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their disdain for consistency and waiver along the pathway of special interests. Not so with our president incumbent. He has shown that he can "stay the course" and not have to adjust his values to a statistical poll.

Jerry Sybers
Political Science

Straight talk

Response to Dan Goulet:

It was interesting that you chastised Mondale and Carter for their "not teaching the Soviets a lesson" attitude concerning human rights violations and the attack of Afghanistan.

What kind of lesson were you thinking of, Dan? A nuclear lesson, or perhaps a more subtle conventional land invasion of the Soviet Union? What if the Soviets took on the self-righteous attitude of teaching us a lesson concerning our genocidal policies in Latin America (Nicaragua under Somoza, Chile, El Salvador, and Guatemala)? This kind of obtuse diplomacy would lead to one thing in short order — extinction of the species.

You also mentioned in your letter the indifference of Mondale and Carter to opposing the Khmer Rouge of Cambodia. I'd like to point out that it was U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick who endorsed Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge because of their expressed malevolence to the Republic of Vietnam. Kirkpatrick is currently one of Reagan's pet confidants on Central American foreign policy.

Your perception of Mondale's indifference to non-ethical practices world wide seems to fall short, in view of Reagan's massive military endorsements of virtually every fascist dictator in the hemisphere. Concerning South Africa's fierce oppression, he doesn't merely show indifference to that country's policies but praises them as "one of our greatest friends and allies."

In regards to your egregious statement that 95% of all human rights violations occur at the hands of left wing death squads, I suggest you consult Amnesty International, the Red Cross, Americas Watch or any other non-partisan human rights organization before consulting the Springfield Bingo Club.

Gerry Rempel
Eugene

Vote no on 2

We, the student body president representatives from the 13 community colleges of Oregon, express deep concern over the effects that Proposition 2 would have on public education in our state.

Proposition 2, which would cut back property taxes to 1981 levels and have tax limitations far below inflation rates, would mean revenue cuts of up to 30%. The passage of such a measure would result in massive layoffs, program cuts, and possible closures.

Community colleges play a vital role in the economic development and security in Oregon. Job training and educational opportunities are provided to hundreds of thousands of people each year. We believe that not only is this basic continued support essential to the economy, but to the general

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social welfare of Oregonians as well.

We recognize the importance of creating an effective tax-relief program for property owners, but at the same time feel that this measure is not the needed solution and that it would create grave hardship that would be felt for many years to come.

We appeal to the students and citizens of Oregon to support the future security of education by voting against Proposition 2. Let us work together in continuing to build a better Oregon through quality education.

Cindy Weeldreyer
President,
Lane Community
College Student Body

Getting a rise

I wish to respond to Ron Munion's defense of the rights of military recruiters on this campus. I did not witness the "chaos" in EMU last week to which he refers, but I have seen similar occurrences in the past. It is guaranteed that this activity will get a rise out of people, and I believe it should.

Students, like all other Americans today, can ill afford to remain indifferent to the drift in this country toward militarism and away from social priorities. Personally, I consider this drift very frightening, because many lives are at stake.

Mr. Munion likes to call the protestors of the Marine recruiters "reactionaries" and "zealots." Frankly, I have a lot of respect for people who act on their convictions — something very few "liberals" ever do. In my opinion people who "hold their noses but allow others the right to choose as they wish without interference" are of little more benefit toward ceasing the current military madness in America than are the Marine recruiters themselves!

The Marines are not just another group on our campus. They are a blatant symbol of the re-kindled spirit in America to police the globe in order to assure that all nations bow down to our demands. Vietnam was the result of the previous wave of military madness. It's a shame today's students are too young to appreciate the impact of that war on a whole generation of college students and on the lives of those who had to fight it.

Scott Kerlin
Industrial Relations

Don't just talk

I saw a letter to the Eugene Register-Guard (Oct.2) which said that the present county commissioner for South Eugene wants 50% of all the county boards and commissions to be women.

If he really believes that, why wait for the November election to change things? He should resign now and let his opponent, Tonie Nathan, take his place immediately. We have five men on the board of commissioners and no women. It's time for a change. Let's elect Tonie Nathan.

Leah Rosson
Eugene

Lesson to learn

When the Sidle Commission first convened to negotiate new provisions for press representation following the invasion of Grenada (from which the press

was banned), few national news media personnel seriously questioned its authority, its integrity, or its intentions.

