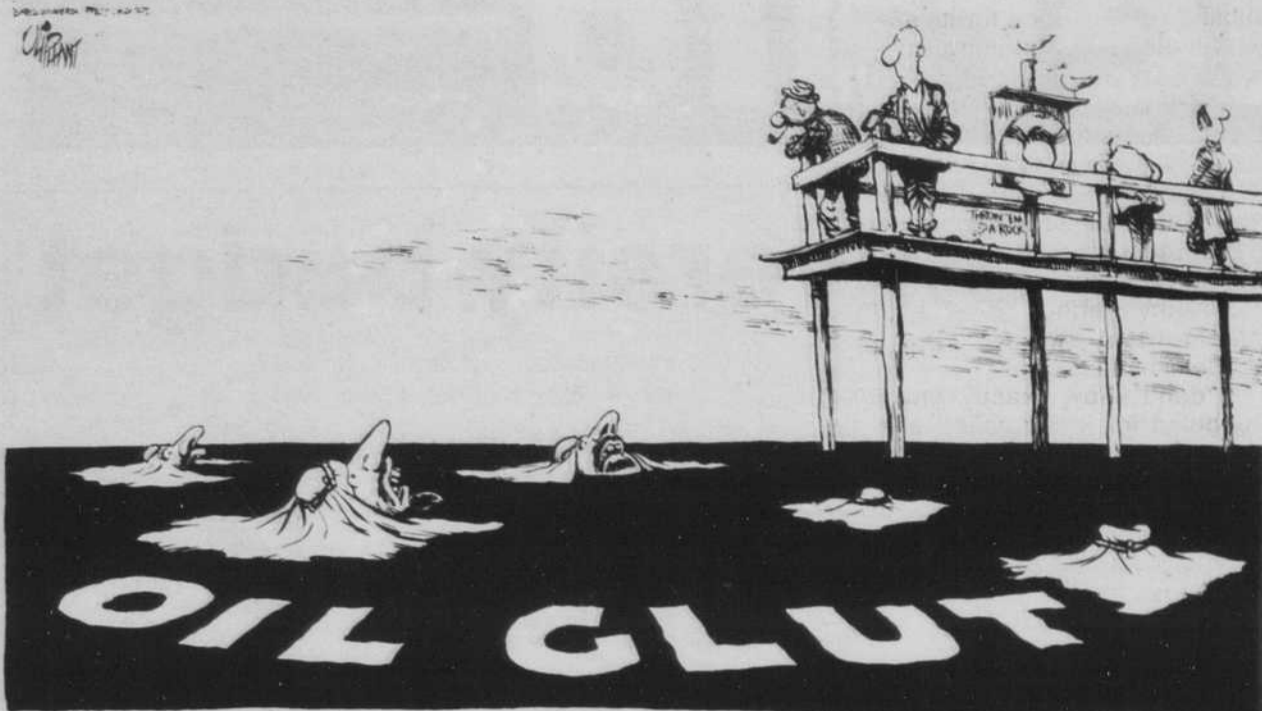


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## letters

### Sacred cows

There's better entertainment in your paper over the past few weeks than in any movie around.

First, Matt Meyer resurrects the moldy idea of a "moral standard" in his review of "Making Love." Where have you been, Matt? You seem to forget who you're writing for: we reasoned our way out of that "God" stuff long ago. Your attitude may make it in the real world, but around here homosexuality is a sacred cow.

And now, shades of Moral Majority!, we get a prize pair of movie reviews (Feb. 25): first you gush over a film ("Chariots of Fire") — about some pie-in-the-sky Christian who's too stingy with his sexuality to share it with the competition, unlike the two liberated sisters in "Personal Best" (which you panned). Of course, you dressed it all up in convincing film-review prose, but your straight-laced slip is showing. Next we'll probably start getting sermons about saving defenseless babies from the abortions

that guarantee free sexual expressions to our sisters, or closing down the adult bookstores which offer us such a good outlet for all our child-rape-and-dismemberment fantasies.

Thanks for all the amusing journalism, friends-of-Falwell, but I prefer the ivory tower.

**Brian McDonald**

### ROTC no

We support the move to terminate the ROTC program, and call on other University groups and organizations to voice their support. The University is not the place to encourage the unenlightened militarism of the Reagan administration, nor is it the place to support the cold war demeanor of this regime's confrontation foreign policy.

We can rather, discourage this senseless world wide trend toward military build up, and the gross over-expenditure of American tax dollars for wasteful hardware, not to mention Reagan's false promise to end draft registration.

Should the University faculty support the motion by Prof. Bayard McConaughy to expunge the ROTC program from the University?

Emphatically, yes.

Only in this way can we send a small but important message to the military complex in this nation that we cannot support their efforts to drive the world into yet another conflict.

