

# opinion

## Bridge building

If it is the responsibility of the faculty to bridge the sciences and culture, to paraphrase Convocation speaker, Stanford Pres. Donald Kennedy, then the University Convocation and seminars yesterday can be deemed a success.

The afternoon of speeches and seminars, however esoteric or boring or thought-provoking, were a welcome relief from the "departmentalizing" and separation of the arts from the sciences — a trend which began in the 19th century and continues at the University today.

Kennedy told an Emerald reporter that the responsibility to integrate the two (science and humanities/arts) ultimately lies with the students.

The faculty can suggest annually that there are some ties that bind all the disciplines, but the students must take up the thought and make their curriculum fit their needs to integrate sciences, social sciences and arts and letters.

"Clusters" and "Group-satisfying courses" remove enrollment decisions from students. Seeking courses that will integrate what knowledge they have becomes lost in a program to make themselves "marketable" or graduate with the least effort.

It is the Monday morning graduate who says, "I wish I had taken a physical science so that I understood this Scientific American" or "I can't think of any literary work that portrays this struggle going on here under my microscope."

Kennedy's speech, "On Science and Culture," attempted to point out how artificially the sciences are separated from other disciplines. He pointed to the dependency of modern thought on scientific theory (evolution, sociology etc.) and the dependency of scientific practices on social policy (as in setting arbitrary scientific "working" rules).

It is not particularly new information — that we are biologically determined and rational beings who have trouble integrating the two aspects of our personality. College curriculums have the same integration problem.

What's new is the success of the University in bringing it to our attention for one afternoon and the savvy of a large portion of students in hearing the message.

## Free Sasway!

A cry to "Free Benjamin Sasway!" should arise over a federal judge's ruling yesterday to prosecute draft resisters.

Sasway is the 21-year-old Californian who was sent to jail for refusing to register his name and address with the United States. Without that, Pres. Reagan wouldn't know where to send the invitation when — excuse me — if the war begins.

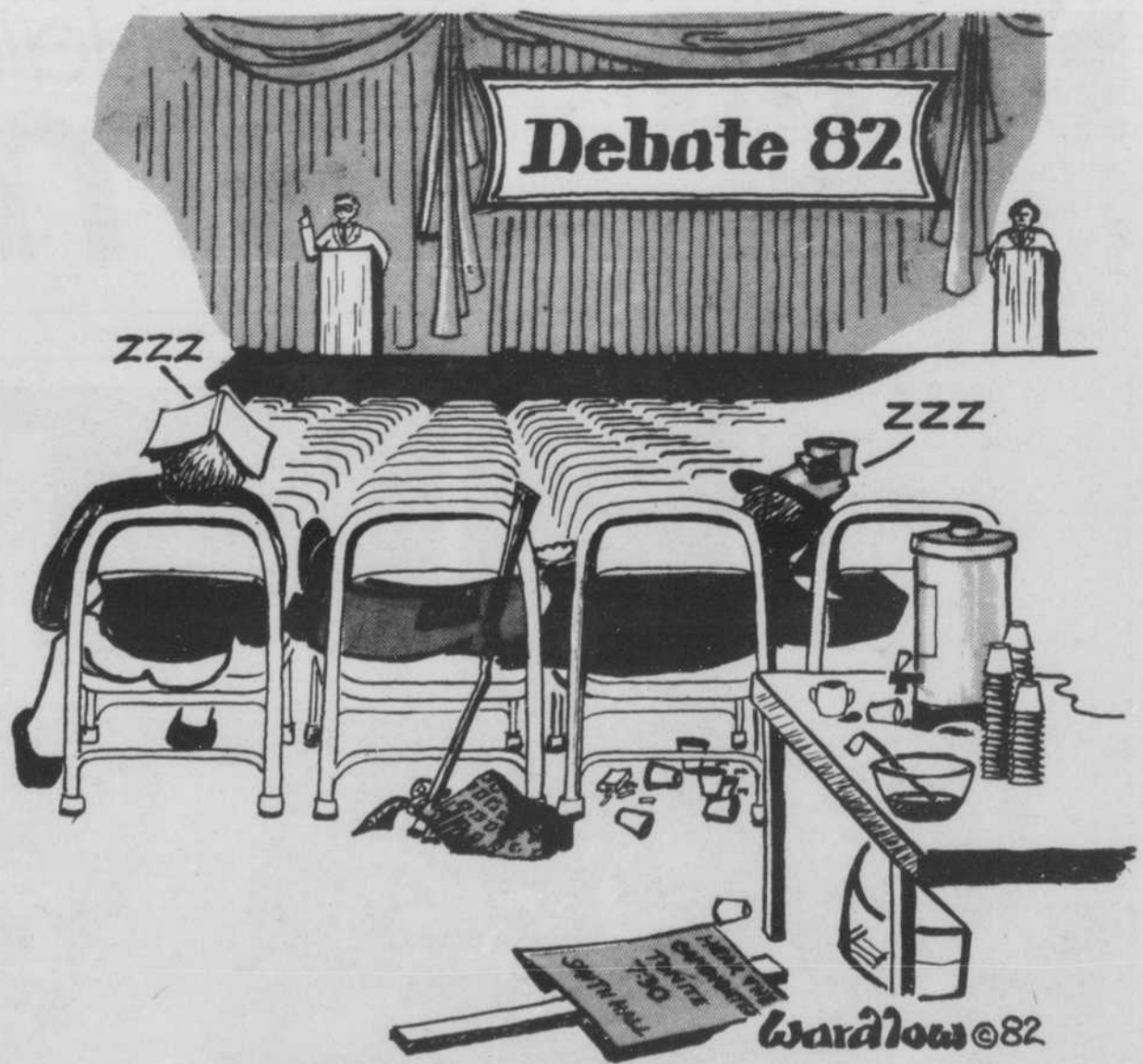
Recently, U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter ruled that the government will have to prove it is not discriminating in its prosecution of David Wayte, another 21-year-old Californian draft resister.

