

Greenway clarified

Approval of the Willamette Greenway does NOT grant public access along the entire length of the river.

Many of us have spent more than two years trying to convince property owners along the Willamette River that the Greenway program does not mean take-over of their property or encouragement of trespass. But unfortunately it would be all too easy to infer otherwise from the Oct. 25th Emerald report of the Land Conservation and Development Commission Greenway meeting.

The Greenway does mean that certain specific areas along the river are set aside for public use. It also means that private properties along the river are placed under use restrictions to help maintain the river's unique character.

Already property owners along the Willamette have suffered thousands of dollars of damage from thoughtless or malicious trespassers. In fact some trespassers, when approached, have argued that because of the Greenway it is their right to use all the lands along the river. For the Greenway program to succeed this misconception must be corrected. After all, if the farmers had not been such careful stewards of the Willamette shorelands, we would not have today the beautiful river we all want to enjoy. They

have protected it for us. Let us not destroy it for them.

Write to the Department of Transportation (State Parks Superintendent, 525 Trade St., S.E., Salem 97310) for a list of the public areas along the river now, look forward to having many more in the future, and please respect the rights of the property owners with whom we share the river.

**Dorothy Anderson,
Commissioner
Land Conservation &
Development Commission**

Blessings to...

Here are some words for Jock Hatfield, Steve Baugh, and myself.

First my congratulations to Hatfield for some quality satire which allowed me several very real laughs as well as stimulating my own thinking to the degree of writing. More about your fraudulent bible to come.

For Baugh I have some comments. I spend enough of my time using the dictionary for spelling and definitions. What do I need with your numbers to look up? I think your ideas would be better stated without them. Your point in common with Hatfield regarding not killing finds me agreeable.

Justice and Hollywood stunts, (Christ has been a star over and over again in the pictures), are all together different matters.

To further explain my view let me borrow the characters of Idi, Ego, and Zippo to illustrate.

Idi could be a grad student who survived both world wars, and lives past the year 2000 so that he is born again to the credit of his own capitalism and his countries technology. In this sense Idi never dies and he needs no religion or life after death.

Ego finishes his beer one Sunday morning. He wouldn't be caught dead or unclaimed in church. However he does participate in some church music making. He rarely balls in the sanctuary. He leaves that to football jocks. He swears in frustration in the middle of one of his typical 17 mile runs.

Zippo lights his pipe. His ears, as always, are tuned in on high. He sharpens his pencil and scratches in the name of reason. He knows his history well and works to preserve a high level of world-wide peace and domestic law and order. For Zippo, Idi's very existence seems to serve testament before the seat of anybody who cares to think that belief in God can be embarrassing, while Ego's life and religion-of-a-sort mildly turns him on. And he does laugh a lot.

Back to the Bible. I like the fraud. It wears less blood. If I knew a living Christ, (which is absurd), "I wouldn't admit it." Men can interact with other men with pleasure enough that they don't have to be gay or have a relationship with god. Steve would have been better off to have Idi, Ego, or Zippo bless Jock than God. My blessings to...whoever might be a

more reasonable substitute. Personally I appreciate good writing and thought both of the pieces I am responding to showed thought. This being my first letter to the Emerald I sign off, the "New Intellectual" teacher and musician,

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opinion

Stop abortion funds

**Submitted by
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There is a very important issue soon to be decided by the Legislative Emergency Board which should be brought to the attention of all taxpayers, the issue is state funding of abortions. As you know the Supreme Court has ruled that the Federal Government does not have to fund abortions and our democratic president has decided to withdraw such funds leaving it up to the individual states. In fiscal year 1976, about \$1,120,000 was spent for abortions in Oregon of which \$135,000 was state money and the other \$985,000 federal money. In other words Oregon would have to pick up the remaining 88 per cent to continue funding abortions. I for one am personally opposed to abortion for moral reasons and I don't feel that my money should be used to help finance the killing of the unborn. I know that this is an emotional and sensitive issue but it is one that shouldn't be ignored. The issue of abortion gets down to the basic of all human rights, the right to life. Because of this, I feel that the abortion question should be decided purely upon moral reasons, not economical, convenience, social or medical ones.

