

opinion

Talking Heads: 'Burnin' the cultural forum

It was early October when I first became aware of the possibility of bringing the Talking Heads to Eugene.

comments
tim schafbuch

An excited accord with my program advisor initiated an early thought of the Cultural Forum solely bringing the Heads to the Hult Center sometime in the period of Nov. 28 - Dec. 2. Nice, but after calling the Hult we were told that

all availabilities were "booked." But, always a possibility and always lurking within our campus is the primordial MacArthur Court. Premier Booking Agency, who is the Head's proxy, smiled at our interest and pressed for a Mac Court availability on December 4.

Negotiations with Double Tee Concerts proved positive as they agreed to co-promote the date with the cultural forum. The show was to be the intimate 5,600-seat east side set-up, including a huge wide open dance floor with a \$9 ticket price. As November arrived, Double Tee officially submitted its bid to Premier...

Four days passed without a word back, so I called

Premier's Northwest representative who quickly pronounced that "just today" he had confirmed with Luke Bandle at the Hult Center a Talking Heads show on Nov. 29.

Out, without notice, was our bid and also bumped out was Regal Productions, who had Nov. 29 held at the Hult. In, is an out-of-state promoter and a \$15 ticket price.

Underlying elements here could bring criticisms, but take delight in the Heads and at one point during the performance remember that we had a dance party planned for Dec. 4.

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letters

Following rules

I would like the students to know the truth about the EMU House Committee. The editorial published on Nov. 7 was not correct about the issues now facing the House Committee.

The entire issue of OSPIRG was introduced by two concerned students who approached the board chair. Our policy is to bring students concerns in front of the board. I put the OSPIRG rental question on the agenda. The discussion of OSPIRG brought up the fact that "Footnotes" is also a non-profit student corporation and should be discussed along with OSPIRG. This issue is hardly a result of our political views but a result of an active board doing it's job and following the State Board of Higher Education rules.

The House Committee has not made any decisions regarding rent for these two corporations. Rather, the committee is making up guidelines for the criteria of charging rent. Only after this process is completed will we consider charging any group rent.

I would like to suggest that the Emerald speak directly with Dan

Cohen (board chair) or myself (House Committee chair) to avoid your confusion on the issues.

Maria Neese
house committee chair

Petty

It was amusing to read in your editorial on the EMU House Committee how evil I am. Generally, I would expect a story so thoroughly inundated with petty lies and untruths to appear in the National Enquirer. Maybe with a little practice you will be able to raise your writing skills to the low standards set by the Enquirer.

The story says that other committee members have characterized my actions as ram-rodging. All of my fellow committee members - who have fully supported me throughout this - have assured me that they would never say such a thing. However the Emerald reporter, no stranger to ram-rodging himself, tried to trap a committee member into saying just that. Unsuccessful, the reporter apparently felt he could hide behind a cowardly smokescreen of "I'm protecting my sources."

It's strange that all this dissent

hasn't been apparent at our meetings. All of our decisions this year have been unanimous. The only plausible explanation is that I summoned the forces of evil and clouded the minds of the other committee members.

The editorial also asserted that I've used my position to help my friends. As Chair, I don't even vote on the EMU Board and I only have one vote on the House Committee. Furthermore, I put every issue brought to my attention on the agenda regardless of whether I support or oppose it. Actually, I would use my position to help my friends but evil people like me don't have friends.

Daniel Cohen
emu board chair

Where the hell?

I have read the "Commentator" several times and have been struck by the similarity in its world view with that of Pres. Ronald Reagan. My open-ended question is simply where in the hell does the "Commentator" get funds for its publication?

Assuming for the moment that the "Commentator" is homegrown, then why do we

need another right wing campus publication? Since Reagan has been president, we have unfortunately seen a drastic narrowing of political debate in this country. It is possible to get essentially the same point of view by picking up Time magazine or any number of similar publications on the news stands.

I would appreciate direct answers to these questions in a future "Commentator" editorial. If the answer isn't forthcoming, then I assume that the "Commentator" has something to hide.

Andrew Beckwith
grad student, physics

Purporting

I would like to make a few comments about Professor Pope's implied statement that the purpose of the organization, Faculty Against Intervention In Central America, is to show that the American people are not behind Pres. Ronald Reagan. Only a few years ago the American people elected Reagan in what was described by the media as a landslide. In recent polls 49 percent of the Americans polled stated that they believed Reagan was doing a

good job. Similarly, letters to the White House concerning the Grenada invasion, or liberation depending on one's point of view, expressed approval of Reagan's actions by a margin of over 20 to 1.

I find it ludicrous that the professors of this organization propose to speak for the American people. I suggest that they venture out of the University community and listen before speaking. My purpose is not to criticize anyone for thinking as they do, but to criticize them for purporting to speak for others when they do not.

In conclusion, I state that I am an American who is behind Reagan. I support Reagan because I believe that his foreign policies have made the world a safer place; that his economic policies are conducive to increasing our nation's productivity and therefore are truly compassionate; that, taken as a whole, his policies help preserve America as a beacon of hope to the oppressed victims of closed societies. To quote one of the children from Grenada: "It was those men in the funny clothes that freed us."

Sam Burr
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