

# Editorial

## New Saferide status, but same program

Project Saferide became an independent ASUO program last Friday; it is no longer under authority of the ASUO Executive, and as an independent organization, it now receives its own share of incidental student fees.

This is good and bad. The ASUO Executive is now free to concentrate on other activities; however, some problems with the Saferide program remain.

As an afterthought, it's apparent Saferide had been receiving incidental student fees all along, albeit indirectly. Last week former Project Saferide Coordinator Shannon Meehan stated the program received its income from "fund raising, donations and advertising, not from incidental fees."

However, ASUO President Steve Nelson conceded the ASUO office and staff spent time working on the project. The ASUO is fee-funded. Moreover, Saferide received a \$3,000 payroll transfer from the 1987-88 ASUO Executive in addition to the \$8,082 awarded to Saferide by the Incidental Fee Committee.

We agree with the scope of Saferide — to provide a "safe, convenient way for women to move around" the campus and the University environs after dark and serve as an effective rape prevention program.

According to a recent report compiled by Project Saferide coordinators, more than 1,000 women used the shuttle service last term. Similarly, students demonstrated strong support for the program in a random sample poll conducted last week.

Clearly, students support Project Saferide. Yet certain aspects of the program should be reviewed. For instance, one of the long-term goals of Saferide was and is to become self-supporting through user-fee subscriptions, advertising and sponsorships from businesses. To date, the latter two goals have yet to be realized.

According to the original goal statement written in January 1986, "advertising revenue from the sale of space (on the vans) . . . is expected to be very valuable." But Acting Saferide Coordinator Laurie Rooper said the project has yet to receive any income from the sale of ad space — in fact, the project has even lost revenue from failed attempts at advertising.

This, however, is a minor setback and can be remedied through better advertising management.

Sponsorships from businesses also have fallen below expectations. Rooper said the project has yet to receive even one business sponsor. But this, too, may be remedied through better marketing techniques.

As Saferide's recent report indicated, the program is an expanding project and will need more resources as time goes by. Because Saferide is now under the IFC budgetary process, next year's coordinators and staff should make a greater effort to keep the operating cost down. The program would do well to consider the advice of Steve Frichette and Donna Cooper and consider renting the vans to other groups when not being used for Saferide.

Of greater concern is the all-women drivers policy. Under IFC funding guidelines, no group can receive funding if it excludes any segment of the University community from participating in any aspect of a program. Obviously, the current Saferide policy regarding all-women drivers is in violation of IFC funding guidelines and may have to be reformed.



## Letters

### Beyond war

This letter is written in response to Deborah Janes' comprehensive and very well written article on the ROTC (Spectrum, May 7).

In the article it is stated that I am a member of the Coalition Opposed to Registration and the Draft, when in fact I am the coordinator of the Draft and Pre-enlistment Counseling Project of Clergy and Laity Concerned.

By editing my statement on Vietnam and guilt, my point is completely lost. My point was that it is not just the grunts that pulled the trigger or the officer that gave the order that must carry the guilt.

It is also the policy makers and politicians who sent us there, the corporations of the military industrial complex which produced the weapons of mass destruction, the workers whose hands created them, the merchant seamen who shipped them, the university students and professors with their Department of Defense grants who envisioned them, and a largely apathetic society which allowed it to continue for 10 long and bloody years.

Also, I cannot take credit for the statement, "In war, truth is the first casualty." Those words were spoken by the Greek poet Aeschylus.

I do hope the statements of women's studies director Barbara Pope were taken out of con-

text. I cannot believe that the masculinization of women, by intergrating into a viciously brutal patriarchal structure that permeates both the military and American society, will help the human species evolve beyond war.

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Draft and Pre-enlistment  
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Coordinator

### More facts

I've done something that I assume homosexuals hope nobody else does: I checked into the claims within the "Gay Plague" pamphlet.

The libraries at the University contain many of the medical journals and books used as sources.

One hotly contested claim relates to homosexual males and their average levels of promiscuity. The Bell and Weinburg research listed in the pamphlet seemed to back that point quite well.

I found other (very current) sources testifying to high levels of promiscuity generally existing, regardless of AIDS, among a huge percentage of male homosexuals.

As for VD rates: Three quarters of U.S. AIDS cases have appeared in homosexual males, and up to 50 percent of San Francisco's homosexual males may harbor the AIDS virus according to recent reports.

And Devin Adair's book, "The Homosexual Network," stated that San Francisco's VD rate was 22 times the national average just a few years ago.

What about rather odd sexual behaviors? Epidemics of amoeba infections, intestinal parasites and the Gay Bowel Syndrome could be due to rimming (oral contact with the anus).

The book "The Gay Report" listed that most male homosexual respondents to this study engaged in this activity at least once, about a quarter admitted to fisting (insertion of the fist into the rectum) before.

Check "Medical and Surgical Risks in Handballing: Implication of an Inadequate Socialization Process" in the Journal of Homosexuality (1981) for a more explicit description of this behavior.

We have been told to become "educated" on these issues. I couldn't agree more.

**Elaine Ryser**  
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### Punch drunk

I am writing about the selection of KPNW as the sports programming station. One of the greatest aspects of Oregon is its openness and dedication to progressive values.

By awarding the rights thus, the school has chosen to ignore their conscience long enough to make a "deal" with Southern California-based broadcast interests. KXL and KPNW represent "prescribed" (or proscribed) choices for this area. It takes very little to trace the affiliations of those involved.

The obvious and more honest choice would have been KDUK. Their format is progressive and the management honest, and they lack a "hidden" motive for broadcasting the games.

That KDUK was artificially excluded proves that the University is eager to show loyalty to elements that have guaranteed it "a piece of the action" when the financially starved Eugene area is developed by outside interests.

It is this economic desperation that worries me. Will the true fans of Oregon sports be happy with this? If the Duck's lose, will they enjoy having Jerry tell them that they can just put it on their Nordstrom's charge account?

I am certain that the greater public is not aware of the true consequences of these continual back-room "deals." Oregon sports fans haven't been blinded to these consequences . . . yet.

It takes a little longer to be honest, it costs a little more to protect the environment, and it takes a greater effort to keep a decent place in an indecent world.

I would ask that they consider not giving up their future to a rigged present, and the punch drunk horse that it flew in on.

**Robert Ewbank**  
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