

Letters

Retain Parr

The Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) is still a relatively new force on this campus. The committee was instituted four years ago to establish rational decision-making processes. The goal of the IFC is to objectively evaluate the ASUO programs based on the goals and needs of the students.

To attain this goal, the IFC requires continuity. We have come a long way since the days of the old ASUO Senate, but to maintain this progress, IFC members must be able to review current inadequacies in the light of implementing future improvements. Returning David Parr to the IFC would be a positive step towards the growth and maturation of the Incidental Fee Committee.

Although the ASUO budget for the 1976-77 year is almost completed, the IFC will by no means be dormant from May to November. The current members of the IFC must assist in the orientation of the new ASUO executive and comptrollers. David Parr, along with the other members, must be on hand to clarify and defend the new budget's intent prior to its instigation.

David Parr and I have often disagreed: our backgrounds and politics frequently are opposed. However, I have been greatly impressed with his efforts towards consistency in budgeting. Fair and objective evaluation of ASUO programs requires extensive research. David Parr has proven himself to be a remarkably thorough researcher, doggedly pursuing substantive data for the analysis of proposed budgets.

David Parr shows the potential for providing real leadership, as the ASUO moves toward the goal of rational, objective budgeting procedures.

Jamie Burns
IFC Chairperson

Gone too far

Enough is enough. The Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB), the self-proclaimed defender of student interests, has gone too far.

Briefly, the RSB distorts the truth in Nixonian fashion and criticizes any attempts to make life easier for students other than their own.

I find it absurd for the RSB to demand lower tuition with no program cutbacks in an inflationary economic environment. None of us want higher tuition! But what alternatives does the RSB suggest? Absolutely none.

The opinion in Monday's *Emerald* (4-19-76) included a statement that the chancellor and vice-chancellor were "confronted with the anger of a crowd of 200 students" the last day of winter term. I observed that meeting of 20, not 200, students who certainly weren't angry, but rather gleeful about having something to demonstrate against.

Until the RSB espouses specific solutions to complex problems they will continue to be ignored.

Kirby Garrett
ASUO Vice-President
Chairman, AOSL Board

Investigate

I believe most of us feel an interest or responsible concern toward what is termed, "the criminal

element" of this society. But I wonder how many of us are aware of or interested in how it feels to be a relative, friend or loved-one of someone who is incarcerated. I am afraid we are guilty of overlooking this group of persons. Yet they are being punished, in some ways more severely than the offender, for being concerned about their loved-ones; punished in a cruel and insidious way.

Specifically, when they try to avail themselves of the rightful visiting privileges prescribed by law, if they are allowed to exercise these rights at all, they are forced to submit to the most humiliating forms of degradation.

I have friends who visit at the Oregon State Penitentiary and I am horrified by some of the occurrences about which I have learned.

For instance, it seems that the guard at the main desk at the visiting room, Officer Hassles (not his real name, but one that fits), feels he must prove to himself that he has some authority to exercise, that he is "man" enough to use it and that he is superior to those who associate themselves with criminals. He picks on those he thinks he can bully. Aged parents and grandparents, minority groups and women — preferably attractive ones he can "impress" — are targets of his hateful ridicule. To the women he plays the macho role, to the others the cold and surly representative of authority.

Sexual innuendos are abundant, as are slurs toward those who have not had the experience of learning to deal with a person so insecure with himself that he feels he must belittle others. He represents men whose actions could be characterized by Father Berrigan's phrase "...lethal and savage use of authority..."

I strongly feel that this sort of individual should be removed from a position in which he can make himself feel a "man" at others' expense.

