to have a chance to substantially better the interests of University students by achieving a higher level of state support, then we must have a change from a policy of badgering and pushing the University administration to a

policy of courteous cooperation. For those students who shoulder the financial burden, nothing is as important as maintaining a feasible cost of higher education. Possibly I have overstated the case, but certainly, the campaign for student power or control will not necessarily advance the students' best interests.

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Leave 'Bard' out

Glen Gibbons' article of April 8 on the attractions of Ashland displays a kind of arrogant ignorance which I find very irritating. In the course of his review of hamburger stands, taverns and motels, Mr. Gibbons tosses out some glib pronouncements on the style of Shakespeare's plays, from which one can only conclude that he has never read one. He labels as "florid (sic) blank verse" a style which has been noted these three hundred years for its naturalness, clarity and vitality — as well as its brilliance. And he remarks upon "Low-cost accommodations in Ashland, scarce as a monosyllable in one of Will's soliloquies..." "To be, or not to be..." "What a piece of work is a man..." "It is the cause, it is the cause, my soul..." "O, then I see Queen Mab hath been with you..." These are some of the best known lines of Shakespeare, and all in monosyllables.

I object not to Gibbons' ignorance of Shakespeare per se, but to the supercilious tone in which he remarks on something he does not understand (a tone which he clearly considers urbane and witty). Perhaps this is a remnant of the trend of students in the 60's to dismiss anything written before 1950 as "irrelevant, archaic old stuff." This indicates, I think, a lack of imagination, an unwillingness to work with language used creatively and an unnecessary intimidation by what is, for the open-minded, gloriously accessible poetry. Shakespeare wrote for popular appeal to a very diverse audience; he is certainly not the bombastic pedant Gibbons imagines. If Mr. Gibbons wishes to publish articles on the "root beer frosties and chocolate shakes...at Big Al's Dairy Bar," at least he might confine himself to that whereof he knows, and leave Shakespeare out of it.

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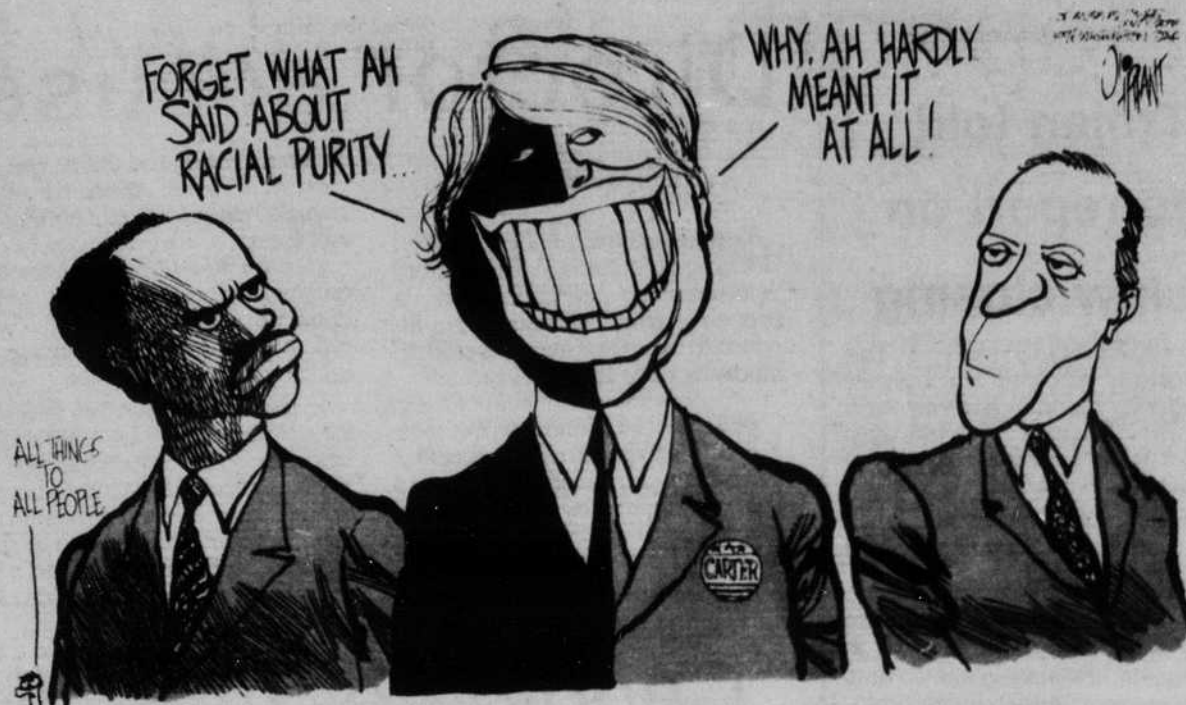
Contention absurd

The author of "Global Reach," Richard Barnet, believes that multinational corporations are "eliminating competition." But are they? This country has long been invaded by multi-nationals producing such brand names as VW, Panasonic, Sony, Shell and Norelco. Surely, their products have increased competition and provided us with a higher living standard.

Abroad, multinationals furnish lower prices to foreign consumers; higher taxes to foreign governments; and better jobs to foreign workers.

