

Letters

Priorities

A couple of stories some people may have missed while away this summer:

First, the Athletic Department has a new full-time, paid fundraiser. By now, he has undoubtedly met with and learned the ropes from the full-time paid fund-raisers in the chemistry, art, political science and French departments.

Second, a survey showed that faculty salaries at the University are among the lowest of all comparable institutions in the country.

One story I'm sure no one missed is that the EMU Ballroom has been remodeled. The hysterically disproportionate ballyhoo over such a trivial event should be embarrassing.

The offices in the basement of Deady Hall are frequently bitterly cold — but the upper floors will swelter if the heat is turned on, and the University has no money for a modern heating system.

One of our officials is concerned that our academic reputation would suffer if we dropped out of the Pac-10. We apparently would suffer the indignity of being classed with MIT, Tufts, Chicago, Rochester, Johns Hopkins, Cal Tech and the University of California campuses at Davis, San Diego and Santa Barbara.

Many of our buildings are still inaccessible or very inconveniently accessible to the handicapped.

The Gourman Report rates the University eighth in the Pac-10 in the category of "Athletic — Academic Balance."

Possibly some people don't see a connection among the items listed above. I do. They all come under the heading "priorities."

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Nicaragua

I believe that the Reagan administration is actively planning an invasion of Nicaragua. I predict that the invasion will come after the November elections and before Reagan leaves office.

Nicaragua is entitled to self-government. The Reagan administration does not care that the Contras have little popular support in Nicaragua.

Many members of the American public may respond to the invasion of Nicaragua with sleepy enthusiasm. No doubt many will listen to the words of Ronald Reagan, see his face on television and believe that Sandinistas are Communist terrorists who have finally broken the last straw with an unforgivable provocation.

Some Americans were just killed in Nicaragua, and one was captured. We are told by Secretary of State George Schultz that the prisoner is not a military or CIA man. Secretary Schultz has also admitted to issuing disinformation to confuse enemies of the United States.

If the United States invades Nicaragua, I would be ashamed to pay taxes. I have written to senators Hatfield and Packwood to inform them that if the United States invades Nicaragua, I would rather go to jail for tax evasion than see my tax money so misused. This kind of civil disobedience could put a lot of pressure on the government if many people took part. The United States would find itself sending citizens to jail for disagreeing with the president's policy.

I hope that the United States does not invade Nicaragua. However, if an invasion occurs, I hope the American public responds with an onslaught of sincere protest.

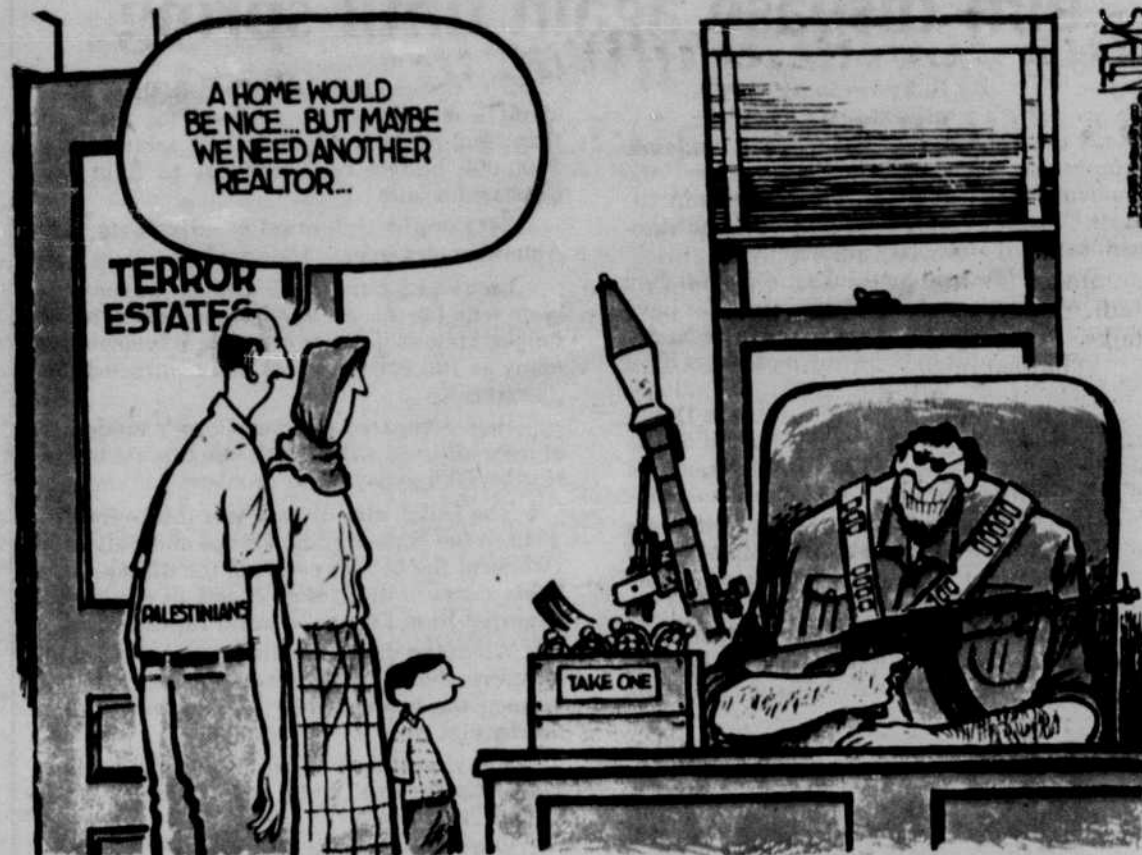
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Hassled

Maybe I maligned the DZs. They were kind enough to call me on the phone, had the decency to identify themselves, and politely invite me to visit their house. Maybe the sorority women are truly beautiful people that deserve far more credit than I have given them.

