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even editors get the blues

ASUO presidents only get mentioned in the paper when they make mistakes.

Unfortunately, out-going president Dave Eaton has done a good job. So he wants his name in the paper one more time.

Eaton is one of those "nice guys" who finish last when they play baseball. We were boxboys together at Pay Less four years ago, and we've been friends ever since.

Paul Olum is another one of those nice guys, even though he finished first. He's good at his job, and he doesn't seem to take things too personally.

More importantly, he always tries to be honest with students. So even when we disagree, we respect his opinion.

Today he wrote us a letter congratulating us for some recent awards. "I don't deny that I get mad at you sometimes," he wrote, "but I also recognize real quality, and it is clear that the

Emerald is tops among college newspapers on the West Coast."

Good timing Paul. It's nice to know I'm not the only one who's in a good mood today.

Emeritus journalism Prof. Charles Duncan has been an Emerald supporter for 31 years, and we appreciate it. He's our only reader who lets us know when we do things right.

Duncan taught the first class I ever attended at the University, and I've sought his help many times since.

Housing director Dan Williams is a pretty nice guy too, and he even has a sense of humor. That's quite an accomplishment for someone who eats dorm food. Maybe it's because he was ASUO president back in medieval times.

ESCAPE director Jim Doty always seems to be in a good mood. Like all student leaders, he's

overworked and underpaid, but he likes his job anyway. He works well with people.

Basketball coach Jim Haney is under a lot of pressure to win, but he thinks the well-being of his players is more important. That's a refreshing — and unusual — attitude. He's a nice guy, too, and I hope he doesn't always finish last, because he might lose his job.

From all indications, law school dean Derrick Bell is a really nice guy. An Emerald photographer took photos of him, and Bell wrote a note saying how nice the photos were.

There are many more nice people around campus and around town, including Sally Hodgkinson's brand-new nephew. Apparently he's the cutest kid in the nursery.

Lastly, I really can't mention Emerald photo editor Steve Dykes, because this is a column about nice guys.

yours

Denny's 'deaf ear'

If you are concerned about nuclear power plant safety then you must be concerned about the actions of Congressman Denny Smith.

The Gannett News Service reported on April 10 that Smith is pressing for immediate licensing of 12 nuclear plants prior to adequate review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of safety problems brought to light by Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island nuclear accident.

In 1978 Oregon voters expressed their concern over dangerous wastes produced by nuclear plants responding to the many problems of the federal nuclear program.

If citizens are going to be forced to live close to nuclear plants and risk their property and the financial integrity of their local utilities by participating in the federal nuclear program, then they are entitled to adequate safety requirement.

It will be interesting to see Smith's response to requests from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Joseph Hendrie to allow nuclear plant operation licenses prior to public hearings. Government needs to hear more, not less, from the people.

Many voters supported Smith because they felt he would listen to them. Now, we see Mr. Smith took a "deaf-ear" to Washington D.C.

Rep. Bill Bradbury
Rep. Margie Hendriksen
Rep. Wally Priestley

Rhetoric unheeded

Bombarding people with political abstractions and Communist rhetoric does not change their minds. These things only build barriers to basic communication. It is time the R.C.Y.B. recognized this simple fact and realized that only if alternative ideologies are conveyed out of concern (for ones fellow human beings) will they be duly received.

Granted, anti-capitalist critique can (and should) be applied to American society. It is a society where competition supersedes cooperation. A society where our forests, air and oceans are destroyed and polluted for the profit of a few. A society where sex roles of machoism and femininity drive wedges between man and woman. Where money is the Almighty and our relationship with other human beings, with our natural environment and with the earth itself lose significance if we can attain more of it.

Isn't it time someone formed an organization that appeals to these basic sentiments without confronting people with negative incomprehensible dogma? An organization designed to lead a broad spectrum of people against their com-

mon enemy (of multi-national capitalism and towards a common goal (of international socialism). And lastly, an organization that recognized that fun, love and music are also viable means of communication? I think so.

Christian Gunther
Sophomore, undeclared

Supports land tax

In the near future hearings on Joint Senate Resoution 25 will be held in Salem. JSR25 provides for the state paying 100 percent of the cost of education for grades K-8. Costs of education at this level amount to roughly 50 of the total budget of sub-collegiate education in Oregon.

The legislation is being proposed by Sen. Bill McCoy, D-Portland.

Where will the money come from?

This is, of course, the heart of the artichoke. The money is to come from a new 2-percent tax on the assessed value of land. The funds needed, because of the recent tremendous increase in land value, can be provided while excluding small and low value land ownerships. If foreign and out-of-state millionaires are going to enjoy the benefits of land ownership in Oregon they should pay — at least a little bit.

The land tax does not apply to structures, livestock, machinery, etc. It is a tax only on the value of the land. Therefore, the tax on land encourages construction and the harvesting of timber. Economists agree on very little, but general agreement does exist that if taxes are

going to be collected the tax on land is the best of the lot.

Please write to Sens. McCoy and John Powell, Chairperson of the Senate Revenue Committee, at the State Capitol, and let them know you favor a statewide land tax to finance 100 percent of the costs of education for grades K-8. They deserve our support in their effort to stimulate the Oregon economy while preserving the property tax relief now available on residential property.

Richard W. Lindholm
Emeritus Professor and
Dean of Business

Elections needed?

Is it really necessary to hold ASUO elections? After all, everyone knew who the 1981-82 ASUO officers and IFC members would be before the election was held. But how have these certain candidates won the "election"? It's simple: get in good with the Greek coalition and victory is guaranteed. Even the Emerald, in its April 15 editorial, stated "with . . . the Greeks endorsing Wilkins, his victory seems likely."

Endorsements are a part of every election, but past Greek-endorsed officials have left something to be desired. Perhaps the best example is this year's "atrocious" IFC — according to the Emerald — made up mostly of members endorsed last year by this same Greek coalition.

But what prevents this year's Greek endorsements from making the same blunders? Nothing that I can see. This

seems almost certain in the case of the IFC. This year's ASUO Pres. Dave Eaton said that "he, Halquist and Greek house Presidents 'recruited' IFC 'candidates' Pamela Jordan, Dave Gibson and Xavier Romano, all Greeks, because we thought these members would serve the best interest of the University, AS WELL AS the Greek system." Perhaps more appropriately the Greek system and then the University.

It seems to me that if these candidates really felt they could serve the University's best interests as IFC members, Eaton and Halquist would find it unnecessary to recruit them. The candidates would have entered the race on their own.

If I were Greek, I would be offended at being told to vote for a candidate simply because the candidate is Greek. True, the candidate almost certainly will represent the Greek system, but will he or she represent the University? I think the majority of students are more concerned with the latter.

Perhaps next year, each candidate's "party" affiliation can be listed next to his or her name, like it's done in the big leagues. G for Greek party candidates, I for the Independent party candidates. This would save the Interfraternity Council time and money by eliminating the need to distribute endorsements of their candidates to all Greek members. But more importantly, it would let the voter more easily determine which "party" he or she wants in power the following year.

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