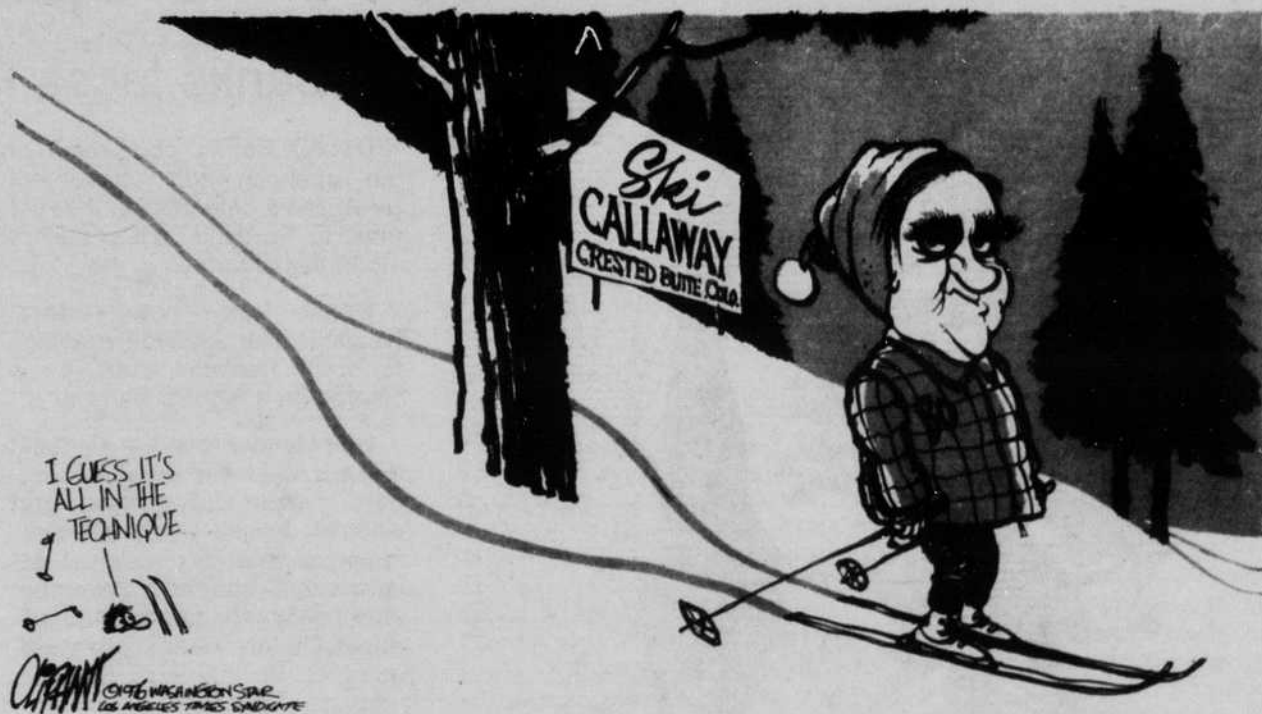
Please, if you have any concern for a minority whose significant others are hostages and who, for that reason, must undergo rites of degradation in order to spend a few precious hours a month with them, write to your state representative, senator, or congressperson. This condition should not be allowed to exist in a supposedly civilized society. An investigation is needed.

Pat Boccellari
soc., grad.

For Tyler

The *Emerald* should be commended for its 12-page supplement last week reviewing 40 ASUO funded programs. Despite this fine effort, however, I find an appalling lack of information concerning ASUO programs and governing bodies. The blame for this deficiency lies not with the *Emerald*, but with the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) and the ASUO executive. In allocating \$1,220,000 the IFC should assume responsibility for distributing information on these programs to the study body it serves.

Currently a significant number of programs — ineffective due to lack of publicity — are failing to reach their full potential, including such excellent programs as Switchboard, Action Now, and Food-Op. These and many other programs can be greatly improved



through increased awareness. Just as serious is the lack of distributed information concerning the IFC — its minutes, budgets and criteria and the failure of the executive to outline its structural organization, resources and expenditures.

The IFC and the ASUO executive have an obligation not only to expose their own organization and activities to the University community, but to also provide information on all ASUO programs, to include resources, activities, goals and membership. The IFC should distribute information packets in the fall with comprehensive information concerning the IFC, the ASUO executive and the student-funded ASUO programs.

