



Sound logic

At last someone was disturbed enough about the fallacy of logic in Israeli Premier Begin's argument to speak up! Or it might have been the extent of fallacy that made it intolerable!

In any case I applaud Mr. Anderson for his sound logic and conscience and I wish he had suggested one more way in analyzing the Palestinian question and reaching a just answer: logic!

Fordous Tawfiq
Senior, Mathematics

Elitist lawyer

Michael Leeds (letters, Emerald, Feb. 17) typifies the elitist philosophy expounded by an unnerving number of second-year law students today.

Why he complains about the extra \$300 yearly fee is beyond me. After squeezing his first corporate client in his first month of professional lawyerism, Mr. Leeds will earn back his \$300 and a great deal more.

Even after paying office expenses, car payments on the Mercedes and rent on the penthouse, Leeds' bank account will be much more padded than the undergraduates he points to other study areas.

Leed's suggestions also ring somewhat hollow. While the ASUO workers may not be busy all the time, the journalists in the Emerald office must — unlike lawyers — work for a living.

Sue Onym
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Editorial erred

Your editorial "Law School turns away undergrads" created a false impression in the University community which needs to be corrected. Contrary to your statement, the Law Library is available to undergraduates who are engaged in law-related research and study.

During this school year the law building has been used increasingly by non-law students as a study hall. Despite the fact that the building is not intended to serve as a general study hall for the undergraduate population, it became common to find several hundred such students in the building, especially during evening hours. We lived with the situation for many months, despite numerous problems and complaints. Finally we came to the reluctant conclusion that it was necessary to ask undergraduates not to use the building (and especially the law library) as a study or recreation hall. Notices were posted around the building explaining in detail why this request was necessary.

The law library is a reference library and intended for use by those engaged in law study and legal research. It cannot accommodate large numbers of people who are not using the facilities for this purpose. Law students pay an extra fee which is used primarily for Law Library support. This fee is not paid by other students.

Contrary to your editorial, the

law building was not paid entirely from state funds. The building was specifically designed and financed to accommodate the law program and was, in fact, paid for in one-third part by a federal grant which specified the facilities were to be used for graduate level education.

Your editorial writer should be aware that law students were faced with a variety of problems when the building became a study hall used by hundreds of people. These problems included excessive noise, interference with evening classes, stolen coffee money, difficulty in finding a room for group study projects, excessive trash, smoking violations in the classrooms and pre-emption of the phones paid for by the Student Bar Association.

I am sorry that you painted our decision to ask non-law students not to use the law building as a study hall as arbitrary and unreasonable. A notice was posted in advance explaining our request and the Student Bar Association President and I went from room to room during evening hours to explain it personally. Substantial reasons support this request and I do not believe it is arbitrary.

Chapin Clark
Law School Dean

Gilmore biased

I am very concerned about recent action taken by Mary Gilmore of the Incidental Fee Committee in regards to the proposed 1978-79 budget for the Gay People's Alliance.

According to an Emerald article (2/15/78), Gilmore rejected all four of the GPA-proposed goals not because of any personal objection, but because "the people who elected her did not find the GPA a valid program."

The only constituency an IFC member has is the entire student body. IFC members do not represent specific voting coalitions!

I voted for Gilmore last fall; I also happen to support the GPA. Doesn't my vote count?

Because I was not at the IFC hearing, I am assuming that the Emerald was correct in its coverage of Gilmore's comments. If Gilmore's objections were on moral grounds, I can respect that; but I would ask that she abstain from voting on such matters in light of that kind of bias.

Keli Osborn
Junior, Journalism

Special month

Take note America. Wake up Eugene. Come out of hibernation University of Oregon. Do you know that February is a special month? It is the month to emphasize and honor the achievement made by blacks in America — National Black History Month.

Awaken your minds, familiarize yourself with some of the black people who have made contributions toward the advancement of this nation:

Frederick Douglass (1817-1895) — militant leader who in-

spired the defense against exploitation, discrimination, segregation, oppression and slavery.

W.E.B. DuBois (1868-1963) — Spokesman and scholar; the father of black protest in the 20th century.

