

ASUO should be in on negotiations

The difference of opinion about the status of Graduate Teaching Fellows has long been a cause of dispute between students and the University administration. This week, with the ASUO claim that it should be allowed to send representatives to observe the negotiations between the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF) and the University has brought to the fore the issue of whether GTF's are considered students or faculty members.

The ASUO has requested an Attorney General opinion on the matter; an opinion which could revise the way GTF's are viewed by the University. The requested opinion focuses on the ASUO right to participate in negotiations under the provisions of faculty collective bargaining legislation passed by the 1975 Legislature.

Currently, the ASUO has the right to participate in faculty negotiations, but the University has denied it the right to participate in negotiations between the GTF's and the University, explaining that GTF's are part time student employees, not faculty members.

The 1975 bill reads as follows: "Allows three student representatives to participate in negotiations at institutions of higher education between public employer and bargaining representatives of faculty." The GTFF was recognized by the State Employment Relations Board last spring as the collective bargaining unit for the GTF's. The ASUO right to send representatives to these negotiations hinges on the word "faculty."

The GTF's currently hover somewhere between being faculty members and being students. We feel that since the GTF's serve the same functions as faculty members in teaching classes, they should be recognized as faculty members for all purposes.

Student participation in negotiations is an essential part of involving students in the education process, as recognized by the 1975 Legislature. Students should be allowed participation in faculty as well as GTF negotiations.

Letters

Letter erred

While I am in agreement with much of Gary Hoyt's letter about divestiture and the Revolutionary Student Brigade, I must take exception to his assertion that America's decision to withdraw from Vietnam was brought about by people "working through the system." Some outstanding men, like Senators Morse and Gruening did try working through the system proper. Others, through anti-war rallies and teach-ins, peace marches and petitions took the route of moral suasion. (The first

teach-ins, like the one at the University of Oregon, were chiefly the expression of moral outrage at the practice of American genocide — for a description of the U of O all-night teach-in sponsored by the "Faculty-Student Committee to Stop the War in Vietnam," see the New York Times Magazine, May 9, 1965).

America was losing the longest war in its history because of the will, the determination, and the resistance of the Vietnamese people. If the war had been permitted to continue, the establishment — yes, we do have one, and its decisions are made by a narrowly de-

opinion Emerald should have refused ad

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Contrary to what was said in last Wednesday's editorial, the Emerald did have a choice when it came to running the DeBeers ad. It could have refused to. That that option wasn't even considered shows that the Emerald endorses a myth of neutrality perpetrated by newspapers for years: we're neutral because we'll take anybody's money. Such an approach to neutrality ignores the reality that people in control usually have more money than those they control. In the case of South Africa, that's true to the absurd.

No organization has taken it upon itself to advertise the plight of blacks in South Africa. Even if such an organization existed, it couldn't afford the luxury of following DeBeers around and advertising where they do. It would be hard to justify spending the money to do that when people in South Africa are living in poverty and squalor.

In the editorial there was talk of the separation of advertising and editorial departments. That separation should be there when one product is challenging another. Newspapers should not be bribed into giving free advertising disguised as news stories or accepting advertising from one company

and not another. But the need for separation pales when compared with the systematic exploitation of one race by another. If one truly abhors apartheid, the place to make a statement against it is wherever one can, including refusing advertising from a company that benefits directly from it.

The editorial also says the decision to buy from South Africa is a personal one and the Emerald should discuss that problem on the editorial page, not in the advertising columns. However, the DeBeers ad ran in the sports supplement and to assume that the same people that read about sports also read the editorial page is a self-flattery that the Emerald has no right to make.

Besides, buying from South Africa should not be a personal decision. Instituted racism is wrong regardless if 100 per cent of Emerald readers support it. As such, the Emerald should do what it can to end it, not excuse itself as neutral and uninvolved.

Finally, to advise the State Board not to profit from apartheid and then profit from it yourself is hypocrisy that is seldom equaled. If the Emerald's definition of freedom of the press requires it to take advertising from DeBeers, then the money earned from it should be given to an organization seeking to end apartheid. To keep the money makes the Emerald's cries for changes in South Africa ring a little hollow.

finer elite — could not have handled it. The staggering social and economic costs might have brought it down.

What the Library of Congress in its catalogues, has wishy-washily called the "Vietnamese Conflict," (How could it dare call it a war, since its nominal boss, the Congress of the United States, had declared none?), ended, not because people "worked through the system," but because the system was in peril.

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expressed its opinion on the editorial page, where opinion belongs. Last year the controversy was over Gallo ads; before that, it was ROTC ads. What is to come? Who knows? But by sticking to its principles, the Emerald can act fairly when the issue of accepting advertising invariably comes up again.

As for Connelly's occasional contributions to the sports pages — I'm sure they'll be missed. I guess Dan Lindahl will just have to settle for another writer whose moral character is not made of such stern stuff.

you to get to the welfare office early to avoid the Christmas rush of "double dippers."

Three hundred thousand steel workers, many of whose only crime was to be stupid enough to be born hard-working in a lucrative welfare state, remind you that it's only twenty-six days until the end of the tax year, and we have to dig deep into our pockets once again to pay for a thousand different social welfare programs.

The rapists, murderers, looters, welfare cheats, and Gore Vidal implore you to be liberal and apologize to them for having treated them so badly.

Happy New Year! from Czechoslovakia, where Soviet tanks patrol the streets to protect the people from themselves ... from Cambodia, where refugees keep flooding across the borders into Thailand and Vietnam to escape the new People's democracy ... from Uganda, where the genocide will no doubt continue without pause through this festive season ... from Soviet Siberia, Angola, Cuba, and all the other garden spots that we liberals so conveniently forget about.

As for myself, I am thankful we live in a world where ingratitude is

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Emerald fair

The Emerald, including Editor Wally Benson and advertising manager Carl Bryant, should be complimented for its handling of the DeBeers diamond advertisement.

Freedom of the press means just that — in ads too. Nothing in the DeBeers ad was offensive. Apartheid is not a good thing, as that day's editorial stated, but DeBeers has the right to offer a product in a free marketplace just as Michael Connelly has the right to his opinion (Dec. 2).

A newspaper's duty is to remain neutral. The Emerald did that, and

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Season's greetings

Season's greetings from Boise, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Seattle, Omaha, and every other middle class city in the country (not to mention rural America) ... please don't forget us as you buy your Christmas turkey with food stamps (and please don't blame us if we seem somewhat concerned about all the goodies our taxes provide you).

The nation's hard working middle class (officially numbering over two-hundred million) remind

