

Letters

Should be safe

This letter is in regards to inaccuracies in the May 14 *Emerald* article on campus assaults. To elaborate, at no time did the assaulted girls even consider that their attackers were of Mexican-American origin. Also, the assailants ran up from behind and not from "out of nowhere." We feel these inaccuracies may not be the fault of the reporter, but that the facts should have been checked more carefully.

It is also felt that it should be safe to walk across campus on a main street without fear of attack. Along that line, Campus Security, together with an unidentified male, are to be commended on their quick action and help.

My information is first hand from the two assaulted girls.

Jeanine Rabedeau
Eng. secondary ed., jr.

Editor's note: The article Ms. Rabedeau refers to was based on police reports. These reports were compiled from statements by the victims to the police.

Help us

We need the people of Eugene's help in stopping a proposed Army Corps of Engineers dam that would flood 16 miles of the South Umpqua River in Days Creek. Days Creek is located in Douglas County on Highway 227. You may have traveled this road out of Canyonville to go to Crater or Diamond Lake. It is a quiet, incredibly beautiful valley dotted with small farms, some orchards and whatever woods that have managed to escape Roseburg Lumber's vigilant chain saws. The Corps promises that the dam will provide flood control and summer water to nearby towns — especially Roseburg. It is also to be the largest person-made lake in Oregon and will be used for recreation in the summer. We, who live in Days Creek see it differently. Upon some investigation one finds that it is not all as it seems to be. The flood control will have lost much of its effectiveness by the time it reaches Roseburg (as admitted by the Corps), and the beautiful lake will be nothing but mud soup as much of the soil up river never sinks. Also, the banks of the 'lake' will be completely shaven and are described by the Corps as being unsightly.

Unfortunately, there are more people in Roseburg in favor of the dam than residents of the Days Creek area. If the dam is put in, the entire community of 600 people will be destroyed. We need your help. Please stop by our table on the EMU Terrace. Talk to us, ask questions, read our literature — and if you are convinced sign our petition against the Days Creek Dam. Thank you.

Yona Ash
CSPA/dance, sr.

Too valuable

What has distressed me about the campaign for ASUO president has been the blindness shown toward the needs of the students. Some campaigners seemed to be too preoccupied with mindless mud-slinging and trivia to concentrate on the real issues of concern to the students. The time has come to start dealing with the substantive issues.

Last week I challenged my opponent, Jan Oliver, to a public debate in the Forum (EMU). She quickly made excuses about

classwork and said she would get back to me. I never heard from her after that. This raises two interesting questions. First, if Ms. Oliver is as familiar with the issues as an ASUO presidential candidate should be, then why would a public debate take that much time away from her studying? Second, if Ms. Oliver doesn't have the time now to discuss the issues of concern to students, how much time will she have next year to be the student's advocate?

Throughout the campaign I have centered on the major issues affecting the student body and the quality of their education.

Next year, the Oregon Legislature is in session. It is in Salem at this time that the major decisions concerning lower tuition and greater financial aid eligibility are made. It is there that such important issues as student collective bargaining, state support of child care, non-discrimination, stronger tenant laws and better minority programming on campus are discussed. With strong leadership, next year's legislative session could be the best ever for students.

In the area of academic services, such concerns as the Consumer's Guide to Classes, Faculty/Course Evaluations, student vote on faculty tenure and promotion, academic curriculum and career information projects must be pursued.

Of equal importance is the proper management and administration of student incidental fees. Strong progress has been made in ASUO programming and budgeting, yet there is so much farther to go in stressing alternative educational and student advocacy programming.

The students at this University deserve to have the opportunity to choose an ASUO president on the basis of knowledge, background and experience. I have been, and hope to continue, to run a campaign that stresses the concerns of students. The students' rights are too valuable to be wasted on hollow rhetoric.

Jim Davis
candidate, ASUO president

Vote split

As the "third candidate" in the Incidental Fee Committee primary election, I was excluded from the runoff. What's more important, however, is that my philosophy and my stand on the issues are represented in this election. Dave Tyler — a current IFC candidate — and myself share the same views. Our combined voting strength in the primary was roughly 65 per cent. By splitting this vote, neither one of us was elected. I am endorsing Dave Tyler in his race against appointed incumbent David Parr, in the hope that together we can put a new voice on the committee.

As an IFC member, Dave Tyler will work for reforms of the committee and its procedures — reforms which are long overdue. By failing to conduct ongoing research of programs funded, the IFC is failing in its responsibility to judge each program equitably in relation to goals, criteria, and benefits. By allowing abstentions, the IFC members are neglecting their responsibility as impartial evaluators. Finally, by failing to work with each program to determine goals and criteria which can be used in the budgeting process to evaluate the program's success or failure in obtaining their objectives, the IFC members are failing in their responsibility to the student body to allocate our money

quest editorial

So little wrongdoing

Editor's note: The following observations by Tom Frazer on the Register-Guard's campaign against Lane County DA Pat Horton are based on his visit to the Eugene area this winter. It is reprinted in part from the Dec. 13, 1975 issue of the New Orleans States-Item.

It's great to return to Jefferson Parish after two weeks' vacation, especially after spending four days in Eugene, Ore. (pop. 91,000), the second largest city in that state.

Oregon, for instance, was the first state in the nation to decriminalize the use of marijuana. Rightly or wrongly, its citizens demonstrated that they were willing to take an open-minded approach to a national problem.

Additionally, Oregon enacted a law making all containers such as beer cans and soft drink bottles returnable.

