

Letters

On the house

Beer Sluts and swimming pools? Is that all Lambda Chi has going for it? Why, we at Lambda Lambda Lambda offer our visitors and pledges Brew Babes to tempt any taste. Sip up our Daiquiri Darlings and Bourbon Broads; or guzzle down some Grog Girls and Swill Sweeties. We even have Miller Mamas for you light drinkers, and Near-Beer Dears or Punch Pumpkins for abstainers. As for all you athletes, come on and take a dip with our Hot-Tub Harlots or munch down on some Nacho Nymphos. Last but not least, please don't forget to try out our willing array of plump, little thrust-pillows spread about the living room for your pleasure and convenience. After all, what's the difference? Slit, slot, slut, they're all the same.

Bubba "Beastie Boy" Buskirk
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Mary Courtis
Anthropology
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Psychology

Questions

The number and vehemence of recent letters attacking Christianity (such as the one calling it a "preconceived world view that is discontinuous with rational processes") bring up some interesting questions. For example, why do these people feel it necessary to bring up this subject at all? Who are they spending so much time and effort on trying to persuade? Are they seeking to help the rest of us believe "correctly"?

I wonder if they take issue with Christianity for reasons other than intellectual ones. Might they be arguing so loudly because they do not want Christianity to be true, and mustering whatever plausible-sounding rhetoric they can, including sweeping (and unsupported) assertions, in order to feel better about their moral decisions?

Many thoughtful people (whose formal education and knowledge at least equals that of our current crop of anti-Christian writers) have examined Christianity along with alternative systems of belief, and have come to the reasoned conclusion that Christianity is the only one which adequately answers the questions posed by the real world. Are Christians

really so simple-minded and out of touch with reality as they are made to appear? Is it possible, instead, that these writers have merely constructed straw men out of some extreme examples of belief and behavior of some who call themselves "Christians," or that they have carefully selected "evidence" that supports their preconceived bias and ignored the substance of Christian teaching?

I suggest that these critics re-examine not only their "facts," but their motives as well.

William Moore
Music

Debate

In studying Jeff Hoyt's counter-arguments to a woman's right to determine for herself whether abortion is right or wrong, it's amusing that he feels Rosemary Bottcher is worth quoting. She presents no threat — who can believe that women who choose abortion are discriminating against "a whole class of humans because they are very young?" Wouldn't Bottcher's belief system (which clearly indicates she had difficulty believing in her own value as a woman) work more to her advantage (though not necessarily to Hoyt's) if she presented a more positive view — if there is one — of anti-abortion "feminism"?

Perhaps Jeff Hoyt has chosen Bottcher's words to support his own sexist platform — which, if true, throws a not-too-complimentary light on either Hoyt or Bottcher and her com-

patriots. The issue of whether women should be prevented from deciding themselves whether or not to have an abortion can only be up for debate when women, particularly poor women and women of color, are seen as either not politically influential or as too politically threatening. It is a debate rooted in racist, classist, and sexist stereotypes and needs to be clearly understood for what it is, especially when used as a middle-class male bargaining position.

Barbara Turrill
Eugene

Defense

Oral Roberts did too receive a message from God — God told me so when we talked on the phone last week.

Katy King
English

Insured

Willy Bills may be abrasive, pushy and intimidating, but about the ASUO insurance scandal he has been right all along.

ASUO President Steve Nelson, on the other hand, has been wrong, seriously wrong, about the issue since the first day he took office. He ignored Bills, belittled him, withheld ASUO documents from him and in general ignored the serious problem Bills was bringing forth.

Insurance Commissioner Ted Kulongoski took Bills seriously.

and now it looks like with a more careful investigation the insurance scandal is going to become more serious by about an order of magnitude.

Nelson's severe mismanagement of the situation is abominable for the chief executive of the student body. Nelson freely accuses other people of not understanding the responsibilities involved in the \$700,000-a-year ASUO health insurance program, but Nelson himself could take a lesson from Bills.

Why is the ASUO so petty and yet capable of creating scandals involving tens of thousands of dollars? Ask Steve Nelson. But don't expect a good answer.

Rob Young
Computer Science

Take a hike

It was depressing to see the ODE report on Ron McCarty's (D-Portland) incidental fee limiting legislation (H.B. 2252) being canned by the House Education Committee last Thursday. This bill, which would have saved students an average of \$120 per academic year at the University, was im-

mediately attacked and suppressed by the effective organization of student government leaders from around the state. This bill was brought to the attention of the public only 15 days before the proponents of "spend today, tax tomorrow" mentalities had buried the bill for this session. ASUO President Steve Nelson was quoted as saying, "We do not need to be protected against ourselves by having our right to tax ourselves limited." Another champion of the oppressed student? Leaders like Nelson we don't need in government, whether it is at the University or in the real world.

It was doubly depressing to hear a Republican committee member, Walt Schroeder of Gold Beach, say he thought it was "good training" to pay incidental fees now so we will be prepared to pay even more taxes to government in the years to come.

Keep the money where it belongs — in the pockets of the students. It's time for students to take a stand against high educational costs and stop the tax hiking now!

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