These information packets are years overdue. The publicity will strengthen programs and the IFC and executive exposure will make these organizations more responsive. It's time the IFC woke up!

Dave Tyler
Candidate for IFC

For Tearnen

Support Cathy Tearnen for psychology position number 12 on SUAB. Cathy is a interested student who wants to work towards more interest in the quality of education. She wants to hear your ideas and represent an influx of concern. By representing your ideas and concerns, she can accomplish something for psychology students and the psychology program as a changing and growing educational environment.

Rising tuition, dissatisfaction with some lower division psychology courses and an upcoming legislative session in Salem are important interests Cathy will influence while striving for the better-than-average education.

Cathy Tearnen as a student is interested in the above aspects of the psychology position number 12. She hopes to hear your feelings too. By voting you can let her know. Cathy Tearnen seeks involvement: by campaigning for office and listening to your input — seeking your participation. Vote.

Michael De Paepe
psych, soph

Caution suggested

I was deeply disturbed and disappointed by yesterday's letter to the editor by Richard Wilhelmi, Michael Connelly and Ruyle Spiller of SEARCH and Michael McClellan of Survival Center.

They state that my campaign material misrepresents SEARCH and Survival Center as "firm supporters" of my campaign. This is totally false and lacks understanding of the obvious intent of the materials.

As is made obvious by looking at my campaign material, the only reference to these programs was when I expressed support for "Alternative Education and Student Advocacy Programming," using SEARCH and Survival Center, among others, as examples of this support. At no time have I stated that either program supports me. But this does not mean that I cannot express my support for them.

I suggest that Mr. Wilhelmi, Mr. Connelly, Mr. Spiller and Mr. McClellan be more careful in their future interpretations before making such serious insinuations.

Jim Davis
candidate,
ASUO president

For Milligan

This letter is written in endorsement of Tom Milligan, candidate for SUAB position 18, which represents the constituencies of the departments of German and Russian, classics, Chinese, Japanese, Asian studies, general arts and letters, linguistics, Romance languages, philosophy, religion, computer science, geography and comparative literature.

SUAB members are in an excellent position to serve the interests of all University students through work in the University Senate and General Faculty meetings. We need SUAB members who will work hard to achieve progress in student academic issues on this

campus such as placement of students on faculty promotion and tenure committees and obtaining the release of tabulations of student evaluations of faculty members. SUAB members can do much toward the establishment of academic student unions which will enable more substantial student involvement in departmental decision-making processes. Finally, next year being a legislative year, we need SUAB members willing to work with next year's ASUO executive in pursuing student academic issues before the legislature.

Tom Milligan has the necessary drive, commitment and energy to help bring about a situation which will see the SUAB operating as a strong, aggressive and effective

advocate for student academic concerns. Vote for Tom Milligan for SUAB position 18.

Mark Cogan
ASUO admin. assistant for
legislative affairs

No hassles

Here's a paraphrase of three postal clerks' conversation about my request to renew my post office box rental at the UO branch that may interest folks. I asked to renew my box for just a quarter. Clerk one checked whether this was permissible. Clerks two and three assured clerk one that it was if I had specifically requested a three month renewal. However, if a person merely asks to renew their box, the clerk should collect rent for a six-month extension. Clerks two and three made it very clear to clerk one not to ask the customer how long the box was wanted and not to inform the person that it is allowable to rent for other than six months, unless specifically asked for this information by the customer.

I got the box for the period requested with no hassles.

William Nolan
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Candidates' letters

With the approach of the spring term ASUO elections, the *Emerald* expects an increase in the volume of letters to the editor, especially candidate letters. Because of space limitations, we will have to limit each candidate for ASUO president, class office, Incidental Fee Committee and Student University Affairs Board to three letters. Candidates should indicate on the letter that it is to be included in their quota. This policy will be effective April 27. Candidate letters should conform to the regular letters policy. Letters must be typewritten, triple-spaced with a 65-space margin and personally signed. Letters should not exceed 250 words.