

### 'We hate lies'

We hate lies and we have been lied to. Don't think we're unaware of what we can only call a conspiracy, a conspiracy which is at work to corrupt our college experience, one of the few experiences that raises life above the squalid existence of a dog or a rat.

We were told by our high school guidance counselors that people would "level with us" in college. Well, brothers and sisters, "it just ain't so!"

Rather than remark upon the excremental thought process that drive people like grazing sheep from class to class, three abreast, in straight lines and orderly rows, we will come straight to the point.

We stand against a group of people who are well-organized and universal in their effect, yet who are also completely anonymous.

For the purposes of our lonely vigil, we refer to this pernicious network as "the University Hedonists."

How do we know them? Where do they come from; what are they doing here? Look around you: tight jeans with embroidered stars on the pockets, ski jackets in yellow and green, expressions of bovine contentment on their faces when, in local taverns and sandwich shoppes, the scores of major football contests are announced.

Rather than let this disgrace continue, we intend to "go to the mattresses." Our weapons? The work, the willful perversion of good sense, the repeated violation of good taste and the rigor of hearts untarnished by the rust of papping sentimental materialism.

We are the University Nihilists; this is our hammer!

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### Vets say thanks

The University Veterans would like to thank the Emerald for its coverage on November 10th of Veterans Day and its true meaning.

The problems veterans face should be of concern to everyone because many of us who went to Vietnam were citizen soldiers — those who were drafted and sent to war not knowing really why.

We especially want to thank Keli Osborn and Cathy Siegner for their concern by making veterans' issues known to the public.

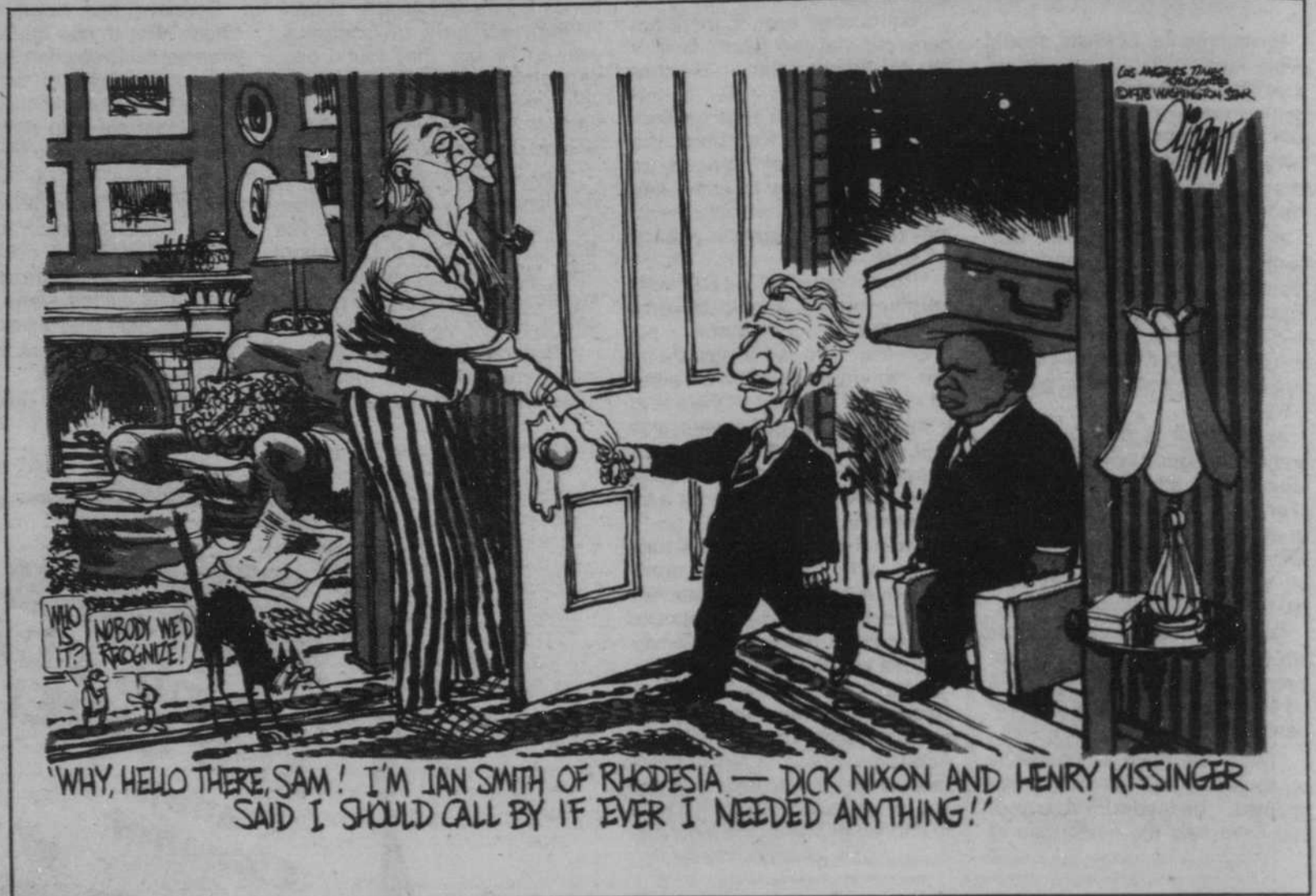
Of special interest to us was the article on Agent Orange and the lack of sensitivity and universal usage of toxic chemicals which our government applied in Vietnam. It took nearly 25 years for the VA to recognize the 100,000 veterans who were exposed to radiation during the atomic tests in Nevada.

