

# Some changes due

Some of the ASUO program directors are unhappy about the EMU method of scheduling rooms for speakers and events. The directors have circulated a petition asking for a more dependable system for scheduling meetings and the like. And we don't blame them.

When someone wants to schedule a room in the EMU, they're never sure about which room they'll get until the day of the meeting. The result is that the people who want to hold a meeting don't know where it is to be held until the day of the meeting.

In addition, the present scheduling method doesn't give the students enough advance notice of the location of the meeting to let them plan their day around a meeting if they want to attend it. In some cases, meetings may be canceled because rooms aren't available. Also, if exact rooms could be noted in advertisements or meeting notices, students may be more likely to remember the meeting and more likely to attend it. These are all good reasons for the EMU management to take a hard look at possible alternatives.

# More rhetoric

The election of 1978 is shaping up to be one of personality versus personality. And as of Friday, the Fourth District Congressional race took on the air of attack as Republican Jerry Lausmann launched a few biting missiles at incumbent Democrat Jim Weaver.

Friday, Lausmann began a speech before the Round Table Republican Forum by mimicking Weaver's oration style. After three minutes of the affair, Lausmann said this: "I hope you people aren't buying this garbage, because if you are, you are buying the typical rhetoric of a typical Jim Weaver speech."

Calling Weaver's campaign style "Weaverbabble," Lausmann then criticized Weaver for contradicting himself in his campaign of 1976, when Lausmann was defeated by Weaver.

Lausmann then said he favors less regulation of business, more free enterprise and said Weaver's plans for the expansion of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness area is too confining on the timber industry. "We better look at every acre of land with a real eye toward multiple use," Lausmann said.

Another issue Lausmann addressed was the Panama Canal, which he said "we bought; we did not steal it." Lausmann said that "once we've signed the treaties, we may find ourselves in a position of having to invade to defend it."

Even with the fact that we disagree with Lausmann's stands at virtually every turn, we find his attacks on Jim Weaver, no matter how typical a politician he may be, to be stooping to a new low in politics.

In 1976, Lausmann lost to Weaver when he addressed the issues. He ran a mellow campaign, criticized Weaver occasionally and generally stuck to the issues. This year, he seems to be taking on the airs of the typical politician he says he detests. It takes something more than a typical politician to criticize an opponent without calling his rhetoric, which is synonymous with his "stands," garbage.

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"DID YOU NOTICE HOW THAT CRUEL REPUBLICAN U.S. ATTORNEY IS HARASSING THOSE POOR DEMOCRATS, MR. BELL? I HOPE SOMEBODY IN AUTHORITY FIRES HIM FOR IT—WITHOUT TELLING ME, OF COURSE..."

# Letters

## No humanity

The South African government once again has defied all concerns of humanity and justice in their racist apartheid measures. An article in the Jan. 20th Oregonian tells of the forced removal of 20,000 black persons from the desolate Cape Flats in the area northwest of Cape Town. These people are primarily the wives, children and parents of the black workforce of Cape Town who were forced to leave the cities over the last few years and settled there in a last, desperate effort to stay near their home and breadwinner.

The government of South Africa will neither recognize the black's right to have a normal family life, or to live in the homes they have occupied for generations. The refugees' pitiful shacks were bulldozed and the authorities offered to transport these people to some other barren wasteland to earn their poor wage and send these pennies to the families they miss so dearly.

If these facts were not so clearly true, they would seem to be some grade B melodrama, hardly believable in their squalor.

And the South African government will no doubt shout "murder" when the people rise up to claim the dignity due them as human

beings. But we will not forget how this uprising came to be. Just as we remember the Nazi gas-chambers we will remember Vorsters' removal and separation of the black family and how Ford, Mobil, Coca-Cola, I.B.M. and other big corporations paid his bill.

hind your pen and let us debate this topic in public and let us do it in an adult fashion please. You may contact me by telephone at 687-0928.

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## Echo of the past

In reading Jock Hatfield's column Friday, concerning the course "How to be born again 336," I picked up the common feeling of most people, including Christians, that the Christian life is so full of requirements that it is hard to get a "good grade" in it. With this analysis of the Christian situation, I basically agree with Jock. I have to say that being born again is simple, but I do know that after that experience I came under a lot of requirements. These lead to a lot of struggling and failure.

I eventually realized that Christ doesn't care to artificially regulate me outwardly, but rather to constitute me inwardly by becoming my life contest. Now the old requirements of "being a good Christian" that religion imbedded in me are becoming just an echo of the past. Now I enjoy experiencing this One who has joined Himself to me; who is life Himself.

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## Biorhythm debate

Last semester, Terrence Hines and myself engaged in a series of opinion columns arguing the pros and cons of the Biorhythm theory. The last column I submitted (November 23rd) challenged Mr. Hines to publicly debate and justify his position — one of a fierce almost irrational scepticism. As a result, Mr. Hines called upon KUGN radio to act as a moderator on a talk show scheduled to take place in mid-December.

As it turned out, pre-Christmas commitments prevented Hines from keeping the date agreed upon and the show was postponed. I was expecting him to follow through and reschedule the debate for sometime this month, but since he has not done so, I find it appropriate to issue this gentle reminder to him:

Mr. Hines, come out from be-