And to fight visual pollution, Eugene passed a city ordinance limiting to about 20 feet the height of commercial signs. Even tall buildings must display their names between the first and second stories.

From talking to my friends and reading a full-page newspaper expose assailing the local district attorney for alleged wrongdoings, I came to the tentative conclusion that, for the most part, Oregon is inhabited by political innocents.

In short, the voters and the politicians seem to have learned their lessons from civics textbooks, rather than from smoke-filled rooms where deviant strategies are hammered out in the quest for greater and greater political power.

In Louisiana, a district attorney's office is sought almost as avidly as is the governorship

because it can be the solidest fulcrum for balancing powerful political factions.

But my friends in Oregon said their impression of the local situation is that young lawyers run for district attorney and hold the office only for a term or two to make their names better known before returning, hopefully, to an enhanced private practice.

The full-page, elaborately detailed newspaper expose of the DA serving Eugene's county was startling to a Louisiana political observer simply because there was so little wrongdoing alleged for the space given the story.

Essentially, the article pointed out that the 35-year-old DA had made a number of speaking trips across the nation to explain Oregon's experience with decriminalization of marijuana. The article pointed out that some of the trips were encouraged by a Playboy magazine foundation seeking "normalization" of pot laws and that some of the trips the DA had set up himself. Presumably he did so to get more public exposure.

In any case, the real "wrongdoing" amounted to charges the DA used county funds for travel expenses for his speaking trips, although in every case he had reimbursed the county for the funds. The only county money not reimbursed was for telephone calls to other cities to arrange the trips and these amounted to only several hundred dollars.

From a strictly technical viewpoint, the paper probably was correct in saying the DA had used county funds improperly, even though he repaid them. But the space allotted to the article made the whole thing seem quite out of proportion.

where it will achieve the greatest benefit.

An overhaul of the procedural rules is critical in making the Incidental Fee Committee more responsive to us, the contributors, who gave seventy-six dollars to the IFC this year. It's our money, and we deserve a better committee. A vote for Dave Tyler is a step in this direction. Vote Dave Tyler to IFC. He's an assertive voice for a change.

Derek Wilkins
former IFC candidate

No comment

Subsequent to my letter of last Friday, there was a letter in the *Emerald* seeking to characterize me as a child-hating, anti-feminist. This is such an offensive misrepresentation of what I said that it deserves no comment. I would, however, like to elaborate on one of the reasons I favor Jim Davis over Jan Oliver for ASUO president.

Although I applaud Jan Oliver's work as a woman "making a mark" in this man's world, I do not believe that having served only six months on the Incidental Fee Committee prepares her for the great amount of time that would be required to do a complete job for the ASUO as president. I support Jan Oliver in her raising of three young children but feel that this could severely hamper her ability to be ASUO president at this time, the sixty hour a week job that it is.

Linda Thorpe
bus., jr.

Stop and look

By the time this letter is printed all students should have received their ballots for the ASUO general election.

I urge you all to stop and take a realistic look at the two remaining presidential candidates. Consider experience. Consider the clarity of their stands on the issues. Consider the caliber of their campaigns. Consider with all of the above their seriousness of purpose. Clearly Jim Davis is the most qualified.

Take the time to vote for Jim Davis. He will make the ASUO work for you.

Carol Cobb
Senior Class Pres.

Don't overlook

Students now have the opportunity to make a positive change in their experience here at the University. One aspect of this change can be found in the area of student programs.

Jim Davis has, by his experience in ASUO and through direct involvement in student programs, the best ability to effect a positive change in this area. Jim has shown us advocacy in student programs during this term this year as vice-president. He helped lead a class entitled "Student Program Management" that helped leaders from many student programs learn from his ability

and experience to efficiently achieve the goals of their programs.

Through the budgeting process, Jim worked many extra hours to assure that sound, legitimate programs are rewarded and guided in using available resources towards meeting program needs.

From our perspective as program leaders, we feel that Jim's accomplishments in the area of student programs should not be overlooked.

Further, we have confidence that Jim Davis demonstrates abilities that will carry through all aspects of student concerns on this campus.

Scott Richardson
anthro., sr.
Todd Mains
ed., grad.
Craig Nelson
accounting, sr.
and 24 co-signers

Moratorium demanded

The "hearing" on the married student housing rent increase was held on May 18 as scheduled. It was a well-publicized farce. It was public knowledge (ODE, May 17) that Amazon Cooperating Tenants (ACT) would present a preliminary proposal for a cooperative management structure. This proposal, backed by the ASUO, was intended as a constructive and viable alternative to the rent increase.

This presentation was not to be. At the outset of the hearing, Mr. Branchfield, a hearings officer appointed by the University to chair the meeting, ruled that any discussion of the proposed cooperative was not germane to the issue of whether there should be a rent increase and how much. Tenants present at the meeting were astounded to hear that a proposal intended to demonstrate that the rent increase could be avoided was not germane to the issue of a rent increase. We were then forced to argue the merits of the Housing Office figures as to the amount of money spent here and there, an eminently useless exercise.

It is clear that the Housing Office fully intends to ram the rent increase through over tenant objections and in the face of a viable alternative which they refused to allow public debate on. Amazon Cooperating Tenants demands a moratorium on the rent increase and another public hearing to discuss the cooperative proposal. We have dealt with the Housing Office in good faith and in a constructive fashion, and we expect them to do the same with us.

Sol Fulero
ACT steering committee