

Editorial

Massive increases deserve a 'no' vote

Today we discuss three major money measures facing students in this week's ASUO election. We recommend that students vote down all three measures.

Measure 3 — OSPIRG funding increase

OSPIRG is seeking to double its fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 paid by each student each term. Vote against this measure.

More money must be tied to substantial changes in demonstrable needs. OSPIRG has not shown that its needs on this campus have doubled.

OSPIRG provides excellent practical experience for students interested in community involvement. OSPIRG experience helps produce new generations of people dedicated to community participation.

OSPIRG doesn't need to double its fee at the University to continue providing this opportunity to University students.

OSPIRG support has diminished at Oregon State University and at Portland State University. Students at the University of Oregon cannot be expected to carry more of OSPIRG's burden.

If this measure passes, some of the money may be used to pay for more professional staff to be located at the University. Some may be used for statewide efforts or to help shore up sagging chapters at other schools.

If this measure loses, OSPIRG may still go to the Incidental Fee Committee and request an amount similar to its current allocation, which provides over \$40,000 annually. This is enough to serve the needs of University students.

Measures 10 and 11 — athletics funding

Each of the conflicting measures to increase athletics funding has a problem.

According to the ASUO Constitution Court, Measure 10, which provides for a one percent fee decrease for athletics, can only go into effect if Measure 11 loses. Even if Measure 10 passes and 11 loses, the athletic department can still go to the IFC for up to a seven percent increase.

Measure 10 is a complex stalling tactic. Students who want the status quo or a decrease have the IFC waiting in the wings. Vote "no" on Measure 10.

Measure 11 asks that students raise their fee support for intercollegiate athletics from about \$18.00 a term to \$26.60 a term.

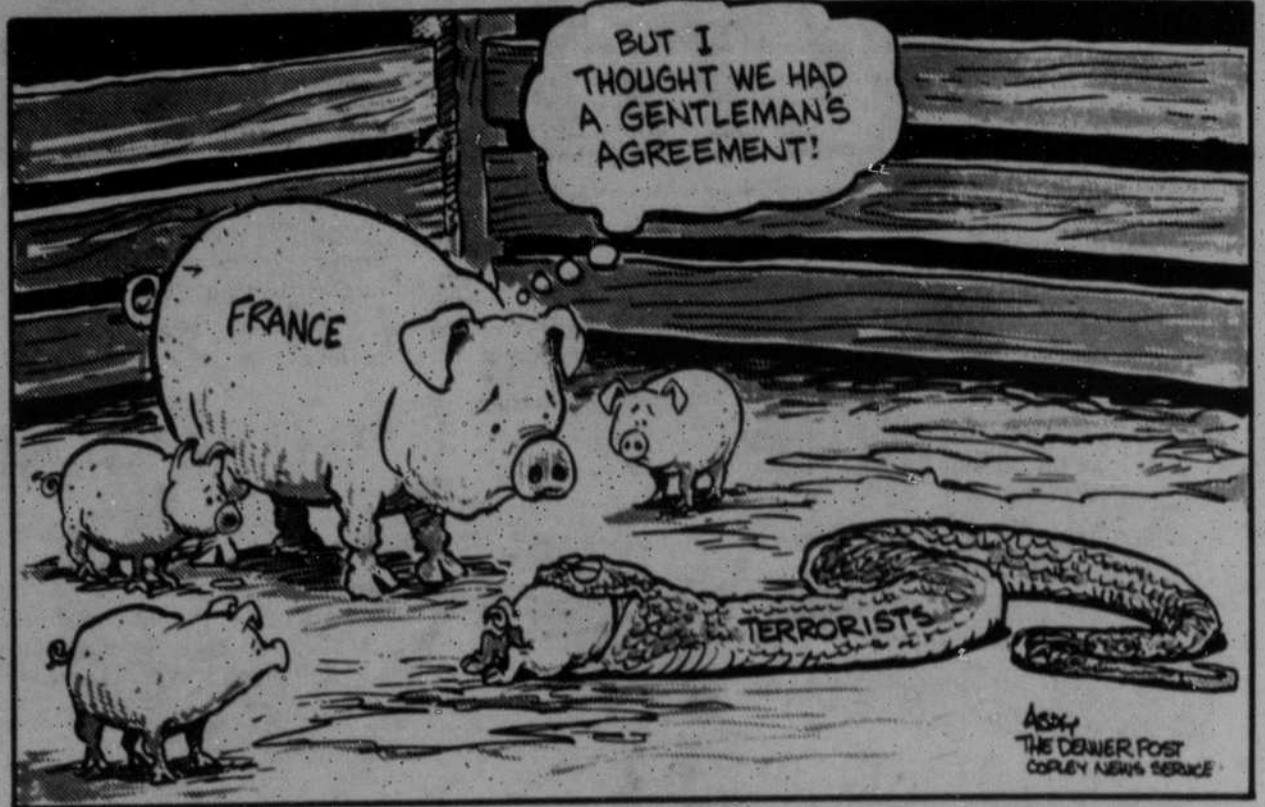
Although this money seems earmarked for women's athletics funding parity, this is another case of student fees being used to help a University department out of a bind.