If upheld, the ruling should also set a precedent for the government to prove it is not selectively prosecuting. That may prove to be a little tough considering an estimated 674,000 men between 18 and 21 years old have refused or forgotten to sign themselves up on the government's waiting list.

All 674,000 are potentially violating the same law as Sasway and Wayte, and most are probably as easy to locate and indict.

The hearing on Wayte's case is set for Thursday. Should the government fail to prove it is not discriminating (excuse the double negatives) then charges against Wayte must be dropped.

Beyond that, the United States must realize that it prosecuted and convicted Sasway illegally, and it must let him go.



DEBATES TERMED 'HUGE SUCCESS' BY BOTH CANDIDATES

## letters

### Repulsive ad

This letter is regarding the Oct. 1 ad insert to the Emerald from the Dos Equis Co.

I found this ad particularly repulsive because of its sexist nature. Nobody else I mentioned it to liked it either and out of curiosity I asked a half-dozen random men on campus and they each said the ad was of little interest to them or that it was ineffective advertising.

I began to wonder who this ad appealed to and how it got into the Emerald in the first place.

I decided to find out what the advertising policies of the Emerald were and made a few calls. I would like to share this information with other students.

- They try and accept as many "different" types of ads as possible.
- The ads cannot be fraudulent.
- The ads cannot be libelous.
- The ads cannot be discriminatory against sex, race or religion.
- The display advertising manager makes the final decision whether or not the ad is in "good taste."

So, the answer to my second question is that the display ad

manager considered this ad to meet the above standards. I do not.

I am not for censoring the press in any way, however, I resent things like this falling onto my lap while I'm trying to read my college newspaper. I didn't request the poster and don't feel it should be included with my expectations of a college paper.

I became even more disgusted when I found the decision to run the ad was made by a woman. It appears decisions are being made that may not be in the best interest of the general student population. Let's see some more appropriate ads from the same companies that appeal to more than a minority of students.

Terri Steinberg

### Constitutional

Senator Jesse "Helms had no choice but to address these issues" (of Supreme Court decisions concerning prayer in public schools and abortion) "through the federal legislature" claims a letter (by Mr. Kater, Oct. 1) about the filibuster that defeated the Helms legislation. The quoted statement is wrong! To tell you why, I need to review the issues involved.

The Supreme Court had ruled that permitting prayer in public schools is unconstitutional. Senator Helms attempted to introduce legislation to strip the Supreme Court of its power to rule on future cases in this area. Such legislation poses a dangerous threat to the Constitution. Simply put, it is like a team member trying to rob the umpire of the right to call a foul.

Sen. Helms has a clear alternative: If he dislikes the Constitution he can attempt to alter it

in the legitimate way by offering a constitutional amendment. In keeping with the team analogy, if a player doesn't like the rules, he or she should try to get them changed.

The abortion legislation offered by Sen. Helms poses a threat to the separation of the powers of the judiciary: It tries to influence the Court's future rulings by offering a legislative opinion concerning the time after conception that life "officially" begins, a matter the Court had considered in its abortion decision. The legitimate choice, as before, is to offer a constitutional amendment.

It is important that we all understand the threats posed by these "end runs" around the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

George Streisinger  
biology

### Sidetracked

I am told that Ross Anthony claims he is running a grass-roots campaigning; if so, it is because he is trying to buy some of the turf. I do not think that by paying his workers minimum wage, \$3.35 per hour, Mr. Anthony is going to deceive the voters of our district.

Jim Weaver has consistently talked with us about real issues, and we are not going to be sidetracked by attempts to falsify his record. Mr. Anthony's financial backing is indeed impressive, but it seems to be going for advertising; I for one do not need to see Mr. Weaver's face to know that he's working for the citizens in our district.

Sorry, Mr. Anthony — the grass is greener on the other side, and I'm voting for Jim Weaver.

Stephen Schuber  
Eugene

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