

# Greek guard riles reporter at Duck game

Hyped up for the Cal football game, a few friends and I arrived at Autzen Stadium in plenty of time to secure good student seats for the game.

## reporter's notebook frank shaw

We walked up to a huge section of empty seats about halfway up the stadium and on the 20 yard-line and sat down. "Hey!" a drunken student yelled as he staggered up to us. "You can't sit there."

We looked around in confusion, thinking perhaps we had gotten turned around and were trying to sit in the reserved seat sec-

tions. No, this was the right spot. Student section, no reserved seats.

We said as much to our inebriated friend. "No, we're saving these six rows of seats for our friends," he slobbered. "They'll be here later."

We sat down. "You can leave now and find some other seats, or you can leave when all our friends get here," he said. We stood there and argued for a while. These aren't reserved seats, we pointed out. If your friends wanted to get good seats, they should have come early.

As we stood arguing, more people started to trickle in to the "reserved seats." The guard started to try to herd these new interlopers out. We moved to other seats a few rows down.

By the time we had settled, the section

had been filled with other fans, and our Neanderthal friend was trying to secure a new section a few rows up.

A man and his wife walked up. "You can't sit here," he tried.

"Have you ever seen a mad Marine, boy," the man hollered. "I'll wipe that smile off your face." He, too, went and sat somewhere else.

A few minutes later the guard received reinforcements in the form of his "friends" who started to arrive in various stages of drunkenness.

You guessed it, they were from a fraternity. We stayed in our seats. About half way through the first quarter we wished we hadn't.

We saw people hand-passed up and down the stands. We watched people stagger up the aisle and and stop to chat with

their friends — effectively blocking our view. We heard discussions about parties and girls. We listened to two girls moan about not having Vuarnets for the glare, and we listened to an in-depth discussion on the relative merits of the different fingernail polishes.

It was...um...stimulating conversation. But we didn't get to see the game.

I don't really have any complaints about friends sitting together. But what burns me up is the idea of Greeks "reserving" student seats. I paid the same amount of money for my tickets as anyone else. I'll sit where I want.

So next time, Greeks, if you could cut the tailgater just a little bit shorter, get there earlier and don't post the guards. You'll make more friends that way.

## letters

### 'Twilight'

I write in response to your article about the SEARCH program (Oct.6). I would especially like to address the questions surrounding "Twilight of Western Thought."

I have taken two terms of the three term course. Though I was cautioned about taking a 400 level sociology course as a sophomore, I looked forward to the challenge. I was not to be disappointed. It was extremely challenging, covering topics new to me (such as nihilism and psychoanalysis) and shedding new light onto old subjects. If it were not for Doug Groothuis' teaching ability and his sincere desire to see his students succeed, I'm sure I would have either dropped the class or received a very poor grade. Not only was the class itself mind-expanding but the instructor made a conscious effort to see that the students understood the ideas expressed. He encouraged, and received, student feedback throughout the two terms. The course was not an easy A. Today, two years later, the challenge of the class continues to encourage me to explore and examine the ideas and topics it presented. After all, isn't that what education is all about?

Tom Simpson  
senior, telecommunications

### Draft rally

The Associated Students of Lane Community College are honored to be co-sponsoring a rally with the Associated Students of the University of Oregon in voicing our common opposition to draft registration and the linkage of financial aid.

There is a move in Congress to repeal this discriminatory law. It is our obligation to have extensive lobbying efforts to encourage our representatives to support this repeal and also to become active in the process of building support for the repeal.

This law is not only

discriminatory because it forces people to incriminate themselves, but it is also discriminatory against lower-income people. It is a very dangerous precedent to compel universities and colleges and their financial aid offices to become police officers of the state. This is another example of the Reagan administration priority on military development while maintaining a blatant insensitivity to social needs. We are witnessing diminishing support for education while unprecedented spending goes to military madness.

The students of LCC are proud to work with students from the University on such urgent common goals. Students from LCC will be attending the rally at the University courtyard on Friday, Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m. In order for our concerns to be heard, we must join our efforts together.