**Richard Mathisen, Pres. Political Science Student Union**  
**Dick Schoonover**  
**Junior, political science**

### Coverage

Thank you for the front-page coverage for student honoraries and their new Oregon Hall display case. The groups merit the

attention and acknowledgment because of the outstanding people they are and their achievements. Similarly, Dr. Shirley Wilson of the Office of Academic Advising and Student Services should be acknowledged for having the idea for the display case. True, I did work with others to bring the idea into being but Dr. Wilson is the idea person. I am sorry that the reporter omitted this fact, but please accept the thanks of everyone for your thoughtful coverage.

**Bob Bowlin**  
**Dean of Students**

### Heterosexuals

I'd like to respond to the cries for justice and understanding put forth in the Emerald's Letters column by Michael Patrick Lysne ("Disturbed," Feb. 26) and various other angry white male heterosexuals of late.

Perhaps it would actually be a good idea to start up a "minority" interest group which would push the white male hetero cause. You'd have to define that cause in a way that other people could comprehend (if not agree with), and let's be realistic: I doubt that many would join you, or that funding would be easy to come by. Still, it would be an unparalleled educational experience. Members of the group would have the opportunity to feel first-hand the intolerance, viciousness, and refusal to listen or understand that inevitably issues forth in reaction to the pleas of a given minority group. You'd be asking for recognition and receiving invective based on stereotypes. There's nothing that encourages growth, or reconsideration of one's own limited bigoted values faster than to be on the receiving end of inexplicable hatred. People would take you all wrong based

## Nuclear cargo law

Last month the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council approved a new set of regulations regarding the shipping of nuclear material across and inside the borders of Oregon. Under the old regulations officials had little — if any — knowledge of the radioactive material being transported inside the state. That's rather frightening.

The new regulations, which will become effective July 1, were developed by the state Energy Department after public hearings. Under the rules, shippers are required to carry printed descriptions of radioactive cargoes and report any accidents to the state Emergency Services Division in Salem. The ESD would then notify the Energy Department and state Health Division. The Health Division would then relay an alert to local emergency agencies.

One of the features of the new regulations is the requiring of a permit by transporters. This permit, costing \$40, will act like a bill of lading for state and local agencies so a cargo will be known in case of an accident.

The \$40 permit fee will be used for beefing up regulations and fire-fighting and rescue efforts in the event of an emergency spill.

The only exemptions from the new regulations will be low-level radioactive materials shipped through the state to hospitals, shipments of fresh enriched uranium intended as nuclear reactor fuel and shipments accompanied by federal or federal security forces, such as the Army or Navy.

The new regulations will also allow state officials to stop a shipment if they believe there are violations of the regulations.

While the tightening the regulations concerning shipments of radioactive materials through Oregon is essentially a positive step — there seem to be a number of dangerous holes in the revised regulations.

The permit fee — at \$40 a shipment — is adjusted way too low. A more realistic fee would be around \$100 or more. While the fee can be considered valid revenue for the state, that money more importantly could be used to pay for the cost of clean-up if an accident occurs. A policy of reimbursement of half the total permit fees collected from a shipping company might be used to reward transporters with a spotless record for the year. The price of the permit and the reimbursement possibility will act as an incentive for shippers to transport the volatile cargo safely.

Some of the exemptions seem too loose, especially those allowing shipments of fresh enriched uranium to nuclear reactors. Freshly enriched nuclear fuel is almost as volatile as nuclear waste. Much stricter precautions seem in order than those in the new regulations.

Lastly, a policy of liability should be enforced by the state for the instances of nuclear accidents. The property damage and personal injuries involved in a nuclear accident should be the responsibility of the transporter.

The state's new regulations are a step in the right direction toward ensuring the safety of nuclear shipments inside Oregon — yet, they are not as strict nor as strong as the cargo being shipped demands.

on their own perverted priorities, and you'd feel relatively powerless to set them right. (The most amazing example of this, to me, is the way most intolerant heteros deal with the revelation that someone is homosexually oriented. The initial reaction is always concerned with an image of sexual activity, and usually such activity is pictured in a base way. Do these people look at everyone through such eyes? If so, they had better concentrate on getting their own perceptual apparatus out of the gutter. Perhaps gays should launch a campaign at the straights, admonishing, "Is that all you ever think about?")

As a WASP hetero male myself,

I'm working on trying to fathom the roots of intolerant thinking: why it arises in and controls some minds, but not others. I think it has something to do with feeling called upon to change and be flexible or even accepting — and either resisting or responding to that call. I agree with Lysne's self-assessment that he is "seriously disturbed," but I tend to doubt that he's really figured out what is causing disturbance. However, if any of the angry, miffed white heteros who contribute regularly to the Emerald can add to my understanding, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Vip Short, D.C.**  
**Chiropractor, Eugene**

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