

# letters

## A minority

I was greatly relieved when I read in this morning's paper that Mary Hotchkiss had decided to veto the funding that the IFC gave to the Oregon Com-

mentator. Yes, Hotchkiss, I agree with you: I don't think we should fund a group that directly benefits only one-third of the student population. It is clearly not in the interest of the general student population to cater to

such a minority. Instead, we should give more money to *Off the Record* and other such papers that a whopping 10 percent of the people read.

I also agree with you in that we shouldn't give any money to anything that has "a particular political viewpoint." This is an institute of learning, we are here to learn about calculus and Chaucer, and not conservatives (although we can learn about Central America, as long as we avoid the conservative aspect).

As you so aptly put it, "the purpose of the *Commentator* is to expound a conservative viewpoint on a liberal campus." Goodness. If that's what they're doing, then good riddance. The University should strive to suppress these wicked people that make us choose what to think. It only makes education confusing.

Thank you, Hotchkiss, for making the world safe for us.

Brian Moore

## Watchin' the clock

Well golly, can you believe those Commie dogs having the audacity to point more nukes at us? Geez, and after all our illustrious leader has done to persuade the Soviets to negotiate arms control. I mean during Pres. Ronald Reagan's tenure he has tried to persuade them by deploying six Trident subs with their 2,448 warheads. He's tried to persuade them with 572 cruise and Pershing II missiles. He's tried to persuade them with 210 MX warheads from Hanford. Now he wants to persuade them with another batch of MX's.

It seems to me that our persuasion methods only persuade the further escalation of nuclear weapons. It is time to analyze our methods of establishing trust necessary for successful negotiations. Threatening the lives of the people we wish to reach agreements with is absurd. In order to establish any substantial negotiations, we must stop building and deploying more and more sophisticated weapons. Reagan's "bargaining-chip" diplomacy has obviously continually failed. In spite of this obvious failure we are constantly asked to repeat our mistakes. When I run into a wall I sometimes get up and run into it again; but usually I try another direction. It is time to try another direction in arms control.

As I contemplate the recent increase in Soviet sub deployment, I am forced to realize that they can reach ME in 5-7 minutes. Given the 2-3 minutes to verify a launch and contact the president, I find that our il-

lustrous leader will have about 180 seconds to react with full knowledge that he's going for sure. This enforces my position to develop another stance on arms control — now.

Dave Zauner

## Show of hands

How many of us here in readerland believe in non-violence? Let's see a show of hands. I certainly do. Non-violence is a very powerful tool for getting rid of ugliness. I try to use non-violence and pacifism whenever I can when I feel I'm being assaulted.

It really takes a lot of strength, though, to step back and say, "Hey, go ahead and hit me. I'm not going to fight."

Now, another show of hands — how many of us pacifists were shocked and embarrassed by Ross West's letter in the May 21 *Emerald*? Good letter. A little hateful, though. I don't really know what defacing of the budget graph on 13th Street he was so "incensed, nauseated, disgusted, and epithet-hurling" about, but it must have been pretty severe.

Ross is the kind of person who makes me afraid to be non-violent. If I'm a pacifist, and if I have a moderate to conservative viewpoint, what am I going to do if he pops off and calls me a brown shirt with a CIA-supplied cattle prod, as he called the instigator of the previously mentioned defacing?

Ross is the kind of dangerous person that makes me feel that all radicals should be put away, particularly those of Ross's camp — the left wing.

Rob Young

## Bible lesson

The more through 10 years I've come to know the Bible, the greater my confidence has become in its being factual and trustworthy by God's sovereignty. Those who scoff at its claims are pursuing a "subjective" faith, too; that conditions are not as it declares. Most of those who taunt Christianity know the least about it. Every movement has hypocrites, that doesn't measure the movement, only that God doesn't program believers like robots.

Jesus Christ is the Bible's consistent theme compiled over many centuries. In the Old Testament He is the promised Messiah, the need for shown and trademarks abundantly prophesied (not general "predictions"). The living personal God is revealed — far better than any impersonal force or unprincipled, indiscriminate benevolent invented by man.

The Bible is starkly contrary to all religious ideas of men. It's not about your attempting to impress God. His judgement for your wrongs and failings has, from his love, been applied to his son, executed in your place. If you trust in Jesus to be your savior and Lord over your life, God will acquit you. Any "changes" needed will come if the relationship is real.

Predominant in our day is the manmade idol of himself. We should have confidence in our potential. But when we leave our rightful Lord out, we become like the flashlight that has no maker to maintain its batteries.

God is not just for the bye-and-bye. He wants the ideal world too. But he won't for now

force his will. Problems, whether between nations or individuals, boil down to the character of those involved, regardless of the system they work under. God's way: to transform persons, from the inside out, one step at a time, into all they can rightfully be.

Robert Nordahl

## At the bar

Recently the Communists held a talent show on 13th Street, the product of which is an impressive, multi-colored bar graph. Their graph portrays a misleading, if not totally erroneous, breakdown of the federal budget.

At the Willamette World Affairs conference this past weekend, the National Strategy Information Center booth had quite a different story. They distributed a bar graph (in black and white, not yellow and purple) that was copied from a packet of information that Sen. Robert Packwood distributed at his last speech in Springfield.

This analysis (by Ken Wullschleger) of the 1983 budget shows that National Defense accounts for only 26.5 percent of the budget, while Human Resources accounts for 51.8 percent — almost twice that of national defense. The rest of the budget is equally divided between net interest and all others. To back these claims, Wullschleger cites his sources as the OMB, Budget of the U.S. Government FY 1984, and OMB Federal Government Finances, 1984 Budget Data, February 1983.

So you're wrong you Communist worms. Now come back and clean your offensive graffiti off my street.

Rick Galliher

## Don't look back

After attending this University four years, I can look back on the many things that have happened to me, and reflect on both the good and sad.

I'll remember my friends, my two years as resident assistant, and the Summer and Fall weather Eugene is famous for. Perhaps most though, I'll remember the joy of becoming an elementary education major. You see, the teachers of education courses not only have the concepts, but they have the skills to teach those concepts; most of the professors in the education department have been teachers before, so they have been taught how to teach.

What a joy walking into my classes, knowing that the lecture won't bore me to tears, but that my professor will inject vitality into the lesson. The examples are endless.

In the beginning of my letter I said I'd remember the good things...and the sad things. The University is known for its learned professors, but that's behind a desk or in a research lab. When we get to the classroom, we find professors who can't teach concepts and would opt to have their right hand cut off rather than teach introductory courses.

It seems to me that an institution dedicated to higher education would do its best to educate students in the best way possible. Having professors who can and like to teach is certainly a step in the right direction.

Dave Lund

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