

Letters

Hendriksen

The most important resources we have are human resources... the people. Yet today the federal government has walked out on its commitment to basic human needs and values. We must restore this commitment.

As a state legislator, I have always worked hard to develop our human resources, on issues concerning working people, education, seniors, women and civil rights.

In the 1985 Legislative session, I worked successfully for passage of legislation providing for:

- Worker right to know of toxic substances in the workplace.
- Unemployment benefits for long-term unemployed.
- Comparable worth policy for state employees.
- Worker compensation benefit increases.
- Video display terminal health and safety standards.
- Due process for academic employees.
- Support for higher education and community colleges.

As a state senator, I've worked hard for fair taxation. I fought against the sales tax. I sponsored legislation to lower state tax rates for the majority of Oregonians while producing revenue for property tax relief. And I am the chief petitioner for homeowner and renter property tax exemption.

As your congresswoman, I will continue to work on your behalf and speak out for your interests.

Federal spending priorities and fiscal policies, which have weakened Oregon's economy, must be changed to help families lead productive lives.

It's wrong when education, employment and training programs continue to be slashed while the military budget escalates unchecked. It's wrong when fiscal policies benefit foreign competition and take jobs away from Oregonians. It's wrong when tax reform shifts the burden to families, away from profitable corporations.

Together we can right these wrongs.

Margie Hendriksen
State Senator
Democratic candidate
4th Congressional Dist.

Move on, Bill

Bill Byrne has pulled a fast one. In eliminating three sports and reducing the budgets of three others, he is exerting pressure on our community to comply with his dome project. Tying the future success of the athletic department to the construction of a dome is ludicrous.

Byrne approaches the idea of a dome as an economic cure-all for Eugene and the University's athletic department. The only strand of truth I find in Byrne's scenario is the possibility of the dome helping Eugene's economy.

Perhaps Bill Byrne should be Eugene's business manager instead of the University's athletic director. No doubt he already has the political instincts.

G. Stanfield
Student

Public apology

I, as a member of the University's straight population, would like to apologize for the unwarranted hatred and violent acts of my fellow hets.

I apologize for all the insecure, uneducated hets that have such closed minds as to not even try to understand you.

I apologize for the disruption of your movies last Thursday night, caused in part by some alleged fraternity boys (as opposed to men). When was the last time you heard of a frat party being raided by drunken "queers" wielding firecrackers and tossing insults?

I apologize for this, not because I was one of the perpetrators or that I think by apologizing it will rectify the situation, but because I want the gays and lesbians to know although we do have a lunatic fringe, few hets actually believe in the garbage that every so often gets spilled on the letters page.

Very few would condone or tolerate such inexcusable homophobic behavior.

Some food for thought for those of you who aren't educated about homophobia: Generally, according to psychiatrists, the more homophobic a person is, the more likely it is they have homosexual tendencies they are rebelling against.

David Tubb
CIS

Letters Policy

The Emerald will attempt to print all letters containing fair comment on topics of interest to the University community.

Letters to the editor must be limited to 250 words, typed, signed and the identification of the writer must be verified when the letter is turned in. The Emerald reserves the right to edit any letter for length or style. Letters to the editor should be turned into the Emerald office, Suite 300, EMU.

Niedermeyer

The Emerald recently printed a letter submitted with false identification. We planned to print responses. We won't. Our letter backlog is so large that we have chosen to remove the eight "Niedermeyer" responses from the queue for printing. We will therefore be able to print more letters responding to real students.

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