

## Debate was informal

I am happy to see your coverage of the rising sentiment on campus toward the Iran situation. However, I would like to set a small matter straight.

In that my picture appeared on the Emerald's front page, I feel that I was associated with a proposition of which I'd never heard.

Doug Fick stated in his article (Emerald, 11-12), that Friday's protest at the Iranian's table in the EMU followed a classified ad demanding that Iranian students be thrown off campus. This leads the reader to believe that we who were at the table were "demonstrating" a belief in that demand.

I am not familiar with the sponsor(s) of that ad, nor had I seen the ad prior to the debate. From my standpoint, therefore, I was not attending a "demonstration," but rather, a debate on the general situation that exists.

I believe it's probably true that many of the people present were not there in response to the ad and the demand that Iranians be thrown off campus was certainly not central to the discussion.

If such sentiment exists to any great extent, it will become obvious soon enough. In the meantime, let's not throw 150 or more people into support of it without their approval.

Whether or not I support that view was never asked of me. I was simply expressing a general disapproval of the situation.

As to Jess Barton's blanket labeling us as "hypocritical," I can only say that, were it the goal of "more than 150" to curtail the free speech of some six or eight Iranians, the discussion surely would not have lasted five hours.

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## 'Big oil' sells out

We are a coalition of local groups representing various views. We all agree on one thing — the oil monopoly must stop.

Today the principal actors in energy policy are in the following order:

corporations, government officials and university experts. These actors make up a small, closed circle of men who control energy resources in this country. Their exclusion of the public from policymaking is an extension of the belief that citizens cannot understand complex issues. Their naive faith in technology has led to oil spills, near nuclear melt-downs and the potential for global climate change. Are they correct? We say no!

Last week we heard of the oil companies' illegal overcharges, \$1.5 billion in rip-offs of the public. Mobil's overcharge was the largest of all. But this is only the horn of the bull. We are not solely concerned with energy. We are concerned about the growing control of the oil companies. Today, of the 10 largest corporations in America, seven are oil corporations. The extent of their control is worldwide. Developing nations' natural resources are eyed greedily as new sources of exploitation by the oil corporations.

We are concerned about employment. The oil companies are becoming more capital-intensive and less labor-intensive, resulting in less employment. Exxon is first in sales (U.S., \$32 billion) and only 13th in employees. Texaco is fourth in sales (U.S., \$23 billion) and 33rd in employees. Mobil is fifth in sales (\$19 billion) and 37th in employees. The list goes on.

We are concerned about the foreign oil tax credit given to U.S. oil corporations. The result of this policy has been to make us dependent on Middle Eastern oil and to discourage domestic energy development.

We are concerned about big oil's control of the world energy market. According to Business Week, "The oil industry has the future of coal in its grip. Mobil Oil itself produced no coal last year. But the company owns 3.7 billion tons of reserves and by 1985 it expects to enter the ranks of the major coal producers..."

We are concerned that Mobil, Exxon, Gulf and others are thoroughly intergrated into all phases of the nuclear fuel cycle. The oil corporations are also gaining control of alternatives. Over half of the photovoltaic industry in this country is controlled by the major oil companies, who also control 64 percent

of the copper on which this industry depends. Other sectors of the solar industry are falling prey to the oil monopoly.

We don't believe our nation's economy is some running motor which occasionally needs a "tune-up" by the "experts," the technocrats. An energy dictatorship has no place in a democratic society. That is why we're here.

**Ray Levitt, Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee**  
**Karl Smith, Live Without Trident**  
**Mike Rust, Students for a Nuclear-Free Future**  
**Bill Clingman, Trojan Decommisioning Alliance**

## Stop the 'monster'

I am appealing to the men of this community. I am tired of rape. It is such a vicious and contemptuous act. Rape, to me, stands alone as the ultimate in sadism.

I never have to fear being raped. Sure, there are times I am afraid of being attacked by a man; but, I stand a better chance walking on a street alone at night without being molested than any woman does on the same street, day or night.

Women have to plan every move they make, watch for signs around them, constantly be alert, and travel in groups at night. Women are not even safe in the confines of their own home. (53 percent of reported forcible rape in Oregon takes place in a private dwelling.) Why? Because men, as a culture, hurt women. But, imagine for a moment that the table was turned.

Have you seen the movie Alien? Then, imagine that creature they concocted lives on earth. In fact, women are that creature, except that most of the time women look like women and carry out their everyday business as they see fit. There are unpredictable instances, however, in which a woman will turn into that sleazy creature, attack a man, and slink off to return to her former self. The assaults are always unprovoked, but nonetheless, very real and they occur every day — often while the man is at home, asleep.

Now, we men know it is women exclusively that attack us, but it seems that not

all women carry "the rage." Yet, we can seldom tell who does and who does not, so we must be cautious of all women.

To make things worse, imagine there is a subtle cultural acceptance of women letting out "the rage" on men. And "the rage" is heinous. When the "thing" attacks, it knows no mercy. Its forte is torture and it delivers it well. And when it is through it is water in the wind whether or not the man is still alive.

Some men live to tell of the atrocity, which usually involves sexual perversions and castration. Sometimes, the man can identify the assailant, but it is of little consequence, for women hold the power, privilege and control of the courts.

My story may sound a little bizarre, and yet, the paradox is true. It is we men, as a culture, that carry "the rage." We are the attacker, the feared, the ones who sexually assault women. And for what reason? What is "the rage?"

We men, as a culture, have this ill-conceived notion that we possess power and privilege over women. One of its more brutal manifestations is rape. Broadly speaking, rape is a male privilege, a power trip.

The time is overdue for we men, as a culture, to relinquish our dominating attitudes. Power and privilege should be distributed equally between the two sexes. Men do not live in fear; women shouldn't have to either. Again, I appeal to the men of this community. Let's stop power tripping! Let's stop rape now!

**Jim Dandy**

## 'Tea room' atypical

I can identify with Jeff Williams' outrage at being propositioned in the bathrooms of the University library. I, too, have had the same experience and I, too, felt nothing but disgust and anger at this invasion of my privacy.

I do take issue with Mr. Williams' insinuation that this is a practice representative of the homosexual lifestyle. A vast majority of gay people have no interest in this type of sexual activity and I'm sure that most share his revulsion with this kind of behavior.

Mr. Williams insults the whole gay community when he equates the actions of these few people with all gay people and this he did with his statement: "When they (homosexuals) begin to infringe on my privacy, or the general privacy of other heterosexuals, the "fight is on."

This is not a case of concerted homosexual plots to invade the privacy of heterosexuals. It is the case of a very limited number of individuals invading the privacy of another individual. I would suggest before Mr. Williams commences his "fight," that he think long and hard about just who this fight is to be against.

**Neil McAuliffe**  
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## Goals projected

The article covering the arrival of the 1979 Oregon Yearbook was very informative, but I believe a few corrections and additions need to be made.

The 1979 Oregon is in our M-111 EMU Office available to be picked up by those who placed an order. A few extras were ordered. Those sell for \$12.

To meet our budget, we need to place between 1300 and 1500 orders (depending on advertising) — not 2,000 as reported. Orders for 2,000 is our goal, and if early sales are a good indication, we should be able to meet our budget and use the profits to improve the book.

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