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Letters

Protection

The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation is the union that represents the approximately 900 GTFs employed by the University. The executive board of the GTFF has joined in the call for an independent committee to be appointed to investigate current University policy and procedure for dealing with complaints of sexual

As long as the perception exists that the current avenues are inadequate or poorly administered, efforts to expose harassment will be hampered.

All members of the University community have a right to an environment free from sexual harassment. We call upon President Olum and the rest of the University administration to take immediate action to correct the current situation.

An investigative committee must be formed, the administration must re-evaluate its commitment to nondiscrimination and a climate must be fostered where individuals are free to protect themselves from harassment and discrimination without fear of retribution.

Chuck Hunt **Executive board of the GTFF**

Student power

"State Board should Watch over ASUO" (ODE editorial. Oct. 15) skims the surface of a very complex issue, instead criticizing the very purpose of democratically-elected student government.

We are not involved in a controversy with the State Board, but with the Chancellor's Office. For 17 years our incidental fee budget approved by the Board has included the ASUO Legal Services Program. The Board has never questioned this expenditure. This year was no exception.

The Chancellor's Office is now trying to assert greater control over this service. We have a legitimate concern that an effective program could be compromised. We have resisted their proposed changes.

The ASUO executive does "serve the needs of the University." The role of student government is to advocate for the best interests of students. We will continue to work to insure student input into projects like the Dome and the Riverfront Development.

Concerning the divestiture

issue, we are suing not to "force the Board." but to allow them to carry out a decision they made in 1977 to divest all endowment funds from firms having substantial investments in South Africa.

Maybe the University of Oregon students are more liberal than the editorial staff can accept. Regardless. the answer to balanced representation is not an appeal to President Olum or the State Board for assistance: it is found in the ASUO elections.

Any student who suggests state intervention as an alternative or a complement to our elections clearly doesn't understand student empowerment.

> Steve Nelson President, ASUO

Where's Pete?

Besides distorting Bruce Long's true goals and positions on the issues, the DeFazio television ads leave me wondering: Where's Pete?

Practically every commercial I've seen (paid for by the DeFazio campaign) has some unidentified announcer in the background telling us how to vote. We see still-life photos of DeFazio, appearing like he's doing his taxes or something, but

Can't Pete speak for himself? After all, Bruce Long doesn't seem to have any problem clearly and honestly stating his positions in front of the camera.

Oh well, judging from the way DeFazio performed in one of the recent debates or the rationale he uses to attack sound proposals of his opponent (student IRAs for example) maybe it's best to continue with the anonymous announcer.

Michael Cross Graduate, political science, history

Begging

With the closure of the student parking lot near Hayward Field, the already inequitable student parking situation has become appallingly inequitable. Student lots farthest from campus are parked full early each morning while the many lots and streets allocated to "faculty and staff only" much closer in are less than 25 percent full.

The student is the "paying client" at the University, yet the ratio of student parking spaces to students versus faculty/staff spaces to faculty/staff is blatantly high. I don't mind walking farther, out of respect to faculty and staff, but I do mind not finding any legal space in any student lot while faculty/staff lots are half empty, and paying dai-ly parking tickets on top of per-

Traditionally, all students can do is beg for fairness. I hereby beg that students be given legal access to a few more of the lots on campus as soon as possible. Perhaps if other students drop off little notes ("Give students more of the parking!") to the Office of Public Safety (across from Hayward) this week, mass begging will have some effect.

> Lyn Dahlstram Student

Yes on 5

Everyone who is concerned about the future of freedom should vote for Ballot Measure 5 on election day.

As long as a majority of people cling to the notion of government as a kind of superparent, telling them what to do every day of their lives and 'making it better' when something goes wrong, the basic question of drug laws will remain unresolved. These people will bicker endlessly over the proper "balance" between health and freedom, and then use all the weapons of government to make "war" on their fellow citizens who make different choices.

In response to this war, Measure 5, proposes a kind of "demilitarized zone." It can't bring complete peace, but it will reduce the damage to the 'civilian population'": the vast majority of responsible citizens who are in danger of losing every traditional civil liberty as this war escalates.

Take a first step toward peace. Vote for 5.

> Joseph W. Dehn III Eugene

Smoking

It is shocking to me that the University allows students to smoke in the hallways and nooks and crannies of its buildings.

Dr. Arnold Trebach, director of the Institute on Drugs, Crime, and Justice in Washington, D.C., was quoted by the Emerald, Oct. 22, as stating, "The worst drug, perhaps, on the face of the earth in terms of its addictiveness potential and its impact on human beings, is tobacco." He also says that he "would like to see America getting tougher on the legal drugs. such as alcohol and tobacco...."

In the face of such statements from Dr. Trebach as well as the overwhelming medical the smoker as well as those exposed to second-hand smoke. isn't it time the University took a stand for clean air?

A. Diana Brook Community education student



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