

# Editorial

## Sacking arms pact Reagan's latest folly

President Reagan's decision to stop adhering to the terms of the unratified 1979 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) is an unfortunate step backward in U.S. foreign policy.

Although Reagan said that the U.S. will scrap two submarines and stay within the treaty limits for the next few months, he also said that the U.S. would not begin destroying old missiles when new cruise missiles are deployed on B-52 bombers.

In effect, the U.S. is stockpiling weapons unnecessarily.

British officials are expected to try to persuade Reagan to back down from his position. West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher considers the move potentially disastrous for NATO, and Canadian Minister of External Affairs Joe Clark said the decision was "profoundly disturbing."

Until the recent statement, Reagan administration policy was not to "undercut" the unratified treaty as long as the Soviet Union abided by it. Reagan should have left well enough alone.

Reagan seems intent on pushing the arms race along as far and as fast as he feels the American public will put up with. Enough is enough.

Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown recently said that current U.S. building programs will not produce more bombers, missiles and warheads than the Soviet Union, but that the U.S. already has an edge in bombs and cruise missiles carried by bombers.

Controlling the buildup of nuclear arms is the most important international issue of the time.

These weapons can destroy life as we know it on earth. For the president to abandon limitations on proliferation of such weapons is an appalling abandonment of common sense that will wreak havoc with both the federal budget and relations with other NATO countries.

We hope that Oregon's representatives in the U.S. House and Senate act to keep the arms buildup under control. President Reagan is heading in the wrong direction.

## Don't schedule noise fests when students must study

We received a petition Monday headed "We, the residents of the Earl Complex . . ." bearing the signatures of 60 students.

The petition will be printed later as a letter on our editorial page, but the gist of the complaint is that Thursday's outdoor music on the EMU east lawn was too loud and inappropriate for a week night.

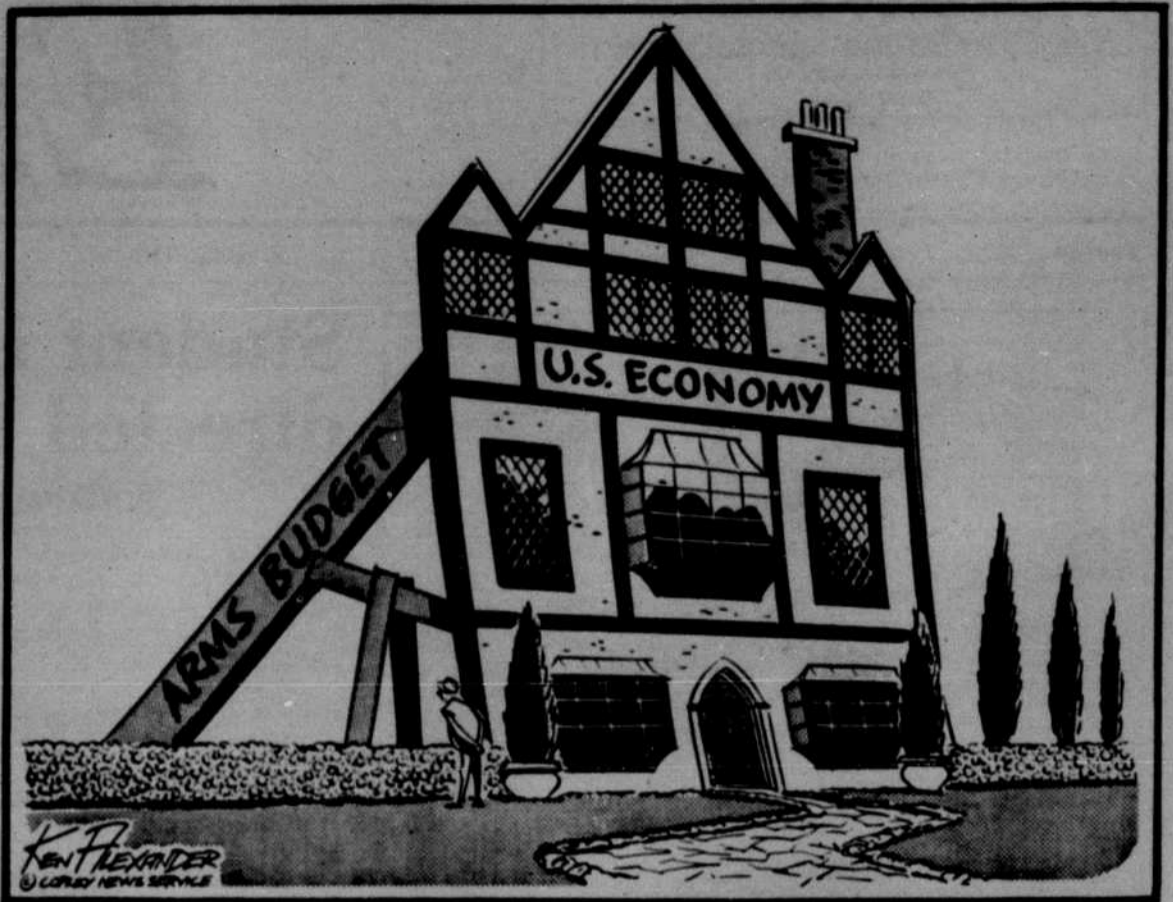
Amen.

