

Prompt action required

Bills that die in the Legislature aren't always killed by legislators; many are simply allowed to wither on the vine. That's what is likely to happen to the bill that would establish state-funded child care for students, unless supporters of the measure mobilize their forces soon.

The state-funded child care bill, House Bill 2459, is currently mired in the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education. As the legislative process grinds toward its summer conclusion, appropriations for new programs become more difficult to secure. Chances of obtaining funding for child care diminish with each passing week, regardless of the bill's intrinsic merit.

And the idea of state-funded child care for students does have intrinsic merit. Students who have children are often priced out of school by child care costs, which run from \$130 to \$200 a month. Those student-parents who do manage to stay in school are often forced to choose between going deeply in debt and neglecting their children. The Oregon Student Lobby estimates that 3,000 students in Oregon would benefit from a state-funded child care system. Subsidizing child care costs would be a form of financial aid for a group of students clearly in need.

The bill does not lack support in the Legislature. Four senators and 12 representatives are listed as sponsors of HB 2459. All that's holding the measure up is the cost: 3.75 million dollars.

When it comes to spending money the Legislature reacts to pressure, not to need. Pressure from those with a stake in state-funded child care has been lacking, and that's why HB 2459 is still sitting in committee. Unless enough pressure is applied soon, the Legislature will shift into its late-session tight money mentality and no amount of pressure will be enough.

Students should write or call their representatives and demand action on the child care measure. The Oregon Student Lobby is doing what it can, but there's no substitute for a strong showing of constituent concern. The ASUO and the OSL have information on which legislators are in a position to get HB 2459 moving, and students may use the phones in Suite 4 to call Salem toll free on this issue. The sooner HB 2459 gets out of committee, the better its chances will be before the full assembly.

Letters

Public apology

The article entitled "ROTC cadets show colors", while quite well done, ends on an unfortunate note. It is true that I made essentially the statement in the last paragraph, but it was not made for publication nor was it meant to have the derogatory tone it appears to have.

Please publish this public apology to Dr. Baynard McConaughy, one of the nicest, and most sincere, guys on campus — or anywhere else.

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Rights for gays

I'm writing to appeal to all members of the University community to lend support to the effort of securing basic human rights for all people. There is now a bill in the Oregon State Legislature — S.B. 603 — that extends these rights by preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation or marital status in the areas of housing, employment, and public accommodations.

As long as this protective legislation is not law, our rights as humans and citizens of Oregon to support ourselves and have a place to live are threatened. Gay or straight, single or married, many of us have found it necessary to lie and live in fear in order to find a job or place to live, and retain those necessities of life.

The sexual orientation section of the bill has become the singular focus for most concerned people, in particular the small group of uninformed, frightened people who feel that homosexuality is a sin, a

crime, and a perversion. This group throws gays into a category along with rapists, child molesters and murderers. They choose to ignore these facts.

1. 85 per cent of child molestations are committed by heterosexual men.

2. Rape is a heterosexual crime, committed by straight men against women.

3. Homosexuality, unlike rape, murder, and child molestation, is not a crime in Oregon, due to the consenting adult statute.

Let's not let the voice of these fanatics represent the majority of Oregonians who support equal human rights. The gay community can no longer carry on this battle alone — it's time for all people concerned with human rights to come forward and make themselves heard in the name of justice and reason. The legislators need to hear from you. Write these people and tell them you support SB 603, and you want to see it passed. A brief letter is enough, and if you want or need to be anonymous, that's okay.

Address: Sen. or Rep., Capitol Building, Salem, OR 97310.

Lane County Senators:
E. Betty Browne, George Wingard, Edward Fadeley (sponsor).

Lane County Representatives:
Mary Burrows, Ted Kulonogski, David Frohnmayer, Grattan Kerans, Bill Rogers and Nancie Fadeley (sponsor).

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Pretty uniforms

Okay, students — it looks like a challenge — and also some fun. Let's all peer at the ROTC boys



'WELL, PEACE AT LAST ... THOSE DAM' TOURISTS NEVER GOIN' TO FIND OL' BILLY CARTER WAY OUT HERE!'

opinion

'Moonies' change people into sheep

I am sure most people at one time or another have heard about the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his Unification church. The followers are commonly called "moonies." I have read articles about Moon and his ideology, and though it disturbed me, I never worried about it. I, like many people, never thought it would touch my life. It was something to read about, or hear on the news, and it somehow seemed unreal.

Then, on Monday, March 28, the threat became very real. On Friday, March 25, a friend of mine was approached while alone by some moonies from the Unification church here in Eugene. This friend, whom I will call Peter, was persuaded to attend a lecture, then he was rushed off to Seattle for a weekend retreat, which cost him \$15, and almost cost him his sanity.

