

editor's note

*'Tis pleasant, sure, to see one's name in print;
A book's a book, although there's nothing in't.*

Lord Byron
English Bards and Scotch Reviewers

By now, almost everybody who wants one has a new University student directory. And if you're anything like me, when you pick up a directory for the first time you look for your own name — just to verify its spelling and to make sure your current phone number is listed. Then your friends can call and offer to buy you a beer.

But my routine was broken this winter when I cracked the directory and saw a list of emergency numbers. Now that's not so unusual. What grabbed my attention was a number for chemical and radiation emergencies, wedged right between listings for the Crisis Center and Maintenance.

I didn't even know there was radiation on campus — let alone enough to warrant its own phone number. That worried me.

I finally pulled myself together and started leafing through the directory to see who I knew.

But I discovered a lot of names I wasn't familiar with, too.

For example, do you know who holds the honor of being the first name in the directory? Douglass Scott Aalseth is his name. And the last is Stephanie M. Zylewitz. I wonder if Doug and Steph have ever met, and if they have, I wonder if they know the honors they share?

The longest surname, according to my survey, belongs to Tania Bassingthwaight. And although I'm not sure how to pronounce that, I'm sure she has lots of friends who do and are very good at it.

Honors for the shortest surname, at two characters apiece, are shared by: Yuk Hong Au; Hans Go; Ellen, Hung, Kam, Kar, Kong and Leighton Ou; Sammy, Su-Hua and Wendy Ho; Peter Ko; Hoa Huy and Hoa Thi Le; Bobbie and On Lo; Chan-Chou and Jennifer Lu; Sandra Ol; Rick On; Oai Qouc Vu; Ding Ping Xi; and Allen, Cheng-Liang, Jas Chung-Min, Josephine, Kwok King David, Vincente Sapida and Yuangting Yu.

Can you guess what the most common sur-

name among students is? Pretend you're betting five dollars on it. Smith is the correct answer. Space permitting, I would have done all the Smiths the honor of listing your first names. So to Alice Smith and William Smith and all the Smiths in between — congratulations. There are 133 of you.

Johnson, numbering 113, finished a distant second.

Other surnames of great popularity among students include: Alexander, there were 9 of you; Allen, 24; Anderson, 71; Baker 26; Barnes, 13; Bell; 12; Black, 11; Brown, 76; Carter, 29; Clark, 31; Davis, 44; Jones, 52; Larson, 36; Lee, 50; Moore, 43 — the list goes on and on.

Mine must have finished close to the bottom. How many Boehmers do you know? Besides my cousin George, the only other is a law student named Colette Boehmer. In fact, her home address is only a few blocks from mine in Portland.

If Colette's name is spelled correctly, and her current phone number is listed, maybe I'll call and offer to buy her a beer.

letters

Outraged

I am appalled and outraged by the smug self-righteousness of Matt Meyer in his review of the movie, "Making Love." For a good many of us, sexuality has nothing to do with the idea of god. Personally, I consider myself and the other person. How dare Meyer imply that his religious notions should apply to me and others aside from himself. We live in a society that gives a medal to a man for killing another man and condemns him for loving one. Homosexuality is not a moral issue and it is a valid way of life.

I'm not gay, I'm just a heterosexual who thinks logically.

Jesse Ledgerwood
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Dismissal

Jim Haney's actions last week have gone too far. The dismissal of senior Barry Walker from the Oregon men's basketball team is yet another example of Haney's confusing attempt to establish himself as a "man of discipline." Many of us still remember young Haney's last rash decision to remove star Dan Hartshorne from the 1979-80 basketball squad for "disciplinary reasons" before the season had barely started. That controversy helped lead the Ducks to another losing year.

Haney may believe that these harsh off court decisions project himself as a strong, disciplined coach on the court, but I disagree. On the contrary, unfair decisions such as his with Walker make Haney appear confused and irrational.

