

Ultimate irony

It was the ultimate irony. Scores of people milling around outside the Waco Cinema waiting to see Eugene Ionesco, French literary giant of the 20th century, and being told that building and fire regulations would prevent any more of them from entering. As a friend of mine pointed out, Ionesco, one of the "founders" of the Theater of the Absurd, should have been there with camera in hand.

Here was a man possessing one of the most enlightened and important minds in the history of literature, a man who had travelled thousands of miles to Eugene, and we are deprived, many forever, of seeing him due to fire hazard. If I could channel my anger it would have to be towards the sponsors of the "event", for improper anticipation (in arranging a speaking place), and as a result depriving me (and many others) of a truly exciting experience. Such action is anathema to everything a university (with its inherent opportunities) stands for. Indeed, a grievous error was committed.

**Tom Goldman
Junior, undeclared**

Irrational

The view of "Fascinating Womanhood" is one more example of female-male manipulation. Any view that espouses an "infallible Bible" for "rules of living" is an abdication of personal responsibility, and is inconsistent with rational mind.

**Betty Luginbill
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Rhodesian farce

The Rhodesian "settlement" recently agreed upon by Ian Smith and his three hand-picked black "leaders", which is supposedly going to result in the formation of a government representing the black majority, is actually nothing but an attempt by Smith to misdirect the Black people's desire for liberation and keep a lid on the revolutionary movement there.

The clauses in this settlement expose its true nature. It provides for many special privileges for whites, including the right to have their own court system; it gives whites virtual veto power in Parliament and, most important, keeps control of the police and army in their hands. Thus, the plan is designed to prevent any effective rule by the blacks, instead of the other way around. This is no coincidence — Smith and the white minority regime he represents are only dressing up the same old scheme of things in new clothes. They want to ensure the continued exploitation of the black people, though they may not be able to do so in so blatant a form as before.

The three black "leaders" who signed the agreement — Bishop Muzorewa, Rev. Sithole, and Chief Chirau — have been denounced as puppets by the Patriotic Front, the real representative of the Zimbabwean (Rhodesian) people. While taking advantage of the fact that they are black, the Smith regime has schooled these three misleaders well in what is good for the white minority and imperialist's interests. A good example of how these leaders have sold themselves is Sithole, who was given a \$40,000 house complete with servants in an exclusively white suburb.

The U.S. government, however, is not satisfied with the settlement, not because it wants genuine liberation for blacks, but because it realizes that the plan is so farcical that it is doomed to fail. The imperialists know that the vast majority of blacks support the Patriotic Front, composed of the two guerilla groups, ZANU and ZAPU. These groups are fighting for genuine liberation, not to promote their own careers; they have denounced the settlement as being worthless.

The U.S. imperialists don't want to put their support behind puppets so exposed so as to be swept away by the real liberation movement. Instead, seeking to split the unity of the guerrilla groups and establish control over the likely winner through military and other aid, the U.S. hopes to protect its millions in investments in the country.

The machinations of Smith, his puppets and the U.S. government will never succeed since the people of Zimbabwe will not be deceived by this bogus Settlement and will fight until they have not only brought down white minority rule, but have also driven out the U.S. imperialists.

**Myra Delay of Southern Africa
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Protect our dope

I am appalled to hear that the U.S. government is endangering our health by assisting the Mexicans in spraying marijuana and poppy fields with herbicides.

When I am engaging in an illegal act I expect full protection from my government.

**Mike Lee
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Spring battle

A sign of spring particularly welcome to the prospective graduate is the appearance of company recruiters, through one of whom he/she just might get a job. Their presence also annually inspires representatives of the one-time Students for a Democratic Society or, currently, Clergy and Laity Concerned, to denounce this capitalistic invasion of our Grove of Academe.

"It's time to question," proclaims the CALC spokesman (March 1), "why the University offers legitimacy (sic) to recruiters from corporations like (sic) Del Monte." But for the answer one hardly needs to read further than that Del Monte is "the largest fruit and vegetable canner in the world ... has annual sales of \$1.5 billion and ... operations in 21 countries and 17 states ..." Furthermore, it makes "huge profits." Are University job-seekers at this point supposed to turn away, retching and holding their noses?

Del Monte's most nefarious conduct, it seems, is "its involvement in cash cropping," i.e., raising crops not for local consumption but, horrible to say, for export — yes, actually to sell for cash! Presumably should Del Monte and other "multinational corporations"

suspend these export operations and cease meeting their payrolls the local prosperity and protein consumption would immediately achieve high levels.

If CALC had its way, I suspect, the only recruiters allowed on campus would be those seeking volunteer laborers on kindly Ole Marse Fidel's sugar plantations. But can one be absolutely sure that all that sugar is consumed locally?

**Kenneth Porter
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Wastefulness

As a man striving to save energy where he can, I write this letter in a fit of frustration. I feel frustrated when I return to the dorm at 3:00 a.m., when not a soul is awake, and find every light in the downstairs lounge on, and the door wide open with the heat pouring into the cool night. I remedy the situation and proceed upstairs to find the hall lights on, the heater in the bathroom turned up full, and the bathroom and hall windows wide open. From talking to people in other dorms, I understand that their situation is similar.

This energy wastefulness is also practiced by the administrators of this college. Any one who has a class in Deady Hall can corroborate that statement. Many times I have arrived at my calculus class to be greeted with blasting heat from the heaters and cold wind from the gaping windows, even on days when the sun is streaming in. I would like to find the people responsible for the heating in Deady so that they could be drawn and quartered and left to shrivel hanging above the heating vents.

