

# Editorial

## Pentagon won't stop its quest for goodies

Like a child in a candy store, the Pentagon just can't seem to get enough goodies. This week the Defense Department will be asking the president to authorize plans for developing a "near term" intercontinental ballistic missile defense program.

Defense Department officials also are expected to ask Reagan to authorize missile defense experiments in space.

Not only is this proposal financially irresponsible — the defense budget is already bloated, and Congress has a record deficit to deal with — many U.S. experts, including Secretary of State George Shultz, correctly believe the plan would violate the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which bars realistic tests in space.

The Defense Department's plan is a reactionary move. Feeling support for the Strategic Defense Initiative eroding, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger wants the president to press ahead with developing what would be a partial missile defense by 1994, a deployment date Star Wars officials term as "technically possible."

Perhaps it is possible, but what the administration should be asking is whether it's absolutely necessary.

Initiatives to construct a quick-fix missile defense will only complicate negotiating efforts in Geneva, where the United States and the Soviet Union are attempting to agree on limiting offensive nuclear weapons. U.S. attempts to implement a missile defense program should be put on hold, if not abandoned altogether, until our nation can afford it financially, and only after serious efforts are made by both superpowers to curb their nuclear weapons stockpiles.

## Oral Roberts' money-plea is more than just ludicrous

Oral Roberts' claim that God is going to "call him to heaven" unless the Tulsa-based evangelist raises \$8 million by the end of this March goes beyond ridiculous — it's immoral and smacks of extortion.

When Roberts declared the holy ultimatum last year, reaction was mixed. Most scoffed openly at this obvious money-making scheme, but others, particularly most of the students attending Oral Roberts University, took this man seriously.

The issue regained national attention last week when Garry Trudeau lampooned Roberts in the *Doonesbury* comic strip, which portrayed Roberts as being held hostage by God.

The humor of this whole charade is obvious, but the reason for the dollar drive is less than funny. Roberts needs the money to finance the growing debt owed by many of the ORU's medical school students. Their debt is precluding them from taking part in Roberts' four-year medical mission project in various Third World countries.

The medical mission project may sound admirable, yet essentially it's a ploy to recruit more Roberts devotees under the pretense of offering medical services. This in itself is morally questionable, and the issue has been compounded with Roberts' plea for money in order to "help extend" his own life.

Roberts not only is taking advantage of ORU's gullible student body, he's also manipulating money from the hundreds of aged shut-ins who live in his and other nursing homes. Roberts has gone too far with this stunt, and hopefully this type of blatant swindling will not be repeated by other television evangelists.



"THIS IS IT, FIGBY—THROW OUT THE CIGARETTES AND COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!"

## Letters

### Salmon run

Steve Talbot implied that the government denied certain Indians their religious rights under the First Amendment (ODE, Jan. 28). That was his view concerning the "so-called 'salmon scam' on the Columbia River.

Indians reserved certain fishing rights when they signed treaties, while giving up their property to the United States government. Oregon and Washington previously did not adequately consider these rights when they made salmon fishing regulations. In 1974, the United States government intervened in the famous (or infamous) "Boldt decision." Judge Boldt set guidelines to insure that the states would cooperate with the Indian tribes, and that the states would manage the salmon fishery to insure the treaty Indians 50 of the allowable salmon harvest.

Fisheries management is not an exact science. However, Oregon and Washington fish and wildlife agencies now use their best estimates and cooperate with tribal agencies when setting salmon fishing regulations.

David Sohapp, and other Indians, allegedly violated these

regulations and the federal Lacey Act, which led to their arrest. They obtained salmon during a closed season using modern commercial fishing techniques, which differ greatly from their traditional fishing methods. These modern methods are very effective and can catch a great majority of fish passing through a section of the river at one time.

I see this case as a lack of cooperation in a modern, very complicated problem. All sides must cooperate if we want to preserve the severely depleted salmon runs in our present society.

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### Circle K

I would like to bring special attention to a group of 14 students who are doing a lot of work without receiving much attention. Last spring term, this group helped raise over \$4,000 for the March of Dimes. This term they put on a two-day event known as Responding to Challenge, which tried to inform the campus of the problems of alter-abled students. This group also does things like work on projects that other organizations scorn because they might be too small, such as giving a Christmas party for abused children, and they help other campus groups in small but meaningful ways. This group is always coming up with new ways to expand its service potential and is currently doing the work of a group twice its size.

This group is the Circle K club on campus. No, it is not affiliated with the chain store of the same name; it is a Kiwanis-sponsored group. The members of this club are not only concerned with problems on this campus or this community but reach out and aid the Pacific Northwest District of Circle K International in as many ways as possible. Their dedication to service and their fun in developing their own potential while aiding others astounds

me. I would just like to congratulate this group of individuals on their character and their stamina. One could not find a more worthy group of students to recognize on this campus.

Nadina Rose  
Circle K president

### Condom ads

What in the world could television advertising executives be thinking? How can they possibly refuse to run commercials on their stations that could save lives? What are they afraid of?

We are speaking of condom ads that promote the use of condoms for the prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. These commercials are tastefully made and pose no socially offensive threat. Opponents of the ads contend that they would promote sex? Open your eyes, people. Sex is there already, why not encourage people to at least use their heads about having safe sex. No clear thinking individual is going to see an advertisement for condoms and conclude that the Trojan company says that all sexual encounters are acceptable.

We commend television stations KRON of San Francisco and KWTZ of Detroit for airing these ads. These stations see the problem that this nation is facing and are doing their part to help in avoiding what is quickly becoming a national epidemic. We encourage Eugene stations to act responsibly and follow their lead.

We encourage all students to take this situation seriously and to voice your opinion here in the *Emerald* or write your favorite Eugene television station and tell them what you think.

Here is our chance to be heard, and if we are successful the result will be saved lives.

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