

### Divestiture bill the best answer

Oregon's legislative days of glory for such national precedents as aerosol bans and marijuana-law reform have begun to fade.

So, a proposed bill that would prohibit investment of state funds in corporations doing business with South Africa comes as a refreshing opportunity for leadership.

The proposal, in the form of an amendment to SB 957 now in the Senate Aging and Minority Affairs committee, also would require divestiture "within a reasonable period of time."

Such a law would effectively resolve a profound moral issue that currently has become ensnared in the court system. Despite pessimistic predictions of its fate by its sponsor, Portland Sen. Jan Wyers, the mere existence of such a proposal is a welcome sign.



## YOURS

### CCDC all right

This is in answer to the accusations of Ms. Melanie Rapoport toward the University of Oregon Child Care & Development Center.

First, I will qualify myself. I have been associated with the CCDC for six years; two as an aide, four as a teacher, and three of those years as a parent as well. My child was in the infant program for almost two years and is now in the toddler house. I have an opportunity to constantly "keep an eye on" the infant program since we share the same playground and I visit from time to time. I feel like their program is providing high quality care.

The adult-child ratios in all the groups here are usually higher than private centers or daycare homes. My own child benefited greatly from the infant program and at no time have I felt that she was in a potentially dangerous situation. The people providing the care are sensitive, creative and responsible.

As both a teacher and a parent at the CCDC I am in a unique position. I have the training and logic of a teacher but I understand deeply the emotions of a parent who has no choice but to leave her child at a day care center to make a living. It's very easy, as parents sometimes do, to find fault with day care programs because of guilt and anxiety at leaving your child. No matter how rational you feel you are, the sometimes crazy emotions of a parent are hard to deal with.

As a teacher I have had to deal with parents in these situations and it must be stressed that the parents as well as the teachers have a responsibility to communicate, it's one of our biggest problems. Because of suppressed feelings, personal biases, and the lack of communication about these things, small grievances often get blown out of proportion as in the recent situation. If a parent communicates with teachers and other parents both s/he can find a very valuable support

system as I have found.

If communications stop, only unhappiness and bad feelings result. No environment — home or institutional — will ever be perfect, but I feel like the CCDC is close to it. If it was the awful place that Ms. Rapoport portrays I would be the first to remove my child and I would not have been here so many years. If there are any doubts, please come visit us and see for yourself. Guests are welcome at anytime.

**Patti Shute**  
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### Don't Let Draft In

"Spirit of 69"  
Now it's 79  
ten years later  
but how much greater  
Gone are the days  
of Vietnam  
Gone are the ways  
of Richard Nixon  
no more "wild in  
the streets"  
now its mild  
in retreat;  
But the spirit  
does not die  
and the wheel  
will turn again

Once again  
the trumpet will  
sound. Will the spirit  
of 69 be found?  
Some one will say  
"What are we fighting for?"  
When will we shut  
the door on war?  
That's what the spirit of 69  
was for.

But now the sky is clear  
we only fear the bombs  
and the hands that hold the  
buttons  
and wonder how long  
before the storm and  
the armies form  
and break the Peace  
in order to preserve it.  
Will history's lessons never be  
learned?

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### Housing gripes

The housing department's method of dealing out justice causes the students to eat shit.

Being that time of year when spring cleaning is commonplace, there is some dirty business that has been swept under the housing department's rug that I would like to expose. First, there is the problem with refrigerators. Second, there is the problem with the residents' assistants. Lastly, there is the apparent dishonesty which goes on within the confines of the housing department.

A major issue in the dormitories is the renting of refrigerators. Since dorm residents are provided three meals a day, these refrigerators would generally not service the storage of food. They do, however, provide an exceptional place to keep beer cold.

Although the housing department has declared alcohol illegal in freshman dorms, it has been deemed safe in upperclass dorms if the resident is of legal age. The point is, if a person under 21 and a person of legal age are roommates in an upperclass dormitory, it is possible for the minor to have beer legally in his refrigerator. But, if he tries to drink the beer, the same people who rented him the space to keep it cold will bust him for consuming it. How is this possible?

I often wonder, who the hell do the R.A.'s think they are? You give somebody a little responsibility and immediately they become dictators! Two examples come to mind. One of the females RAs is the most irritating individual I have encountered in my life.

If she is reading this, I want her to know that ten years ago the United States Supreme Court declared that if students live in the dorms nine months out of the year, it was to be considered their homes. Certain restrictions apply; you can't enter a student's room without knocking, any more than you can enter a home.

Another R.A. sent a student to the conduct board for continuous loud stereo noise, his recommendation being that the student be removed from the dormitory. Upon hearing the alleged charges, the student in question obtained a note from his dorm's advisory board stating that his stereo was no problem. Furthermore, the note stated that the advisory board liked his taste in music. Nevertheless, the R.A. proceeded with the charges, and the student was removed from the dorm.

The last issue I would like to address is the Henderson Massacre (as the housing department likes to think of it). Three Bean West residents were issued formal housing department complaints and a date to meet with the Student Conduct Coordinator, for getting in a hassle with a male R.A. in the Henderson dorm. The complaint stated that one of the "Bean West Three" got in a fight with the R.A. (which was true). It also stated that one of the boys kicked the R.A. in the head, while the other made outrageous threats (which was pure crap).

When the boys met with the Conduct Coordinator, he explained that since they were freshmen, he would try to help them. He also said that if they went to a formal hearing, there would be a 95 percent chance of being dismissed from the school, but, if they would leave the dormitories voluntarily, then the matter would be forgotten. The students could only conclude that the Conduct Coordinator was in cahoots with the housing department.

My reason for writing this is to let others know about the farce that is happening under our own noses. Since the housing department will probably not take this seriously, maybe I should abide by the old saying, "If you can't beat them, join them." In that case I have a great idea for the housing lords. Change the names of the complexes to Folsom, Alcatraz and Attica. At least unsuspect-

ing people will know what's in store for them.

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### 'Bigoted' AP

The racism found in the Emerald's May 16 article on the Moony marriage match was, to say the least, disappointing. The article describes a Jewish mother's reaction to the news that Mr. Moon has arranged for her daughter to marry a black man as being like "... a knife in the heart."

The article focuses on Mr. Moon's call for intermarriage among his followers with a tone of dismay, not only on the mother's part, but also in the way the facts are reported. How does this make the Moonies worse when thousands of interracial marriages occur in the U.S. each year?

The tragedy of the Moony cult lies not in its call for intermarriage, but in its coercion and exploitation of "emotionally bankrupt" youth.

Open your eyes, Emerald. You don't have to use every piece the Associated Press sends you. Use a little discrimination in judgment, not reporting, and let the AP keep its bigoted articles for itself.

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### 'A bit dangerous?'

In his very interesting article on cycling ("Bicycles open an exciting experience in travel"), Tom Somers suggests that "cyclists, looking for new scenery, should consider touring an old route in reverse, providing a completely different point of view for the cyclist." The point of view may be different, but isn't this technique a bit dangerous?

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