



A simple request

As one of the peaceful majority of dorm residents fed up with sub-human behavior, I would like to address two different groups of dorm residents. First I want to speak to the people who dump ashtrays in the halls, blast stereos from windows, pull bathroom stalls from ceilings, drop used toilet paper on the bathroom floors (yes, really), break windows and lights, steal filters from drains, cut telephone cords, shred phone books, leave trays on cafeteria tables and scatter food everywhere, steal from other residents' rooms and clothes dryers, and likewise mutilate the dorms.

Although you have always been the first to complain about the food, the staff and other students, you feel privileged to turn our dorms into pig stys, force us to live in them and even pay for your damages. You seem to think that your destructiveness is funny or that it doesn't even matter. But why should anyone have to clean up after you? With your attitude I'm surprised that you ever learned to wipe yourselves; it's only a slight extension of your character.

You must have a lot of selfishness or hostility to care so little about our feelings and our right to live in decent dorms. Perhaps you are unable to even understand my opinion. I ask only that you move from the dorms into your own homes so that you can vandalize to your hearts' content, hurting no one but yourselves.

I aim my second plea to those intimidated dorm students who try to rationalize other people's destructiveness by such excuses as "he was drunk," "he has a lot of energy," or "he didn't premeditate it or anything, it was just an impulse," as if this makes it right. Why are you rationalizing their behavior? If you're afraid of offending them just remember that they don't care if they demolish your residence or cost you money. I adjure you to allow yourselves a little indignation and stop deceiving yourselves by numbing your

sense of right and wrong.

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Israel not racist

The letter I write today is directed to the May 8th letter of one Sioux Thompson who has, as have so many other Arab students lately, directed his persuasive efforts to the alleged "Zionist racism" of the State of Israel. Since I, as these writers, am also sensitive to the issue of racism, I believe that a complete evaluation of the issue can only be fairly made when one remembers to consider the plight of the Jew in Arab nations where they have resided since the institution of the Diaspora 2,000 years ago.

Saudi Arabia allows no Jews. It goes as far as excluding Jewish employees of American companies and American Jewish military personnel. Libya and Algeria have long since eliminated their Jewish populations. Most of the Jews of Egypt fled that country due to fear and coercion. The formerly large Jewish populations of Syria and Iraq have been reduced to a handful of ghettoized and brutalized people, severely restricted in their daily lives; hostages who are not allowed to emigrate. Jewish life in Yemen no longer exists. The story of the Kurds in Iraq and the non-Moslems of the Sudan are equally unpleasant. Yet, in their recent demonstration at this University, Arab students ironically proclaimed, "Jews Yes, Zionists No, Racists must Go!!" Zionism, the Jewish movement to return to the ancestral home, is the antithesis of racism in that it is a reaction to it. Zionism will exist as long as racist attitudes prevail in the minds of men toward the Jew. The State of Israel, where Jews can live freely, is thus a necessary reality. Paranoia? Yes, but justification is found in review of every generation since the Babylonian captivity.

Furthermore, the "Oriental" Jews of Israel, those who the writer in question refers to as

"second-class citizens" in their own society are primarily Jews who have been driven out of the aforementioned nations and have been welcomed into Israel. They are among the strongest Zionist supporters of the State of Israel for they have come to the realization that their only hope for a fair and judicious life lies in the future of the Israeli State.

Unfortunately, the sudden influx of the Oriental Jews into Israeli society has created a class an-

tagonism; however, this is a sociological phenomena which will occur in any culture made up of a mixture of people from diverse cultural backgrounds. Unlike the chasm which separates Blacks and Whites in America, Israel is slowly but surely effecting an alleviation of the problem. Inter-marriage between Jews of the European and Oriental extraction is on the increase, thus a blending of the two cultures is inevitable and equality is foreseeable.

Regardless, however, of the relief of class differentiation within Israeli society, this point remains: as long as such "racist" discrimination exists in nations around the world toward the weary Jew, there will always exist that need for, and thus the continued realization of, the Israeli State as a haven for the persecuted descendents of the ancient sovereigns of the land of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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opinion

SUAB: an exciting year ahead

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SUAB is moving. The Student University Affairs Board has been a part of the ASUO since 1974. This spring, however, two constitutional amendments were passed by voters in the ASUO elections, both of which will greatly increase the potential of the Representative branch of our student government. The first of these amendments liberated the position of Vice President for State and University Affairs to the sole responsibility of State Affairs. This shifted the weight of University Affairs strictly to the Board, eliminating much needless ambiguity.

The second amendment rearranged the 18 constituencies of the Board to 17 constituencies and 1 chairperson, allowing the chairperson to focus on the smooth and continuous administration of the Board. In addition, the 11 newly elected members have a feverish enthusiasm similar to the new ASUO Executive. This contagion of enthusiasm and drive means a lot in any government, and it means even more in student government where it's so rare.

One of the areas in which SUAB expects to expand is in the initiation of legislation before the University Senate and General Assembly. Because of the potential important issues students can bring before these bodies, this becomes an important goal, in spite of the fact that very little legislation has been sponsored by SUAB in recent years. Another area in which SUAB expects to expand is that of student involvement. This will be accomplished in several ways: increased student activity in University Faculty and Departmental committees, organization and active participation in academic student unions, and active solicitation of often neglected student grievances.

The key to an effective and responsive Student University Affairs Board is student involvement. The 18 members on the board will be easily accessible through the maintaining of at least 5 posted office hours each week. These will be held in their respec-

tive departments, the Information and Grievance Center, and in Suite 4, in the EMU. Because it is unfeasible for the SUAB representatives to contact each person in their departments, it is up to you to take the time to find out who your representative is and when and where you can talk to them. SUAB is ready to take a more active role in University affairs, but the only way they can accomplish this is through constant student feed-back.

The 1978 Board members are:

- Harold McLean Law
- Anamaria Bell Journalism and Speech
- John Koford Business and Economics
- Open Business and Economics
- Jess Barton Education and CSPA
- Mitzi Primak Education and CSPA
- Open P.E., Recreation, Health, and Dance
- Robert Wah Biology, Chemistry, and Pre-Health Sciences
- Open General Science, Physics, Math, and Computer Science
- Open Architecture
- Salena Baker Fine and Applied Arts, Art History, and Art Education
- Mike Haddock Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology
- Kevin Pope Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology
- Jim Pasero Political Science, History, and Geography
- Elray Stewart Cook Music
- Carrie Winegar English, Languages, Geology, Philosophy, General Humanities, Linguistics, and General Arts and Letters
- Josh Smith Undeclared
- Gary McMahon Chairperson

The open positions will need to be filled in the Fall ASUO election, so if you are looking for an interesting and informative way to spend the next two years, you should seriously consider running for the position representing your major.

Expect an exciting and productive year!

