

Letters

Unjust critic

Although I support Gary Cannon's desire for student government to promote equal non-biased representation to the students, his attack on the current IFC is completely unwarranted.

First, he criticizes the IFC for limiting the funding of the marching band when in fact a 12 percent increase was granted. The IFC also issued a referendum stating that they supported the marching band's request, but that without a vote from the student body they could not responsibly give any student program a \$42,000 increase, one that would raise student fees by almost 90 cents per student per term.

Cannon also criticizes the fee committee for cutting the funds of civic groups such as Circle K. This is a ridiculous claim because Circle K has not received or even requested student fees since the 1984-85 school year.

However, similar groups such as YMCA and YWCA were granted 30 percent and 10 percent increases respectively.

It's clear that either Cannon does not know the facts or that he chooses to misrepresent them in order to further his political goals. The IFC has proved that it represents all students by providing funding to a wide variety of student unions, educational programs, and programs which provide important services for the students.

If Cannon's new coalition truly wishes to promote equal

representation among students, this is commendable; but he should not be attacking the "SPA dominated" IFC which is currently providing the type of student representation he is calling for.

John Thoma
ASUO finance coordinator

Fine chili

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Bill Murphy
John Brodie
Students

Talk of the trade

Mr. Jeff Hoyt, allow me to refresh my memory. You flatter me by assuming I know what irrelevant, straw man and ad hominem arguments are (ODE, Mar. 6). Let's see if I can justify your trust.

Irrelevant argument: that which has no direct relation to the controversy concerned.

Kind of like your statement, "The idea that death is preferable to a 'low quality' life was very popular in Nazi Germany..." Death was never mentioned, Jeff. I believe life begins at birth.

Straw man argument: the introduction of a distorted version of the opposing view so as to tear it down. This is like your contention that I expect you to be materially responsible for saving someone's life. I don't believe this. I do, however, believe that people should take responsibility for their decisions. If you want to make my choices you should assume the responsibility.

Ad hominem argument: an attack on an opponent's character instead of his/her contentions. This is like your insinuations that I condone race purification.

I would prefer to see all fetuses allowed to become living, breathing, googling infants, but I accept and respect the individual's right to choose otherwise. Freedom of choice didn't exist in Nazi Germany, Jeff, so don't dare rank me with Hitler.

Michael Olfert
Rhetoric and Communication

Taking issue

The formation of a new political party on campus is commendable. It is my hope that it will result in more student involvement in the selection process for next year's student government.

I take issue, however, with the new party's attack on this

year's IFC members who were endorsed by Students for a Progressive Agenda. Let me first point out that three of the five SPA-endorsers were also endorsed by the Student Bar Association and two were endorsed by the Greeks as well.

One need only attend one or two of our budget hearings to see that the five of us seldom vote the same on any one budget request. Fiscal responsibility leaves no room for student politics.

Furthermore, I find it interesting to note the groups that have been cited to the students as having been limited by this year's IFC due to dissimilar political beliefs.

First of all, Circle K never even submitted a budget request this year. We did not cut their budget, they failed to submit one. While it is true that we did not grant the marching band the 132 percent increase it requested, we did pass a resolution supporting its request urging it to seek student approval at the ballot.

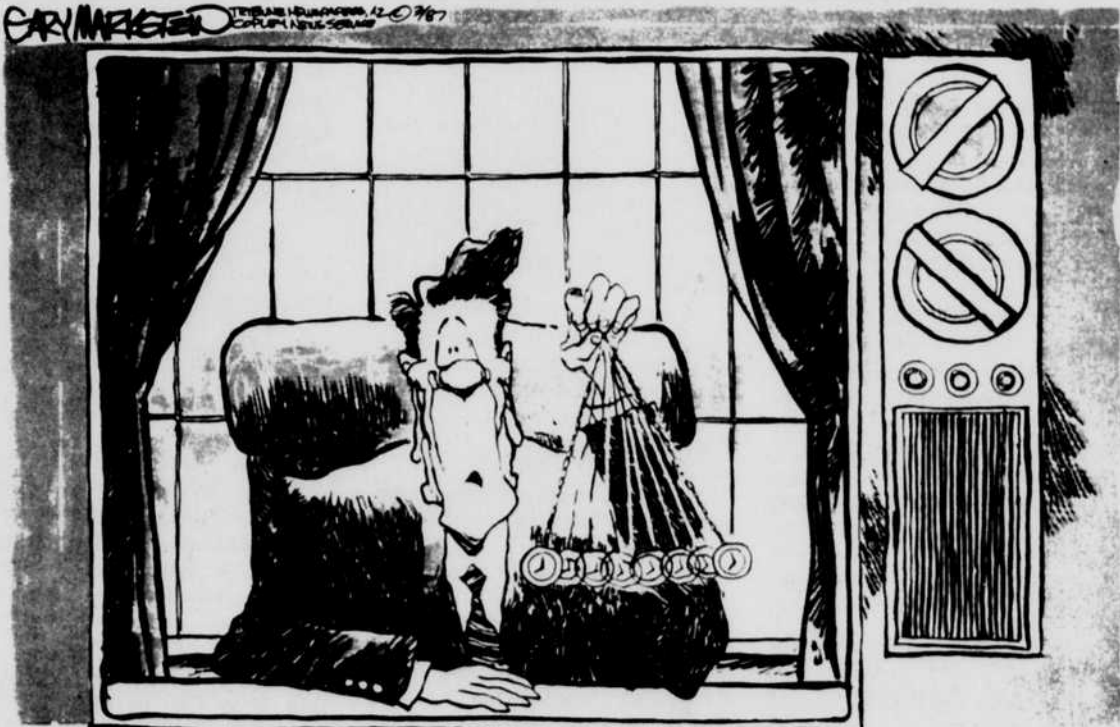
The Oregon Commentator received a 9 percent increase while the Survival Center took a 24 percent decrease and the campus ACLU took a 30 percent decrease.

I'd be happy to show anyone our budgetary decisions and the minutes reflecting each member's vote.

Jodie Mooney
Chairwoman, IFC

Clarification

On March 3, The Oregon Daily Emerald printed a letter from Tim Corrigan, followed by "ODE Board of Directors." The Emerald Board wishes to make clear that the opinions expressed within the letter represented only those of Corrigan not of the complete board. Corrigan is an ASUO-appointed member of the board.



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