

## University Senate errs on two counts

The University Senate met Wednesday and made recommendations on academic cheating and changes in punishable drug-related offenses. With either action the University Senate has created more of a problem instead of a solution.

The changes in sanctions for handling instances of academic cheating were recommended to discontinue a student's option to withdraw from a course until any allegations of cheating were resolved. Pending University Assembly approval of the senate's recommendation, a student can presently withdraw to avoid an F grade if convicted of cheating.

The University Senate's recommendation, if adopted, seems to put the student in a position of double jeopardy. If convicted of academic cheating the student not only loses the course but receives a failing grade. The question occurs: What if this course is required in the student's degree area? Academic cheating is a fairly uncommon occurrence and usually committed as desperation rather than design. The loss of a needed course and a failing grade seems excessive punishment.

Another question is implied by the University Senate's recommendation — is there a procedure

to make reparations for academic cheating?

The second recommendation by the University Senate involves changes in what is considered punishable, drug-related offenses.

Has the University Senate become an arm of state law enforcement? Aren't there enough existing codes for the campus, the city, county and state that amply cover drug violations — why is the University Senate writing a new version?

The University Senate's revised version prohibits the illegal creation, processing, cultivation, brokering or possession of controlled substances on University property.

This revised version is a masterful piece of academic jargon — more ambiguous and extraneous than applicable.

For instance, what is brokering? Is it sales, or purchase? Is the broker the middle-man? If so, is a person culpable legally in a drug arrest if they carry dope from one person to another — are they a broker by definition if they give the name of a dealer to a third party?

The sharpest criticism of the University Senate's changes came from Psychology Professor Barbara Gordon who maintained crimes against the state should be dealt with by civil authorities — not the University. We wholly agree.

It would be in the best interests of the University Senate to reexamine their recommendations on academic cheating and punishing drug-related offenses. In either case clarity and conciseness is desperately needed.

## letters

### YAF principles

Mike Rumble paints an amusing scenario of Young Americans for Freedom in a letter; amusing to me since I know the anomalies that have surrounded Rumble while in pursuit of his much desired political career. Rumble says YAF is inconsistent in their beliefs. That's pretty strange talk coming from a boy who doesn't even know which end his head is at. Contrary to Rumble's opinion, YAF is very explicit as to what they believe and their policies and principles are spelled out in detail. Contrast this with Rumble who claims to be an ardent admirer of YAF board members Ronald Reagan, David Stockman and Barry Goldwater, and then turns around and says he is diametrically opposed to the very principles these men have devoted their lives to. Perhaps Rumble's philosophy comes from the old political strategy that the middle-of-the-road politician is the one who gains the most votes. This policy of his may have been derived from his longtime devotion to Richard Nixon, who was an expert fence-sitter on many diverse issues.

Rumble claims YAF is inconsistent with their views because some of our local leaders have views divergent with the national YAF policy. YAF is not a fascist organization. They do not impose their will on the local chapters and leaders. The only requirement for membership in YAF is a belief in the principles of the Sharon Statement (which Rumble professed to believe when he asked to join YAF). These principles are nothing more than the embodiment of the ideals that America was founded upon, the ideals that made her: "a government of the people, by the people, for the people." Other than this, YAF chapters are free to determine their own policies and issues. On the subject of the draft, which Rumble mentioned, I am personally in favor of it for reasons too numerous to mention here. My feelings are not shared by the majority of our members, but I respect their opinions and they respect mine, a quality Rumble has not developed.

Even with the altercations I have had with Dave Isenberg, I at least respect him in the sense that I know

where he stands and what he believes. His views are firmly spelled out and he stands by them. Rumble is not deserving of this respect as it is impossible to tell what he believes from one day to the next. I think Rumble had better learn to grow up before he pursues his politics more and seeks to defame those who know who they are and what they believe. You may love us or you may hate us, but you can't say we don't know where we stand.

**Jerry L. Peyton**  
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### Don't shun technology

I am amazed at your blindly anti-technology "opinion", Jan. 6, on test tube conception. You argued that because technology has been used to create instruments for the destruction of life — atomic bombs, herbicides and agents of biological warfare — that we should shun any technology that facilitates the creation of life. That is doublespeak.

Should we ban caesarian birth because it is achieved through the technology of the knife or because it is used unnecessarily by some doctors? We

should carefully monitor a new technique, but not ban it simply for its newness.

Each element of our world was once evolutionarily new. The human mind itself is a natural product of evolution. That evolution continues, within the development of human consciousness and the natural byproducts of our minds, should not be surprising or feared.

But the evolution within us is evolution conscious of itself. We have the capacity to foresee the process of natural selection, to choose those behaviors and technological creations which facilitate the further development of life, love and higher consciousness and to set aside those that destroy this development. We are beginning to do so.

Although conception facilitated by technological means could be put to negative ends, clearly helping couples, who cannot conceive a child due to damaged fallopian tubes, to share in the joy of parenting fulfills these evolutionary goals. Let neither fear nor greed, rather, wisdom be our guide.

**Jack Straton**  
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### Endorsements

People may legitimately disagree about whether political parties should make pre-primary endorsements, but disagreement with a person's views should not extend to personal attacks and distortions like those of John Reed (1/7/82).

There is no way that the Lane County Democratic party can tell a person how to think or control the positions that candidates may take. However, as a political party it has a legitimate concern about who is chosen to carry its banner. All it can do, and all I have suggested that it do, is decide which candidates, if any, it wants to support in a primary election. It shares this right with all organizations and individuals who decide how to cast their vote and use their influence in the electoral process. The final choice always has and always should belong to the voters. I would have it no other way.

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