Students pay to live in the residence halls — their homes — and are expected to abide by rules on noise and quiet time in order to facilitate studying, sleeping and domestic tranquility.

Residents generally understand that Friday and Saturday nights will bring some noisy recreation to campus, but they are entitled to have quiet times, and week nights, available for studying.

The University should respect these needs when scheduling events. Noisy entertainment, however enjoyable, must remain subsidiary to the University's educational and housing needs.

Schedule such events at appropriate times and places, not adjacent to people's living and studying areas on week nights.



## Letters

### Another view

Please consider the views of two self-proclaimed simpletons.

First: the Commentator is not a right-wing fascist scandal sheet; it is merely the best humor magazine available on campus.

Second: how come every minor incident with GALA is reported as a near riot? Fifteen drunken guys showed up to have a chuckle at Lesbian Night at the Movies and the lesbians forced them to leave through verbal harassment and stopping the films. The next day, a homosexual attacked a heterosexual at a gay rally and it was reported as "anti-gay violence." Also, eight drunken guys jokingly asked the Saferide Van (which we associate with GALA) for a ride and then continued on their way to 7-11 next door. They did NOT attack the van and "flee" in fear of Campus Security. GALA will not gain the understanding of the student body through false propaganda. Also, they do not cause heterosexuals to feel guilty by hiding behind their shield of "maturity" and calling us "ignorant," "close-minded" and "hateful." Just because you think you can argue better doesn't make you right.

Now, some closing words concerning PETA. Let's face it, we are on the top of a recirculating food chain. Animals were meant to be "destroyed" and eaten.

Thank you, we feel much better now.

Erick Kand  
Colin Stanton

### Relocation

There is no question about it. Apartheid is evil, and it must be abolished. I find it interesting, however, that people are so up in arms about human rights being violated thousands of miles away in South Africa when it is happening right here in our own country.

A forced relocation of Navahos is going to take place this summer unless something is done. A large mining company wants control of the Navaho lands, so Congress passed a law (Public Law 93-531) to relocate them.

They don't want to go, and relocation really amounts to genocide. They have deep ties to the land, and being removed from their way of life and put in tract houses that they cannot afford can literally kill them.

This is happening in Arizona, U.S.A. How come no one marches down the street chanting about this? I guess it's not the trendy thing to do (or it hits too close to home).

Pete Kiigemagi  
graduate, anthropology

### Violent acts

Randy Ackers, it appears we are having a conflict over the definition of violence.

You are right, being slapped is violence and you have the right to voice your opinion in a non-violent manner.

Two older women, speakers at the rally, were surrounded by anti-gay protesters and shouted at so close in their faces that they were afraid for their safety. Women walking back from President Olum's office were jeered at and subjected to crude noises by a group of "men."

Two pro-gay men were yelled at by a surrounding group of anti-gay protesters and one of the two was physically shoved by the group.

These acts constitute violence and/or made the recipients fear violence against them.

I was there too. "Slapping" was not the only violence.

So, Ackers, tell us about justice.

Mercea Mabrey  
Student

### Love the gays

Hatred and harassment directed toward homosexuals is something I find ironic. Although homosexuality is clearly an "abomination, a detestable thing" in the Bible, nowhere in the Bible does it say to harass or hate our neighbor. In fact, Jesus says . . . "as I have loved you, so you must love one another." To harass or hate gays is as bad in God's sight as homosexuality itself, since harassment is not love. Nothing is accomplished, then, by harassing.

What, then, is the appropriate response to the gay? As with anyone, Biblical standards must be maintained. We are to love the sinner, yet hate the sin. I would show the gay that God loves him and desires a relationship with him. Yet to defy God is not conducive to this relationship. Love for God should be as extravagant as our love for people. This includes a willingness to give up that which displeases the other person, or in this case, God. Homosexual relationships displease God; I therefore encourage gays to give them up, even if it doesn't "feel" right.

What's the point? Christians must love and tolerate gays. They should also be intolerant toward homosexuality, as they should toward anything that grieves God. This may mean refusing to promote homosexuality as a legitimate alternative lifestyle with our student fees — like non-gays are currently forced to do. Yet our love for them can still go on.

Brandon Shepard

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