Both cases are unnecessary. If the people in the dorms, the administrators of the college, and everyone would only turn off all unnecessary lights, try not to waste their heat, drive less and car-pool when possible, and do anything else they can to save this planet's energy supply, perhaps it won't run out so quickly. Perhaps we may make it to the next century.

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Forget the machine

"Lie" detector tests are not only unreliable and invalid, but are generally used in a flagrant discriminatory manner against job applicants or workers that a boss wants an excuse to get rid of. The tests are conducted in a totally non-objective and unscientific manner. Rigorous double-blind studies of their ability to detect lies have not been in any reputable physiological laboratory to my knowledge. In an investigation of local employers such as banks and department stores done by some students of mine in 1973, the polygraphers stated that they often made up their minds about an interviewee during the pre-interview before the actual polygraph test, which was then done *pro forma* just to support their conclusions.

People forced to take such tests to get jobs should feel no fear about the machine itself determining anything. Direct all your answers to the interviewer, and if he can be observed watch his reactions closely and gear your answers accordingly. Forget about the machine; the interviewer is the one who will determine things, not the machine.

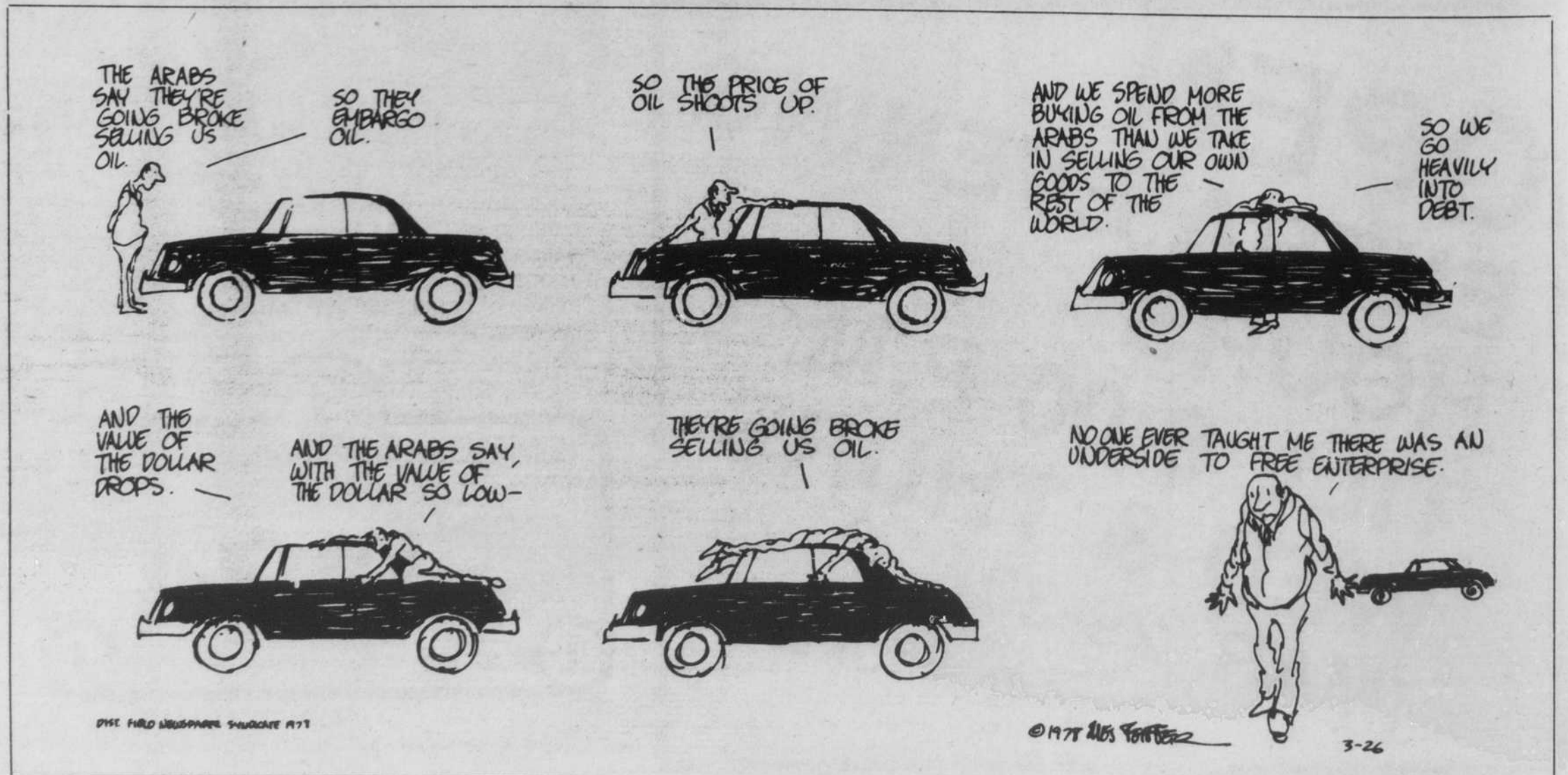
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Vote for Scott

As a private citizen I would like to add a few good words for a certain candidate for the Lane Community College Board of Education. The candidate is Alan Scott.

Even though he is not the only good candidate for his seat, I think he has some outstanding qualifications that are worth considering. His willingness to do community public service is evidenced by his involvement with Grower's Market, the Community Center for the Performing Arts, and Legal Aid. As a lawyer, he would be an effective member of the Board, representing both the students and the community.

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