Bryan Moore, ASLCC president  
Nigel Griffith  
student resource center director  
Cathy Benjamin  
communications director  
Stephen Wysong, cultural director

### Humanist

I write this letter in reaction to a recent Maranatha demonstration against abortion in the EMU courtyard. I feel compelled to express my views and the views of many modern humanists on the subject. In contemporary society the decision is made daily which living creatures shall live and which shall die. That decision is based upon what we determine to be the level of the living creature's consciousness. Cows, we determine, have a level of consciousness so low that it is acceptable to kill them for their beef. Some people take exception to this; the majority do not. Many argue that whales have a consciousness level so high that it is morally wrong to kill them for their blubber. I raise these two issues because they are interrelated to the abortion issue.

A fertilized egg is, at this stage of development, a one-celled creature. It does not, by defini-

tion, have any consciousness. I will open myself to the charge of sensationalism, but I must point out the stark fact that a mosquito has more consciousness than a fertilized egg. The United States Supreme Court has decided that the killing of a fertilized egg does not constitute the taking of a human life. Furthermore, it has left to the individual states the power to determine at what point the human embryo is to be considered a human life. Many of us in the humanities feel that this distinction should be based upon the embryo's level of consciousness, its ability to feel pain and fear. These capacities do not exist for the fertilized egg. It is up to the embryologists, the experts, to tell us when they do. For now the working model appears to be three to six months.

To this view many will counter that it is the human potential which counts. In response we can only say that it is safer to consider things as they are, and not as they might become. Others will counter that human kind is endowed with a soul. This contention is religious in nature and thus has no place in the discussion determining the laws of our secular society.

Keith Bowen  
senior, English

### Reservations

We agree with your reservations about the use of the terms "vagrant" and "transient" ("Police May Abuse Task Force Plan," Sept.30) as they are so vague as to be meaningless. However, we disagree that the recent Vagrancy Task Force report (or any other authority, for that matter) "allows (police) carte blanche to stop and cite any person or groups." We simply do not have that kind of discretion, that kind of power. You ask what stops us from "citing as vagrant" someone who

is hanging out on 13th Avenue. The U.S. Constitution and its interpretations make it clear that "vagrancy" is not a crime. If there is no crime being committed or none has been committed, there can be no citations.

Please be assured we do not interpret the Vagrancy Task Force recommendations as advice to harass students of the University or anyone else in this community. On the contrary, the work of the Task Force has focused attention on problems on homelessness, joblessness, and hunger and has made us even more conscious of our need to be sensitive to those problems and to remain a constructive force within this city.

James Packard  
chief, Eugene police

### No message

The problem with Maranatha's anti-abortion position from a religious perspective is that there is no message from God about abortion in that Jewish-Christian document known as the "Bible," upon which Maranatha seeks to base its views.

Two things the Bible does suggest about the origins of human life are: human life begins when God breathes the spirit of life into a potential being (Gen.2:7, Hebrew word *nephesh* means both breath and spirit); and human beings are co-creators of life along with God (Gen. 4:1).

From these descriptions, a couple things are clear to me: "to be" as a human being is to be able to enter into relationships with other human beings and with God on the levels of dialogue, choice, and action: this happens at birth when the energizing spirit of life surfaces the newborn into the community of interacting life. And as a co-creator of life, a mother has the choice (just as God does) to effect the creation of a human being or not effect it. The creative act is not

mandated.

God endowed human beings with freedom to choose what we will affirm as fruits of our lives and what we will not affirm. To accept the gift of human life is to accept both the pain and the joy of responsible choosing. One of our most significant choices is whether or not to actualize a new human being through birth. That will always be done with fear, trembling, and joy.

Stuart Shaw  
Wesley Foundation

### Hearsay

Melissa Martin's article on SEARCH in the Oct. 6 issue of the Emerald is a compilation of opinion, rumor and hearsay.

According to the article, "the SEARCH program is a persistent problem," an opinion shared by Paul Holbo and supposedly some unidentified complainers. Neither Martin nor Holbo explain precisely who is complaining or why. Holbo has concerns, but there are no specific allegations from other quarters against the SEARCH program.

Certainly any instructor, whether a faculty member or SEARCH instructor, has an obligation not to indoctrinate students. Had this been happening in SEARCH, I doubt the program would have survived for 15 years. If there are legitimate areas for concern which haven't already been addressed, let's hear about them from a spectrum of past and present SEARCH instructors, faculty sponsors, students and staff. There is more to this program than one person's concerns. "The Twilight of Western Thought," and anonymous unspecified complaints.

Incidentally, if anyone happens to "pass mustard," I hope they see a doctor.

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