

Letters

Keep free rent

Not long ago, the Emerald came out in support of denying OSPIRG rent-free status in the EMU. Unfortunately, the Emerald muddled the issues on which it based its opinion.

First, the Emerald implied that OSPIRG was shirking from its accountability by sneaking its funding onto the ballot without gathering the requisite student signatures. As if exposing the organization to the scrutiny of 15,000 students wasn't enough! Nevertheless, OSPIRG will gather signatures to place its funding on the ballot this spring. Indeed, it will seek the approval of several thousand more students than required to make the ballot.

Second, the Emerald confused the issue of the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group and the Oregon Student PIRG in an attempt to make OSPIRG appear less accountable to students.

The Oregon State PIRG runs a canvass, which students often participate in, and uses the money to supplement the activities of students on campus. The Oregon Student PIRG is the legal organization which receives \$1 per student per term of your incidental fees. Because OSPIRG has expanded greatly in recent years, it is very lucky to have a supplemental income, which is more efficient than bake sales.

Because of OSPIRG's structure, students have an opportunity to be involved in a wider variety of consumer, utility and environmental issues. This does not detract from OSPIRG's responsibility to students, it enhances it. OSPIRG is a student group, accessible to all of you. Your student group should be allowed to keep its rent-free status in the EMU.

Carol Benedick
International Studies

Truly sorry

It never ceases to amaze me where the pathetically paranoid discover manifestations of the evil that haunts them so ("For men only").

Initially, I was struck by the banality of the complaint. So what if Sports Illustrated caters to individuals of the male persuasion. As I read on, however, the seemingly benign remarks began to fester, soon progressing into the incoherent ramblings of a virulent delusion.

Allegedly, somehow females were getting tricked into buying this magazine. False advertising, betrayal of an unspoken

trust — something must account for the absence of equal time, a fair share for women's sports.

But even more troubling, the species, once snared, lost all perception of identity (apparently the victims of brainwashing or voodoo. See Duke Doonesbury). The pitiful things couldn't even see the manipulation, the sexism.

Without being too presumptuous, might I suggest an alternative explanation? Gender determinants do not affect the capacity to appreciate the athletic exploits of a Larry Bird, a Pete Rose or a Refrigerator and his team, the Chicago Bears.

As for the annual issue of "pornography" — well, swimsuits, same difference — maybe, just maybe your afflicted breed does not feel threatened by the artful photography. In any event, I'm truly sorry for those whose fears of sexual extinction compel them to uncompromising narcissism.

I have but one suggestion for those believing "to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" when perusing Sports Illustrated. Don't! Instead, just relish in the mindless dribble of your Seventeen. Or, have you graduated to Mademoiselle?

Thomas Brooke
Student

System's faults

Quoted from the letter to the editor "False statement" (ODE, Feb. 14): "It's a pity the media tend to focus on the negative aspects of Greek life and not on all the positive events that take place. But that's life at the U of O."

I find it funny that Miss Hastings and Mr. White (they make sure to identify themselves as Greeks) fail to mention any of the positive events of the Greek system. Are there any?

Can you know what life at the University is really like when your Greek system greatly *limits* your experience? Do you make friends by being in a house, or does the house make your friends for you? Do you join a house so you can meet people like you, or do you do it so you can ostracize yourself into *false* believing you're better than a majority of this campus?

Where has the liberal reputation of this campus gone? Does anyone have any opinions? Will anyone say anything worthwhile about anything of importance? Where has this new right-wing and pro-Reagan sen-

timent come from? Will it be necessary to have SDI just to protect a bunch of people who never went to college thanks to the Gramm-Rudman Act?

It is my opinion these questions have SOMETHING to do with the Greek system and its faults. The Greek system does more bad for *everyone* than good in its present form. No chance, "dude," don't try to fool yourself.

Paul Kim
Independent

Pants down

Tom Visoky's latest charges of distortion (ODE, Feb. 17) are miniscule and ridiculous. The NY Times article that I quoted does say the Soviets are using "minimal" military power in Afghanistan. Indeed, it says they are using only 500 troops in daily operations.

There was no need for me to refer to the article's statement about the effectiveness of Soviet air power because the Commentator has correctly referred to it in the past. I quoted the article fairly, and I challenge anyone who questions this to go to the Commentator office and see for themselves.

The reason for all this furor is that my Afghan commentary caught the Commentator's ideologues with their pants down. They grossly misrepresented the Afghan war, and they know it. Their coverage was ridiculous — there was no mention of the well-documented and numerous rebel atrocities or of the 60,000 Afghan Communists who are doing the bulk of the fighting. The Commentator's coverage was so one-sided that it made one think the Russians were fighting against themselves.

No one has challenged my well-documented contentions that the Afghan resistance is extremely reactionary and that the Communists are indeed preferable to the Khomeinist rebels, which was the entire point of my commentary.

Incredibly, in the Commentator's several-thousand-word commentary, none of this was mentioned even once! Neither have they attempted to defend their casualty figure of "more than a million." Indeed, the closest attributed statistic they've since used is 100,000 to 200,000. So who is accusing whom of "distortion?"

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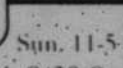
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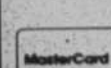
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