The incidental fee is not a bottomless grab bag of cash to be used to pay for everything the University wants or needs. Incidental fees are intended by law for the physical and cultural development of students.

At the \$26.60 fee level, physical or cultural development of the 400 students who participate in intercollegiate athletics will cost almost \$3000.00 each.

Our society is awash in all kinds of sports. There is no need for the University to spend over \$1 million to make sure that students' ability to appreciate athletics is "culturally developed."

The University should make reductions in other areas to meet its Title IX obligations. A massive injection of student fee money is a quick fix from the wrong pocket.



Letters

Merits support

Despite the Emerald's denunciation of the SPA, its candidates deserve student support.

The Emerald claims SPA opposition to military recruitment on campus is a violation of free speech. Oh.

I always thought the First Amendment was intended to protect the right of free expression by private citizens. Perhaps there is some fine print only the Emerald editors can read, stating that free speech means employees of the federal government acting in an official capacity have the right to engage in commercial activities (such as military recruitment) on state owned campuses.

The Emerald also suggested that the safe ride van for women only constitutes sex discrimination. Any University program involving a distinction based on sex deserves close scrutiny. But in the case of the women's van, clearly there are compelling reasons for such a distinction.

Women cannot walk the streets at night on campus or in the University area without legitimate concern over the possibility of harassment, and even attack, by men. The incidence of intimidation and violence against men is minimal in comparison.

Finally, the Emerald's condemnation of the SPA for con-

sidering broad social issues students' issues is ridiculous. Just to name one example, Reagan's obscene military budget is stealing much needed money for education from every student in the nation.

Contrary to the Emerald's opinion, this campus needs a student government with a progressive agenda.

Richard Wiener
Physics

Poor image

I was one of the many concerned students who attended the lecture given by the Soviet Consul on April 11. When I left the lecture, I was angry and disappointed; not with the speakers, but with the Americans who managed to make fools out of all of us.

To the man in the blue shirt: I can assure you that you did NOT speak for all of us when you expressed your views against Reagan. After all, some of us must support him — he got elected, didn't he? You sure made us look good! Now the Russians can go home and report that Americans are against their own government!

Yes, you have the right to express your views against the government. But did you have to make a mockery out of it in front of the Russians? Several people made good points, but provoking the speakers with angry, heated statements didn't do much for our image. They were making an effort, and I am grateful for that.

Now, if we could get our own citizens to work together, we might have a chance at peace.

Pamela Bereman
Pre-Business

Committed

My name is Jodie Mooney. I am a first year law student running for a one-year Incidental Fee Committee position. I am endorsed both by the Student Bar Association and Students For A Progressive Agenda.

As are all SPA candidates, I am committed to working toward the creation of a strong and effective student voice on this campus. It is essential that all students have the opportunity to be heard and to have some impact on decisions made concerning their needs.

The importance of a diversified student body cannot be overemphasized. Student incidental fees should be allocated equitably to "traditional" as well as "non-traditional" student organizations and to minority student groups. Incidental fees should also be used to fund such student concerns as child care and the ASUO South Africa divestiture suit.

I am confident that if elected to this position I can be objective and fair in considering and deciding the allocation of incidental fees. I have five years of experience at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as a Registrar's Assistant on projects such as Minority Community Outreach and the evaluation of the need for Athletic Dept. program expansions for women, as well as countless hours of experience with university red tape. I urge all students to vote Students For A Progressive Agenda.

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