For those who did, and for the numbskulls who were too caught up in their own self-interests to see that a very broad and dangerous precedent would inevitably emerge from that Commission, the Pentagon now has an answer.

That answer is just one or two short of censorship: but it is definitely new management. With the unfortunate sanction of the nation's top media executives — one of whom was twice the former boss of the Commission's chairman when both were military information officers in Vietnam — the Pentagon can now control "who says what to whom and with what effect," when and where it damn well pleases (given, of course, another Grenada-like invasion).

Let this be a lesson to the nation's press, and let them punish themselves in advance for what will undoubtedly be the disastrous outcome of such a policy.

Never, EVER negotiate a constitutional freedom with the government of the U.S.; for, as surely as Dan Rather works for CBS, you will never gain from such a negotiation.

Daniel Holden
Journalism

Sluggishness

What is this uproar that Fritz Mondale, the Soviet Union's candidate for U.S. President, has made about the Honorable President Reagan's desertion of the Democratic Party? Mondale claims that Reagan, who worked on the campaigns of famous Democrats as Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman, demonstrated inconsistency in deserting his friends to join the "right."

A careful look, however, at the present Democratic platform explains precisely why Reagan changed his party affiliation. The Socialist platform of 1928 has been entirely included within the present Democratic platform of 1984.

Not even F.D.R., left of center politically as he was, dared endorse sexual perversion in promising benefits to homosexuals so they might promote their lifestyle as a "viable alternative."

Now Mondale's saying that deficit spending is bad five years after he said it was good for a sluggish economy. And he ought to know about sluggish economies, considering he and Jimmy were in charge of causing one.

Reagan is not perfect — no man can be. But the man is a whole lot better than his opponent and the "now" Democratic Party. Mondale had better root up some other trivial issue to get the average American's vote, because all he has now is the vote of the social parasite. Reagan has the vote of the honest working man and woman who are individualists, not followers of the bread machine.

Dan Goulet
Journalism

Please leave

After reading your repeated attacks on the President, I find myself with a much clearer picture of the Emerald staff. A pic-

ture that is not, I am sorry to say, one of journalists who take pride in their country and its institutions but instead a picture of those who are quick to find fault with America and negligent in praising its many virtues.

In a continuing series of editorials, you have made it clear that America's refusal to give away its freedom is offensive to you and that the President's refusal to act in a conciliatory manner towards the Soviets is also offensive.

I am sorry to see that your will to freedom has been replaced by a pathetic fear of what risks that freedom may bring you in the future. When you dismiss President Ronald Reagan's remarks on the nature of the Soviet Union out-of-hand, you expose only your ignorance of recent political and military history.

When the President names the Soviets "godless" you laugh and ignore their constant policy of religious repression.

When the President has the courage to name the Soviet Empire as "evil" you immediately forget their brutal expansion into Africa, Asia, Central America and continued oppression in Eastern Europe.

The Soviets have always been dedicated to the idea of world peace — the peace of slavery. They prove it everyday in Eritrea, Angola, and Afghanistan.

If slavery is your dream, if you love security so much, there is nothing more to say to you. But there is no room in a free country for enemies of freedom. One of our freedoms is the freedom to leave...please do.

Clint Kaster
Sigma Nu Fraternity

Thank Reagan

Thanks to my father, who served 22 years in the U.S. Air Force, I am now a card-carrying U.S. military dependent.

Taking advantage of this distinction, I went in August to Edwards A.F.B. in Southern California. I arrived on the flightline at 5:30 a.m. and walked to the edge of the Mojave Desert. Minutes later, a sonic boom shattered the morning silence and the sun slowly peaked above the horizon with a warm brilliance. Soon thereafter the newest American space shuttle dropped from the sky and came to a perfect landing. It was an exhilarating moment!

This week we've seen another space shuttle launch, two American women in space, and the first flight of a Canadian astronaut. The space shuttle is more than a symbol of progress, it is an instrument of international peace and cooperation.

As a young American, I am proud of President Ronald Reagan, who not only supports the space shuttle program, but also respects our men and women in uniform.

Walter Mondale, on the other hand, has consistently opposed the space shuttle program, both as senator and vice president. Now as a candidate for this nation's highest office, he attracts supporters like those in the EMU lobby who would deny men and women the right to serve their country with pride and respect.

The choice is clear. The leadership of Ronald Reagan is working for America. On Nov. 6, the president gets my vote.

Eric Stillwell
Political Science

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