Multinationals have indeed minimized their tax payments through artificial transfer pricing; but effective methods to stop this dodge have been developed and arms-length pricing now prevails. (Bribes to foreign bureaucrats may be a more enduring practice; after all, "When in Rome...")

To contend that "giant multinationals" can dictate terms to tiny foreign governments seems absurd. Once its physical plant is installed and "costs are sunk," the company is at the mercy of its host



quest editorial

Unrest healthy, welcomed

(Editor's note: the following guest editorial is reprinted from the *Oregon Journal*, April 12.)

There is unrest on the campus today, but it is very much unlike the student activism of the 1960s which led to violence, destruction and revulsion. In the mid-1970s there is a healthy unrest which society should welcome because it questions the way things are done but works within the framework of the law and institutional rules and regulations.

At the University of Oregon, for example, the Associated Students has taken the Board of Higher Education to court claiming it erroneously allocated \$435,000 of student room and board fees earmarked for dormitories to build tennis courts instead. The board admits the act but denies any wrongdoing. In this case, litigation certainly appears to be a proper and acceptable recourse for the students if they feel aggrieved.

Similarly, in other issues, such as tuition increases, the students have shown a willingness

and determination to work hard to build a case for lower costs and then present it before the appropriate public bodies. Student associations in Oregon are becoming more interested in having a voice in the total educational experience, as shown by their efforts to gain release of faulty evaluation data. They are playing a greater role in faculty tenure and promotion decisions.

No administration likes to be challenged, but concerned college administrators recognize the role of the legitimate protester in our society. They would not wish away student activism and bring back the days of apathy when the students were disinterested in general university affairs and colleges were expected to play the role of absent parent to enforce a multitude of social and political codes and mores.

Today's college students have a message for us all when they suggest that nothing be impervious to honest scrutiny. Responsible citizenship in a democracy demands a willingness to ask questions and be taken seriously by those in power.

government. It's subsidiaries can be nationalized, expropriated and taxed to the hilt. Witness the recent record of Peru, Canada, Zambia, Libya and our own state of Alaska.

In the long run, such host-country greed may prove counterproductive. If the odds on expropriation exceed 50-50, foreign investment is unlikely to be attracted even by very high rates of return. Without such investment, the economic development of less developed countries will be hurt. It is just because of their favorable "investment climate" that Brazil, Hong Kong and South Korea have attracted so much foreign investment and have experienced such impressive rates of economic growth in the past decade.

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Protect interests

In recent years, the ASUO has taken great strides away from a sandbox-confined playground for campus politicians toward filling its proper role as an effective, aggressive and professional advocate for student concerns. To ensure continued progress next year, I ask for your support for Jim Davis to be the next ASUO President.

Since the Oregon Legislature will be in session, we as students will have an important opportunity to work to advance our interests. We need to closely monitor the higher education budget in an effort to keep tuition as low as possible. We need to work to ensure that enough money is set aside for student financial aids to provide that no person may be denied access to higher education for financial reasons. We need to make sure that students will be

eligible for public assistance programs such as child care support on the same basis as non-students. We need to make sure that adequate provision is made for minority student programs to assure a pluralistic University and opportunity for all. We need to do everything possible to protect our interests as consumers of higher education.

Jim Davis is the candidate most qualified to accomplish the above goals in the Oregon Legislature. It will by no means be easy, but with determination and persistence the student interest will be advanced.

Next year will be a very important one for us as students and for the ASUO as the students' advocate. We need a president who has the experience, commitment and desire to make next year a year of progress and achievement. Jim Davis will be such a president.

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Games played

As dorm residents, we have been confronted by housing department policy attempting to regulate our lives. The effect has been an unreal community, forcing us to deal with an unnatural life style constraining social growth. Dorm residents must be free to experience life as it exists on the outside.

Investigation of the housing department's attitude toward co-ed dorms serves to illustrate this. Last year the Dorm Governance Board proposed to expand co-ed facilities. With students presently applying for the upcoming year, essentially no progress has been

made to accommodate this request. A dorm president, I constantly confront an inflexible, archaic system of Victorian persuasion headed by H.P. Barnhart, director of housing, which attempts to replicate Old Mississippi's social mores.

Non-co-ed living is a joke. Such a segregated structure leads to games being played, rivalry and misunderstanding. Co-ed living would serve to complement the academic aspect of education. However, the only proposed change is adding a German speaking co-ed unit.

Undoubtedly, such a unit is beneficial. But more important than learning a foreign language is learning to live within a community. Suppose they create such a dorm for Business majors. Misconceptions between the sexes might be cleared up. The men might discover that women haven't intentions of being their future secretaries. Women might learn their identity isn't dependent on the proper wardrobe and a Sherwin-Williams face. Solving problems created by these constructions of the past could lead to a more promising future, free of present hang-ups. We could leave the University having experienced a real world dependent on the interaction of both sexes, not their separation.

As long as the same individuals continue to dominate housing operations, we can be assured dorm students will live with the insecurity of the past. Maybe this year we should insist the housing department treat us all as the adults we are; that we who pay their salaries determine our own community. And if stagnation remains, we should demand removal of the University officials responsible.

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