

# Embassy espionage reads like a book

It sounds like something out of a James Bond novel: Young, single Marines working in the frigid atmosphere of the American Embassy in Moscow are unknowingly seduced by attractive Soviet women who toy with their emotions and then coerce them into betraying the red, white and blue. By the time they realize the full extent of their actions, it is too late. All they can do is confess their sins.

Such are the things best sellers are made of. But we all know it could never really happen. With President Reagan waving the flag and leading a resurgence of patriotism, our diplomats would never go so far as to trust the Soviet Union. But apparently truth is stranger than fiction.

Marines stationed at the American Embassy in Moscow have confessed to revealing classified information to Soviet agents. This comes at a time when the new embassy, in the process of being built, is suspected of being bugged. Although these are very distressing circumstances, they come as no surprise. The United States should have been more cautious in protecting classified information.

Reagan has become a model of hypocrisy, applying policies and beliefs arbitrarily and without reason. When it comes to signing a nuclear arms control agreement, for example, Reagan takes an unjustified view of the Soviets. He demands proof of verification and claims they will cheat, despite historical evidence that they will not.

But when it comes to establishing a new embassy, Reagan ignores the warning signs that predicted Soviet spying. A report sent to Reagan in 1985 cited several security breaches and bugs planted in the embassy and urged new security procedures. The warning was ignored, however, and paved the way for the recent upheaval.

On Dec. 14, Sgt. Clayton Lonetree turned himself in after allegedly giving away embassy secrets to the Soviet woman with whom he had been having an affair and her uncle. Although he has confessed to the crime, his story is confused. Lonetree's lawyer contends Lonetree made up most of the story after intense interrogation.

Nonetheless, two other Marines have been arrested on similar charges. These incidents, coupled with the new embassy bugging, emphasize the necessity of a new security policy.

Senator Robert Byrd said "the Moscow embassy fiasco is a textbook case of incompetence." This is obvious. It seems those in charge ignored the potential for Soviet espionage and created an unusable building. Whether they tear the embassy down or debug it, it will cost millions of dollars. The taxpayers are paying for the government's brain lapse.

As a result of these two incidents, relations between the United States and the Soviet Union are bound to become strained. This is a shame because it will hurt valuable compromises already in progress.

The Soviets were irresponsible in their actions, but we cannot put all the blame on the "evil empire." The United States must take some responsibility for its lack of proper research and illogical assumptions.

This latest chapter in the cold war may have the qualities of a bad novel. Unfortunately, it doesn't come with a happy ending.

Upon reviewing the name recognition of candidates, Earl Weave of Toluska, Nebraska, has decided with the urging of his friends, to run for president.



## Letters

### Deep respect

As a graduate student at the University, I deeply respect our tradition of student government and rights fought for by our predecessors. The current challenge to OSPIRC's right to exist at the University and the ASUO's right to fund them is dangerous to our rights.

It asks the Constitution Court to establish the legality according to the U.S. Constitution (which it, incidentally, has no authority to determine) of a student group involved in teaching students how to research and make a difference in the world.

It, by extension, claims that a student in such a group cannot write a letter to a legislator or outreach to our society through helping on a hotline. What it challenges is our basic right to FREE SPEECH in an institution dedicated to the dissemination of learning and the growth of good citizens.

Duncan Griffin  
Architecture and allied arts

### Slow kill

Abortion is not as simple a solution to an unwanted pregnancy as its proponents would have us believe. While it effectively ends the pregnancy,

it fails to stifle the natural emotion the woman experiences surrounding that pregnancy.

So it solves one problem and creates another, as Dr. Jack Wilke states: "Abortion violates something very basic in a woman's nature... A wise psychiatrist has said that it is easier to scrape the baby out of the mother's womb than to scrape the thought of that baby out of her mind." (Quoted in "Abortion's Second Victim," by Pam Koerbel, Victor Books.)

This isn't surprising, but it's not given much attention. Pro-choice advocates seem to suggest that an abortion is a primarily physical procedure whose emotional effects are minimal.

But does experience bear this out? Many women who have actually had abortions report guilt, feelings of loss, lowered self-esteem, anger, regret, preoccupation with the baby's due date, grief and nightmares.

These results are one reason why abortion is not the answer to an unwanted pregnancy. Its far-reaching emotional effects complicate the seemingly easy way out; it prompted one woman to write, "... I can tell you having an abortion is killing me slowly" (quoted in "The Least of These," by Curt Young, Moody Press).

Holly Halverson  
Vida

### Morally ignorant

When are the fundamentalists going to wake up and smell the coffee? Here are some facts about HB 2325, the Civil Rights Bill.

First, in response to Gina Norens' letter to the editor April 3, she said that the bill asks for an affirmative action policy to be enacted for employment.

Gina, do some more research. The fact is that the bill specifically asks that this not be enacted in Section 5. It does not require an affirmative action policy, it does not require a quota of homosexuals but simply protects employees from discrimination.

This bill protects the rights of us all; homosexual, bisexual and heterosexual. Currently,

gay people are discriminated against in housing, employment and access to public accommodations.

This bill is not a special rights bill; it's not condoning the lifestyle but simply giving them the rights that everyone else has. There are currently no laws protecting them. Everyone has the right to civil rights. When we deny anyone rights, we place our own in jeopardy.

And despite what the fundamentalists say, AIDS is not a gay disease, and it is not God's plague against them. If this were true, a logical conclusion would be that the lesbians are God's chosen people because they are in the lowest risk group and have no reported cases of AIDS.

In conclusion, you don't have to be liberal to support the First Amendment and include lesbian/gay civil rights in your platform. As with religion, our "choice" of sexual orientation should not serve to legitimize unequal treatment under the law.

Michael Kennedy  
Pre-medicine

### Strike out

As parents, taxpayers and fellow teacher union members, we support the bargaining goals of the Eugene Education Association. If a strike occurs we urge our membership as individuals to support, and we as a union will support, the EEA by all legal means.

We as a union condemn the coercive tactics of the school board to obtain replacements for striking teachers. Substitute teachers have been threatened by the school board with removal from the list of substitutes for two years if they refuse to fill striking teachers' positions.

We urge our membership, graduate students at the University, others in the University community and citizens of the Eugene area to refuse to perform work normally performed by striking teachers.

Charles W. Hunt  
President, GTFF

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