Nat Turner (1800-1831) — Slave revolt leader in one of the most successful revolts in history.

Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806) — Scientist, surveyor who helped lay out our nation's capital.

Edward Brooke (1919-) — U.S. Senator.

Martin Luther King, Jr. — Apostle of non-violence, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Leader of civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s.

A. Philip Randolph — Labor leader, founder of first black labor union.

Rosa Parks — Civil rights worker who refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus which facilitated the movement to desegregate public facilities.

Ida B. Wells — Anti-lynching crusader.

Malcolm X — He taught blacks to be fearless in the fight against racism and oppression. Established the Organization of Afro-American Unity.

Elijah Muhammad — Leader of the nation of Islam, which is an Organization that put emphasis on the black man's worth.

Mary MacLoyd Bethune — Famous educator.

Sojourner Truth — A dynamic lecturer, a prophet who foresaw the freedom of the slaves.

No matter what color, we can all benefit from knowing about blacks who have made important contributions to our country, for it gives us a sense of balance when we consider the development of the United States.

Dale Warren
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Black Student Union
Senior, Business Finance

Support UMW

The UMWA miners' strike began when their contract ran out in December. Medical benefits had been cut off and under the old contract miners couldn't ensure their own safety because they were forbidden to walk out of an unsafe mine. Pensions for 83,000 retired miners were in danger and have since been cut off. In short, the 160,000 miners began their longest strike in history to fight the

capitalists' attacks on all the gains they'd won through struggle over the years.

The miners are demanding restoration of full medical coverage and pensions and the right to strike over local grievances. But along with their faithful union lackey, UMWA Miller, the companies recently proposed a contract restoring only limited medical benefits and pensions and fining miners for local strikes. The miners' response was to angrily denounce this sell-out.

The companies, who at the beginning of the strike tried to demoralize the miners with claims of stockpiled coal that wouldn't run out, have now been forced to change their tune as coal shortages threaten production in other sectors of the economy. The companies use the media and their class representative, Jimmy Carter, to drum up anti-miner sentiment, blaming the miners for creating a "national energy crisis."

The real criminals are the companies whose drive for profit is the only barrier to coal production. In the face of these threats the miners are even more determined not to go back to the mines until they've won back their right to strike and full medical coverage. Students should support the miners' fight for a decent life.

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Emerald inaccurate

I can appreciate ASUO's and the undergraduate community's concern regarding the recent enforcement of the law school's policy restricting the use of the law center as a general purpose study hall. However, the Emerald's editorial of Feb. 14, 1978 contained several blatantly inaccurate statements. It is obviously poorly researched and contributes nothing to an understanding of the situation.

The editorial states non-law students would no longer be able to use the law library for legal research. This is totally incorrect. Any person engaged in legally related research is welcome.

This policy is clearly stated on the sign prominently displayed in the entrance to the law library and is included in Dean Clark's statement of Feb. 6, 1978.

Braulio Escobar
Student Bar Association
President

Power projects

I really enjoyed Walworth's cartoon about the guy who discovered that EWEB owns part of the "Trojan nuclear menace." The Trojan plant certainly is a menace and will become even more of a menace if Portland General Electric Co. is permitted to store one million curies of deadly radioactivity in the form of spent fuel rods 250 yards from the Lower Columbia River.

The Power Research Group (PRG) is carrying out an investigation of the geology (earthquake potential) of the Trojan site and has already prompted the Oregon Dept. of Energy to request the new Oregon state geologist to follow up on what PRG has discovered. PRG is also looking into the history of the siting of the Trojan plant in 1970-1971 and is turning up some startling information in that area also.

The cartoon was misleading in the last panel where everything was dark, however, because EWEB doesn't get any electricity from Trojan. EWEB's share is sold by the Bonneville Power Administration to EWEB's other customers. EWEB makes money off the "nuclear menace" but receives no power from it, so the utility could divest itself of the 30 percent of Trojan it owns and the lights would not go out.

PRG is also investigating the way power is sold both in the Northwest and also the large export sales to California utilities. Students interested in working on these and other energy related projects including public vs private power, should contact the Survival Center in the EMU.

John Bartels
Power Research Group

Letters policy

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