Peter was put through the usual indoctrination and by the end of the weekend the moonies had managed to gain control over him through a "mind-set" — not quite brainwashing, not quite hypnosis. The moonies, rather than appealing to the intellect, work on the gut level using a method known as "love-bombing", to change bright, idealistic young people into mindless, smiling sheep. Peter was definitely changed. Four of us, one his girlfriend, tried to talk to him rationally, but he made no sense, talked in circles, and repeated the same phrases again and again.

We left the Unification church after an hour — close to hysteria, frustrated and heartbroken over the change in our friend. We tried desperately to get Peter away from the moonies before they could take him to Los Angeles for a three-week indoctrination program. We know that once Peter was out of the state and away from the people who loved him, he would be lost to us for good. After an attempt to get help from the police, who could do nothing since Pete is over 21, we returned home. It was 2 a.m. and we felt completely powerless to help our friend.

I decided to call a priest friend, with hopes that he might be able to do something. He referred us to Fr. Kent Burtner, a Catholic priest at Newman Center. Fr. Kent has studied moonies and collected and compiled information on them. He has worked with young people to bring them out of the "mind-set" (deprogramming). Through the long night we talked frequently to Fr. Kent on the phone, learning more and more about the moonies, and finding out how to talk to Peter to draw him away from them. Despite our efforts to talk to him, we were unsuccessful, and early in the morning two leaders left with Pete and three other converts to take them to the Unification workshop in Los Angeles.

We had one last resort to save Peter — a former teacher of his to whom he was very close, and who

he would be stopping to see in Ashland on the way south. Fr. Kent contacted the teacher and explained the kind of attitude to have to gain Peter's trust and persuade him away from the moonies. Our prayers were answered, for the teacher was successful, after talking to Pete alone for two hours. The moonies were sent away without him, very angry at their loss.

Peter was returned to Eugene that night, and after some time with Fr. Kent, we brought him home. We think he's going to be all right, after some time to get his head and life back together. Peter is one of the lucky few, because a "mind-set" is a very powerful force, and breaking free of it, as Peter did, could have caused serious mental and emotional problems. What is a happy ending could as easily have been a tragedy, but for the Grace of God.

There are millions of young people like Peter, in New York, Los Angeles, and other parts of the country. Legally they are adults and responsible for their own actions, but their minds are controlled by the moonies. The Moon followers have to be stopped. Their doctrines are immoral and non-Christian, despite their claims to the contrary; their recruiting and brainwashing techniques are a direct violation of individual rights. Our personal freedom is too valuable and inherently our own, to allow it to be violated in such a way. We must fight Moon's organization, which will stop at practically nothing to accomplish its mission.

Moon's organization is extremely widespread — into industry, politics and corporations. Moon has women lobbyists in Washington to fight for his cause; the young moonies who sell flowers and/or candy 19 hours a day, bring in \$40 million annually. This does not include the profits from the church's industries and corporations which can easily underbid other companies for government contracts. The companies that are run by the Unification organization have employees that belong to the church, so they get their paychecks and hand them back over to Moon's organization. Because of this, they are able to operate on a very low overhead.

There is much more information on the moonies, and I encourage everyone who is interested to contact Fr. Kent Burtner at Newman Center, 343-7021.

There is a very real urgency to stop the atrocities of the Unification church. A few of us, including Peter, are starting a group to do just that. We'll need all the help we can get — printing flyers, passing them out, writing letters, etc. Anyone who is interested can contact me at 343-2750, or Fr. Kent at Newman Center. Please help. We must fight to preserve our individual freedom.

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when they come out every Thursday in their pretty uniforms, and see what peer pressure will do. They say they want to be more conspicuous, so I feel that we should all cooperate and do our part to help them feel more conspicuous.

Bayard H. McConaughy
Professor of Biology

Morality in doubt

I really can't believe that a University professor could be so naive and arrogant as to claim for himself the sole position as

"society's morality assessor." As far as I can tell, Mr. McConaughy's classes in Biology and bacteriology are a part of a technological explosion which lead to the development of germ warfare. Who the hell is this jack-ass to say that classes in ROTC are any more "incorrect" than biology classes? It seems that one scientific discovery in his laboratory could have more deadly impact on the world's potential for wars than 10,000 ROTC students.

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Sexist symposium

To the Women's Symposium:

1. If you dislike being called chicks, why do you call men dudes?

2. Are leering women admitted to the belly dance lesson?

I think that sexism and put-down is appearing here, and I dislike being represented by a sexist organization. I am not part of the women's movement. I am a woman who is concerned about the oppression of People.

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