Walker had good reason to speak out after the recent UO-OSU basketball game. Noted for his adept ball-handling skills, Walker couldn't understand why he wasn't used at all in his last game against our intra-state rivals when the Ducks had so much trouble breaking the OSU press. Even Walker's teammates were in disbelief at his absence. Is that the kind of thanks Haney gives seniors who have contributed four solid years into his program? The Oregon Daily Emerald

Register-Guard mentioned Walker's reluctance to talk about the situation. The reporters in a sense force the responses because of their genuine curiosity.

Haney is frustrated, and rightly so. He's had four years here to put together a winning program and he has failed. His run and gun style of basketball has proven to be a flop. Haney apparently lacks the coaching skills and personality needed to teach the Ducks to play a disciplined style of defense that is key to success in the Pac 10. His off court theatrics cannot make up for these shortcomings.

Haney is leading our basketball program right to the bottom. I don't think that the Athletic Director can sit back and let this poor excuse for a coach further destroy the once proud reputation of Oregon basketball here in Eugene.

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Disparity

In recent weeks I have taken notice of the marked disparity between what Pres. Ronald Reagan has said and what he has in fact done. For example, in his State of the Union address, he asserted that "America will not conduct business-as-usual with the forces of oppression," and less than two weeks later he requested an additional \$55 million from Congress to continue propping up the murderous regime in El Salvador.

After remarking that he had seen "24 full pages" of help wanted ads in the Sunday Washington Post and promising that his administration is "going to do everything we can... to make more people qualified to go and apply for those jobs," he turned around and proposed a 1983 budget that will virtually close down most of the nation's Centers for Employment and Training Assistance.

On another occasion Reagan was quoted as saying that he opposes racial discrimination "at every fiber" of his being, yet he still had the audacity to



provided tax exemptions segregated private schools.

To top it all off, Reagan has continued to assure us of his commitment to "getting government off our backs" although in December he signed into law an executive order that will allow CIA infiltration into American political organizations and permit domestic spying.

Not surprisingly however, opinion polls still seem to indicate that Americans find their President to be a likeable character. I suppose that as an actor and a fine rhetorician he has been able to maintain their faith.

I can only hope that sooner or later they will turn their eyes from their televisions and out into the real world where the realities of international rebellion, excessive unemployment, racism and state-sponsored hassles are, unlike Reagan, speaking the truth.

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Koinonia

As a campus minister and as a staff person at the Koinonia Center, I would like to respond to David Thomas' letter of Feb. 5.

Apparently Thomas did not

verify his facts before composing his letter. The University does indeed fund GPA through the ASUO and provides them with one office in the EMU. The University does not own the Koinonia Center nor does it fund GPA an office there. The Koinonia Center is privately owned by the Lutheran's and Presbyterians and is not University property. The University is not financially connected with Koinonia in any way. Contrary to Thomas' statements, GPA does not have an office nor office space in Koinonia. The GPA is one of many groups who have a contracted agreement with Koinonia for specific and limited building use.

I call into question Thomas' reasoning that "gay people have chosen to become a minority." It amazes me that university educated people ("4 years as a university student which spans over 8 years") and someone who uses "yech" as an adjective to describe a group in a letter, would make such a statement. Being a minority is not something one chooses, it is a status thrust upon an individual or group or sex or race by a society which lacks social justice. Societal institutions which perpetuate such injustice enslave more than "the minori-

ties." For none of us is truly represented until every one is represented.

The University has made a commitment to be sensitive to diverse groups and to the actualization of many peoples. GPA has been an officially recognized University organization since at least 1969 and has been receiving funding for approximately 10 years. Therefore it is incorrect to assume as Thomas does that University fees are increasing because of the University's funding of groups like GPA. Just because certain individuals are bigoted is a not valid reason to call ASUO's funding into question.

Futhermore, I would like Thomas to define what it is that he thinks homosexuals "do and what they believe in." I am always slightly distrustful when members of the "majority" define for me "minority" concerns and issues. Quite frankly, I am not sure that gays and lesbians have issued a statement illuminating what it is they "do and what they believe."

This letter of response in now way represents the entire Koinonia staff, though it does reflect the sentiments of individual staff members.

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