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letters

Part of the job

The tragic death of Linda White Frazier once again points up the high premium placed on the free flow of information and the risks that journalists face. Linda was a courageous and gifted journalist who died in the line of duty covering the complex and convoluted issues in one of the most turbulent regions of the world.

Linda and her husband, Joe Frazier, who I first met as students at the Oregon Daily Emerald, knew and understood the great risks they faced in Central America, but believed that there were profoundly important reasons to be at the scene of international conflict in order to adequately cover the news.

Linda White is warmly remembered at the University of Oregon.

In conversations with Joe Frazier last summer, I recall discussing the great risks in international reporting. What seemed a distant matter then is wrenching and personal now.

Everette Dennis

Dean, School of Journalism

Screech is right

The newspaper threw everything/ into its respective box —/ the girls, the noise, the purple./ The janitor saw two/ "white females juveniles"/ run through the lobby/ and out a side door —/ the only door not locked by a deadbolt. He had heard it —/ a "splat-type" noise./ Broken ribbons of purple/ shocked the wall, the words,/ it was dis-graceful,/ some of the serif tails/ on the letters flew off,/ the o's in noble and good/ had their eyes forced open/ just a little bit wider./ What is the speed of purple?/ Whatever it is, it's fast enough/ to tickle my retinas,/ my light-sensitive cells,/ the inner space of my eyes/ that you can not actually see./ Retina, retina — I remember/ giving a whole report/ in eighth grade science/ saying re-Tina, re-Tina;/ I made this part of the eye/ a woman or a girl —/ Tina Acardo was a friend of mine:/ we grew up on the same deadend street together,/ white, female, juvenile;/ we played violin together,/ we screeched together.

Lee Evans

senior, English and fine arts

Who's liberal?

Once again Mary Hotchkiss seems to be having difficulty seeing the forest for the trees of her own somewhat limited opinions. While I have for many years considered myself a

liberal, I have serious trouble perceiving the University of Oregon as being a predominantly "liberal campus"; if this is indeed the case then Hotchkiss' denial of funding to the Commentator is a slap in the face of the campus at large.

Serious liberals have a duty to actively support dissent: if we merely tolerate it we are evading responsibility; if we actively suppress it we are no longer liberals, but fascists. Though I disagree with most of the opinions expressed in the Commentator I nevertheless voted in favor of funding it. You see, many people do agree with such views, and I feel it infinitely more productive to confront these ideas in a public forum, rather than sweep them under a carpet and hope they will go away (they won't).

As far as damaging "people's notion of what the right to vote means," if the funding vote was indeed "non-binding" as publicly stated, then making it binding after the fact is the source of damage. If we are now to consider this vote binding it would seem equitable to drastically cut the Emerald's budget, in view of the tiny majority by which it was passed. In fact, I would have no argument against trimming \$5,000 from the Emerald's funding and giving it to the Commentator.

It is interesting to note that after all the brouhaha concerning the Commentator's receipt off-campus funding Hotchkiss has taken the one action which will force the paper to again seek such funding; I find this almost as entertaining as the "liberal" Emerald accepting money from the CIA to run their recruiting ads (5/24/84)...

Hiawatha

Graduate, music and philosophy

Dirty wheel deal

Saturday night June 2, as I left the EMU after several hours of studying, I discovered that someone had twisted my bike around in the rack so that its front wheel was bent completely out of shape.

I don't know what kind of vile creature would do such a thing, but I prefer to believe that anyone with a grudge against me would have the courage to communicate directly. Perhaps, then, it was someone who is clumsy to the point of posing a hazard to the community, or who is acting out Road Warrior fantasies. In either case, he (for I presume he is a he) should see a doctor immediately.

Most likely, though, it was someone who gets his kicks out of smashing bikes. If so, he reminds me of many three-year-olds, who, if not watched carefully, will take other people's toys for their own and break them. The difference is that my bicycle is not a toy; like

many students, I depend on it for transportation. Since I work to put myself through school, it will probably be months before I can afford a new front wheel.

I know better than to think the culprit to be within the reach of reason, but I hope my letter will make him so ashamed as to throw himself in the Willamette River. This campus has no place for such a childish vandal.

P.S. I'm offering a \$12 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bike smasher. Call 686-5043 days or 345-6156 nights.

Matt Gushee
Architect

Out of context

In response to Donna Holleran's letter to the editor in the June 1 issue of the ODE demanding that I clarify myself...

I was in fact co-editor of "Off the Record," an ASUO executive publication started this year to promote ASUO programs. At the IFC hearing on May 23, I argued in favor of the ASUO executive veto denying the unusually high level of funding granted to another fledgling independent university publication, the Oregon Commentator. I made several points, the first that funding for "Off the Record" for the 1984-85 school year was cut approximately in half. I am also co-editor of the Oregon Advocate, the Survival Center's newsmagazine, which has been in existence 14 years, not 18 years as reported in the ODE article Holleran referred to. This publication was granted, after some discussion with the IFC, an additional \$200 above the \$1,800 level received for 1983-84. My argument was that granting the Commentator \$5,000 was extreme in light of these facts.

I can imagine Holleran's righteous indignation and the confusion it must have caused her, being duped in this horrible fashion. For my part, I apologize for being quoted out of context. Honestly.

To avoid harming anyone further, I must clarify one more point regarding my appointment to the publications coordinator position for the 1984-85 school year. While I will continue to edit "Off the Record" (which will be in its second year, for those counting) I will not be editing the Survival Center's Oregon Advocate, as reported in the June 1 ODE. The Oregon Advocate is published by the Survival Center, not the ASUO executive.

Holleran, a slight admonition. Don't believe everything you read, and enjoy your summer.

love,

Tim Jordan
ASUO Publications
Coordinator

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