

# Letters

## Big bang

AIDS — a multi-billion dollar health epidemic. The newspaper headlines tell us that Oregon's taxpayers will now have to come up with an additional \$10 million just to cover the welfare health costs for the upcoming AIDS epidemic. You can bet this is just the start.

How about a pay-as-you-play surcharge tax on condoms with the funds going to offset the \$10 million? At least that way, the homosexuals and "swingers" would be covering part of their costs of doing "business" that the monogamous and abstinent population would otherwise have to cover.

A dollar a unit would be about right. Perhaps we might call it "more bucks for the bang."

Jon Wollander  
Eugene

## Shot in the dark

Former Oregon Commentator publisher Dane Claussen, the highly respected journalist that he is, should analyze his information with more caution before firing shots (at me) in the dark.

In criticizing my comments at a recent media forum held on campus, Claussen's letter to the Emerald Feb. 20 reflects his ignorance and/or negligence.

I did, in fact, describe the motivation of the Commentator's founders, of whom Claussen is one, as reactionary.

Reactionary: "One who seeks to check, undo, or reverse political progress," (Webster).

Considering the direction of campus political progression, then and now, this is a noble ideal.

I did not imply, as Claussen apparently inferred, that journalists have not worked for the Commentator in the past. In fact, if Claussen had actually attended the forum, he would know that I mentioned that many past and present members of the Commentator staff were also employed by the Emerald at one time or another.

My only comment to the contrary was that two of our top three editors from last year's staff were not journalism majors.

I hope that in future writings, Claussen lends better credibility to his accomplishments while

attending the University. Keeping the facts straight is fundamental to journalists like us.

Duane Dungannon  
Oregon Commentator  
Publisher

## Defining terms

Kristi Svendsen gave us what she calls her "simplistic definition of terrorism" in her letter to support her contention that the Weathermen were not terrorists (ODE, Feb. 18).

Terrorism is a word that has never been clearly and universally defined. Each person has his/her own ideas. And so her definition of terrorism is "the needless taking of lives to establish a political ideal."

My simplistic definition of terrorism is "the use (or attempted use) of violent criminal acts for political ends." Violent criminal acts include everything from destruction of property, to the taking of hostages, to the taking of innocent lives.

Under this definition, the attempted bombing of the ROTC building would be classified as a terrorist act. The fact that it was a failed attempt does not take away from its severity as a crime. The intent was still there.

Kristi further contends that the issuing of warnings on intended bombings is proof of it not being a terrorist act, because it gives "adequate time to evacuate the premises." Bombs are not as dependable as a Swiss

watch; they may go off without warning or intent. Bombs are dangerous and no one should ever forget that.

But terrorism aside, Silas Bissell committed a criminal act, was caught, and fled while on bail. During those 17 years of hiding, he failed to turn himself in and had to finally be brought in. Time does not make a crime any less of a crime, it just makes it harder to remember.

Thomas J. Stansfield  
Political science

# \$6.00

Domino's Pizza delivers you a 12" Pepperoni pizza for only \$6.00.

Call us!

Eugene  
683-7325

1856 E. 13th Avenue  
Serving U of O Campus

485-5675

2260 West 18th Avenue

461-0842

1610 N. Park

344-2904

1566 Coburg Road

Hours:

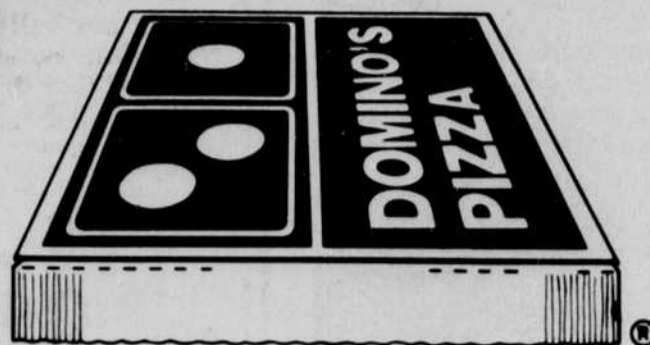
4:30pm-1am Sun.-Thurs.  
4:30pm-2am Fri. & Sat.

We accept checks.

No product substitutions.  
Our drivers carry less than \$20.00.

Limited delivery areas.  
Our drivers are not penalized for late pizzas.

**DOMINO'S  
PIZZA  
DELIVERS<sup>®</sup>  
FREE.**



**\$6**

Domino's Pizza delivers you a 12" Pepperoni pizza for only \$6.00. One coupon per pizza. Expires 3/31/87

Fast Free Delivery™  
Good at listed locations.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

RS2000DE

© 1987 Domino's Pizza, Inc.

**C  
O  
P  
I  
E  
S** **3¢**  
All Day  
Every Day  
Mon.-Fri.  
8:30-8:00pm  
Sat. 10-6pm

Print America  
519 E. 13th  
485-1940