However, there are subhuman types that persist in calling my house and hassling me. I would like to give these people, and any others that will be calling, some help in pronunciation. It's fat pig. Not ffaat piggu. It's not said like it's being done between slovenly gulps of beer, quickly followed by idiotic laughter.

Please speak for yourself. I'm not sure that the DZs really love me. However, it's a nice thought. For obviously there isn't enough love in the world, which these people who called



me might be suffering from.

Finally, to the kind of people who feel that calling me a fat hippie is an insult, you're wrong. Being a fat hippie is a compliment in the highest regard. It's achieving a high level of peace with the world I live in and with myself; a kind of Buddha quality.

If you're going to call someone and harass them, maybe you would be more effective if you remembered a few things.

- A) Don't compliment the person you're hassling.
- B) Correctly pronounce the words.
- C) Speak for yourself.
- D) Laugh with feeling, not foolishness.
- E) Put your beers down.
- F) If you are going to ignore E, at least swallow.

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Deceptive

"CAUSA members soliciting support for U.S. Constitution," (ODE, Oct. 8) represents the worst sort of either political naivete or political deception. The article consistently ignores the political history of the Unification Church and its right-wing front organizations — such as CAUSA.

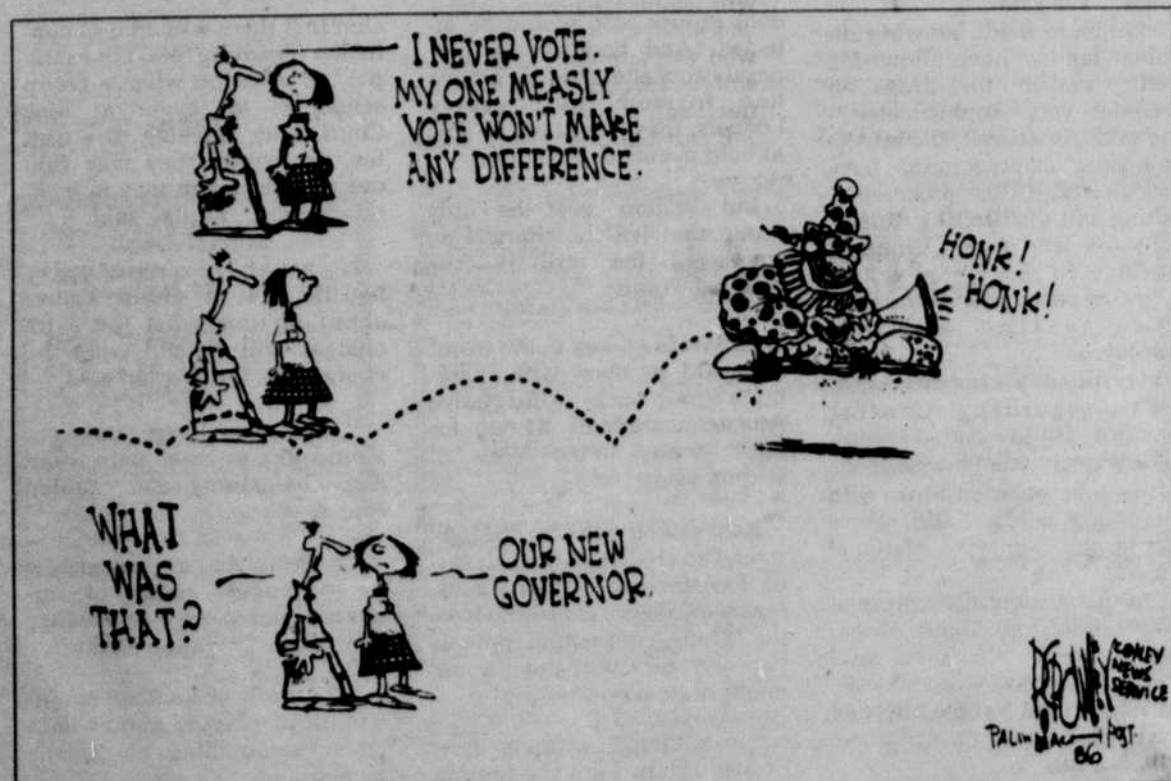
CAUSA has actively solicited funds for right-wing terrorist squads in both Nicaragua and El Salvador. It must be pointed out that these organizations truly represent the completely undemocratic neo-fascism of its mentor Sun Myung Moon. Despite what the article states about the chastisement of the Unification Church by the media, if fails to point out that inevitably these charges have been substantiated by judgments in American courts of law. In fact, even the Reagan administration was forced by the evidence to jail Mr. Moon for the most blatant sorts of income tax evasion.

The Unification Church's history in Korea, starting in 1954, is anything but that of an organization supporting democratic policies. The Unification Church, throughout the period following the so-called "Korean Conflict" was involved in the identification and in many cases disappearance of individuals deemed "disloyal" to the notoriously

undemocratic Korean government. In fact, the Unification Church's support of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency is a well-documented history that need not be repeated here.

Calling an organization like CAUSA pro-Constitution is dangerously deceptive if not an outright lie.

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