Biologically life begins at conception when the sperm and ovum are fused. Thus we are concerned with a living human being. This human being should be granted all the right that we as humans are accustomed to. The U.S. Constitution says that we have the right to the pursuit of life! It is popular to speak of human rights and be against discrimination. One of the most discriminated against groups in Oregon is the unborn, over 2,500 were killed in the past year. Life is a sacred value, it should be protected, not destroyed.

There are many reasons given in support of abortion including: a mother has the right to control her own body, an unwanted child shouldn't be brought into the world, the poor should have equal access as the rich have to abortion, etc. First of all a woman has the right to control her own body but not the body of someone else. Why didn't the woman think of controlling her own body before engaging in intercourse? Neither a poor or rich woman has the right to take the life of another person. What about the right of the poor baby? Just because the rich do it doesn't make it right. A child wouldn't be brought into the world unwanted as there are waiting lists for parents to adopt newborn children.

There are viable alternatives to abortion which should be explored including stronger family planning, more sex education for teenagers, improved pre-natal care, increased contraceptive availability and adoption. It isn't fair that a woman should have to go through such a violent and de-humanizing process. Let's get at the root of the problem and spend our state money on some of the worthwhile alternatives, not the end product. I feel that we as Oregonians should be consistent as we have gotten rid of one death penalty, let us also get rid of another death penalty, abortion!

If you feel as strongly about this issue as I do, please write the Legislative Emergency Board, State Capitol, Salem, Ore. 97301 and tell them not to support using state funds for abortion. The members of the board are Senators Boe, Fadeley, Heard, Meeker, Potts, Ripper, Representatives Lang, Gustafson, Hanneman, Johnson, Kat, Myers, Stevenson, Sumner and Van Vliet. They will be meeting this coming Thursday, Nov. 3rd. I hope that our Legislative Emergency Board will also take a courageous stand as our federal government has done and say no to abortion and yes to life!

opinion

SEARCH for alternatives

**Submitted by
Bill May, SEARCH**

At some time while in college, many folks recognize a vague sense of dissatisfaction: things aren't going as well as they might be. Aren't there alternative methods of presenting material in class that would be more interesting? Why are certain subjects offered? Is "The System" responsive to numbers or to individuals?

Ten years ago such questions were more likely to produce tear gas than answers. In contrast to the confrontations on many campuses — and perhaps unique in the country — U of O students and faculty worked together to create a system which allows all members of the community to affect change in the curriculum: SEARCH.

SEARCH is a student agency that provides a relatively hassle free structure for people to give and take fully accredited courses not available in the standard curriculum. A course description and outline, a faculty sponsor and departmental approval are all that are needed to create a course. All arrangements for a non-credit workshop can be made at the SEARCH office. Thus, in spite of the size, complexity and seeming impersonality of the University, an individual can make a significant difference

as to what is offered and how it is presented.

Some SEARCH courses have evolved into standard departmental offerings or into separate student organizations, thereby creating lasting change in the University. All courses and workshops offer people chances to become involved directly in teaching and learning, to express and explore particular interests, to feel that they are making important personal contributions. They may create lasting changes in people.

SEARCH is a means for gaining this sense of involvement; individuals must choose to use it. If you know something you believe others might need or like to know or if you would like to organize an investigation of a subject, SEARCH can provide the support and structure for you to do it. If you are looking for classes in which the instructor has a high commitment to the subject and its presentation, consider SEARCH courses and workshops.

Active involvement contrasts with the passivity that results from feeling acted upon by the educational system. For folks willing to make the commitment, SEARCH is one way of achieving that involvement. The deadline for winter term course proposals is November 18. Stop by the SEARCH office in Suite 1, EMU for materials and help.

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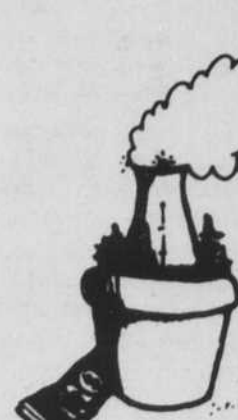
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