How much longer will it take to recognize the nearly 2 million G.I.'s who were exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam?

The problem with delayed reactions to radiation and toxic chemical exposure is that the cause and effect relationship has to be proven before compensation is given. Ten to fifteen years after the time of exposure assures the government that most records will have been destroyed or untraceable. This is the case with the radiation victims the VA now recognizes.

Only 5,000 out of the 100,000 G.I.'s exposed can be identified by record. Let's hope this doesn't happen to the Vietnam Veteran.

University Veterans Association



### Why not train?

I get so mad when coaches and athletic administrators think that the only way to build a national caliber team is by recruiting and scholarships.

What happened to the learning experience athletics was intended to be? What happened to the "we don't want to be like the men" attitude that was supported vigorously in women's athletics when I was a freshman? Somewhere along the line the principle behind women's athletics at UO has been covered up by dollar signs.

Cutting JV teams, importing players and freshman priority do not build a strong program. Why should a junior or senior with more ability be cut from a team to make room for a "potential" freshman whose only advantage is one or two more years of eligibility? To develop potential is what JV programs are for — develop it first and then put the player on the team.

Unfortunately some coaches have lost sight of this fundamental ideal and consequently everyone loses. One senior woman athlete summed up the situation by saying, "I'm just glad I'm getting out now!" Amen.

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### Alternative available

With reference to the article headed "Advocate opts for Natural Alternative" printed on Nov. 14 discussing the Billings Ovulation method of natural birth control, I wish to make people aware that there are other teachers of this method in the Eugene area in addition to Tary Tobin (who is a very qualified instructor), who teach the method on a more frequent basis.

I am a member of Ovulation Method Teacher's Association and have been a user of this method for three years.

I teach the method on a monthly basis and can be contacted at 343-0962.

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### Studies alive

Whatever other misinformation was set down in the reportage of Mr. Kogut in the Emerald of Nov. 14 ("Black faculty verifies laxity in recruitment"), I leave Professors Coleman, Carter, and Rousseve to speak too. But as a recent member of the Executive Council of the Modern Language Association, I must set the record straight about the paragraph "A few years ago in the journal of the Modern Language Association . . . there was created an ethnic subdivision."

But that's all dead now . . . First of all, the journal does not have any subdivisions; the Association itself has formal divisions and discussion groups, with elected executive committees.

Second, the division on "Ethnic Studies in Language and Literature," as it has been renamed, is alive and well, offering not one but six programs at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Association in New York. Additionally, there are permanent discussion groups on "Afro-American Literature" and "American Indian Literature," each of which is offering a program at this year's meeting.

To paraphrase Mark Twain, the report of the demise of ethnic studies at the MLA is decidedly premature.

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### Shah must go

For the past few weeks the demonstrations in Iran have captured headlines and prime time in news reports. The country's economy has virtually come to a halt because of the massive strikes by workers whose political demands belie the news media's attempt to label the unrest as the work of "fanatical Moslems."

Thousands of people are defying the martial law and daily demonstrate as tanks and soldiers attempt to gain control of the situation. The Shah is in serious trouble, and the U.S. government finds itself once again in the position of supporting an unpopular dictator in order to preserve its own interests.

What are these interests? The Shah purchases over half of all the arms and military equipment sold by the United States annually.

American businesses have massive investments in Iran where natural resources are abundant and labor is cheap. Iran is portrayed as a land of vast wealth, but in reality Iran's economic affluence is severely limited to a narrow strata of the population who are very rich in contrast to the general population, many of whom lack the basic necessities of life. Iran is portrayed as an ancient land in the throes of modernization, but the agricultural production, which for centuries has supported the population, has been destroyed by the so-called land reforms, health care and schools are inadequate, and there is a severe shortage of housing.

The country, which for the last 25 years has suffered under a complete dictatorship, denies the most basic human rights. And Jimmy Carter, for all his rhetoric on "human rights" phoned his approval a few weeks ago when the Shah ordered Marshall Law; and recently his administration approved new shipments of riot control gear destined for Iran.

Why does the American news media distort this reality? According to the Los Angeles Times (August 17, 1978), due to the popular uprising in Iran and the increasingly unstable position of the Shah, "1,000 U.S. troops are being trained for possible intervention in Iran."

And almost lost among the headlines is the recent approval by Congress of a million dollar budget increase for the Selective Service which leads one to wonder if Carter and the Pentagon have plans to reinstate the draft. The American government knows that a favorable public opinion is a necessity for the implementation of such moves as these, and by distorting the facts of the recent events in Iran the government is hoping to create support for its present actions and to set the stage for approval of any future direct action it may feel is necessary.

What can you do? Iran today appears very much like Vietnam in 1964, and that should be of grave concern to the American people. We hope that those Americans who have gone through the Chilean and Vietnam experience will not let such a thing happen again. By joining our demonstration on Friday you can raise your voice in protest against the U.S. government's support of the Shah.

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