

Blacks shortchanged

The struggle for black majority rule of Rhodesia took a curious turn last week when Henry Kissinger shuffled onto the scene.

Suddenly everyone seemed prepared to make grand concessions: Prime Minister Ian Smith promised black control of the government within two years; most of the neighboring African states and indigenous guerrilla groups agreed to end hostilities; and Kissinger promised to arrange the lifting of the United Nations trade embargo against Rhodesia.

But the returns each party will receive from the negotiations vary widely. Smith got everything he wanted while appearing to yield on all sides. The lifting of the trade embargo will bring a boom to the Rhodesian economy and will enrich the white ruling class. Any hostilities against his regime can now be termed illegal with some degree of international credibility. Smith might even be expected to provoke hostilities and claim his government must remain in power until order is restored.

Kissinger, for his part, made some badly needed political hay for the Ford administration. Business interests in the United States and abroad will be grateful to him for lifting the troublesome embargo, thus allowing them to get at Rhodesian markets and resources without going through intermediaries.

Rhodesian blacks came out of the negotiations with a conditional promise for control of a country that should have been under their leadership years ago, if not from the beginning.

Cracks are already becoming visible in Kissinger's latest diplomatic masterpiece. Rhodesia's neighbors are in disagreement with Smith and the United States about the shape of the interim government. Robert Mugabe, leader of the Zimbabwe People's Army, a large guerrilla organization based in Mozambique, is demanding immediate black military control of Rhodesia.

Any bets on how long beyond election day Kissinger's Rhodesian settlement will last?

R-G sexism surprising

Eugene's other daily newspaper, The Eugene Register-Guard, is at the forefront of the move in journalism toward fancy photos and attractive layouts. It's a shame it can't claim the same leadership in the movement to recognize and deal with sexism in America.

In Monday's Guard, John Conrad reported on Arnold Palmer's visit to Eugene. Included in the story were descriptions of the golfing styles of those who joined Palmer on the course. Conrad wrote of "the surprising strength of (Kathy) Young, who is very much a lady except for this habit of often driving the ball right out there with the men."

What's really surprising is not Young's strength, but Conrad's lack of social conscience. His surprise that a woman could be a competent athlete is symptomatic of a problem that often plagues the Guard: sexism on the news pages.

There are those who would remind the Emerald that people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones, and it's important to note that males in this country spend their whole lives learning to be sexist. However, it doesn't seem the Guard has even recognized the problem, much less set out to find a solution.

Headlines in the Guard still refer to 24-year-old women as girls, a woman's marital status is still included in all stories and on second reference, women's names are listed differently than men (John Doe becomes Doe on second reference, but Jane Doe becomes Mrs. or Miss Doe).

Newspapers play an important role in shaping people's language. The Guard is read by large numbers of people each day, and the paper could do a great deal to destroy the notion that there are inherently different roles for the two sexes. The Guard's staff writers will have to make that realization first.

Newspaper people who cling to the sexual stereotypes they grew up with should not be considered romantically as writers clinging to the old-fashioned ideas—but rather as perpetrators of a system where one sex benefits from the degradation and domination of another.

Duck Soup

Oregon Daily Emerald



Well . . . did you do anything exciting this summer?

Long line blues

It's the beginning of another term and like quarters in the past I had some hassles collecting the financial aid that I had been awarded. The delay in getting my money is somewhat acceptable, considering the numerous avenues and routes that forms travel. What is not understood is the amount of time that a student has to wait in line at the financial aid office just to pick up a form, ask a question or get an appointment to see a financial counselor.

I waited 45 minutes today, which is about an average wait. There weren't any classes I had to rush off to so the wait didn't upset me the way it did others in line. (In fact, the line looked so ridiculous that I had to laugh! My humor, however, wasn't shared by the rest of the standing crowd).

It's hard for me to believe that the University budget is so tight that extra personnel can't be temporarily hired or shifted from other areas. For me, it's bad enough finding out that my money hasn't arrived, but being told after an hour-long wait is hard to bear without some negative emotions emerging and coming down on the few innocent swamped people behind the counter.

Why not spend a bit of our tuition money on extra personnel where they are needed, and relieve the unnecessary pressures and anxieties that develop from myopic staffing and subsequent long waiting lines?

Dan Wear
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Day care vital

I'd like to elaborate on my remarks appearing in the ODE Sept. 28 regarding the need for increased state subsidies for day care.

References in the article to the benefits of day care for women were intended to refer to the special problems faced by the growing number of female single-parents. In such instances, the provision of subsidized day care serves as a key component of Higher Education's affirmative action program.

The critical distinction in viewing the need for day care is parental status. In two-parent families, the unavailability of low-cost day care should not force either parent to stay home rather than attend school. In the case of a single-parent family, the parent, regardless of sex, should not be denied access to school simply because of the high cost of unsubsidized day care. Although traditionally women have been the head of such households, an increasing number of men have taken on the same responsibility.

On the whole, adequate day care remains a vital concern to all student parents, whether male or female.

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Behavior uncool

(Note: This message to you is in response to the incidence at the USC/UO game at Autzen

Stadium, during which someone in the stands chose to hurl a bottle at a cheerleader's head. Fortunately, they missed, but only by inches.)

You know, it seems kind of weird for me to be sitting here trying to write a little personal letter to what amounts to an overwhelming minority of individuals who are alleged to be of an age and maturity representative of University consciousness. I mean, doesn't it seem a bit outrageous that we need to remind one another that it's really not cool to throw bottles at one another?

Now, I'm well aware that in the intensity of athletic competition our aggressive sub-humanity tends to become aroused to a fever pitch which at times becomes a little heavy to handle; but I tell you, gang, it's really not expecting too much of anyone to be aware of the incredible destruction an airborne glass container could do to one's facial arrangement.

So, all I'm asking is that we learn to redirect our athletic enthusiasm into other more creative and ingenious outlets than hurling bottles, trash and other missiles of discontent at cheerleaders, competitors or vendors in a futile attempt at expressing our frustrations. And always remember to keep in mind our Fighting Duck motto, "Chug it! Don't chuck it!"

Compassionately,
Jan Oliver
ASUO President

Letters

Facts distorted

Regarding the letter by Commissioner Bob Wood in September 27, 1976:

I see Commissioner Wood is trying to distort the facts. If his candidate cannot get people to work for them without a salary, that's the candidate's fault.

As for myself, I am willing to donate my time to Archie's campaign

in the interest of good county government.

I am also willing to donate my time to get Commissioner Wood thrown out of office for the same reason.

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