

Delays and absences mean more drug tests

In what apparently may be a case of foot-dragging, the University Senate on Wednesday postponed a recommendation to halt the Athletic Department's current drug-testing policy.

This was the third time in three months the Senate has delayed voting on this emotionally charged issue; however, its decision to put off a recommendation this time is justified for two reasons.

The state attorney general has yet to issue his long-awaited opinion regarding the Athletic Department's drug-testing policy. If anyone is guilty of foot-dragging, it's the attorney general.

Until the attorney general issues his ruling regarding this matter, many members of the Senate remain unsure about where to stand. If, for instance, the Senate did support the current drug-testing policy and the attorney general subsequently declares the policy unconstitutional, the Senate's recommendation would be moot.

Waiting for the attorney general's opinion, however, should not stop the Senate from opposing the Athletic Department's random, mandatory drug testing. The forced compliance aspect of this policy remains a gross intrusion of civil liberties and should receive the condemnation of the Senate.

However, it was a good thing the Senate did not vote on this issue Wednesday. Less than half the Senate attended Wednesday's session, and with so many absent, a vote on this matter would have been improper and unrepresentative.

With such an important issue at hand, more senators should have attended and participated in Wednesday's lengthy debate. Although some members of the Senate had excused absences, the majority of the no-shows did not.

This is a shame, too, because the absentees have an obligation to this University. Through seeming indifference to this issue, they have let University athletes continue to languish under an unjust drug-testing policy.

OSPIRG's clean-up drive will feed hungry bellies

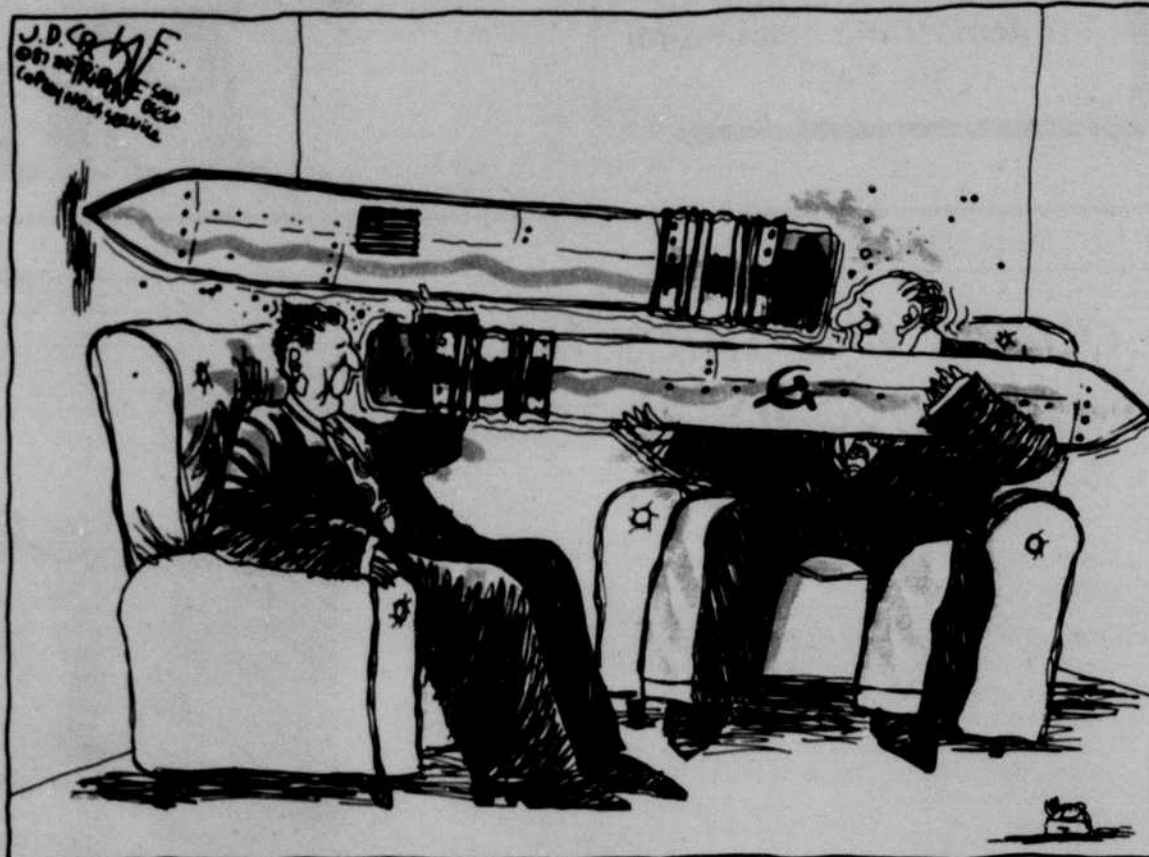
The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group receives our resounding round of applause.

This Saturday, OSPIRG, in conjunction with Eugene residents, will be hosting their First Annual Hunger Clean-up Day. The effort is part of the National Campaign Against Hunger and is designed to help Lane County's hungry, as well as those in need of food overseas.

Fifty percent of the funds raised will be used by Food for Lane County, a food-distribution group. The remaining money will be distributed by the National Campaign Against Hunger and USA for Africa/Hands Across America for international food drives.

According to Food for Lane County, roughly 16,000 Lane County families are in need of emergency food assistance. Many of these families are at or below the poverty line and still many more are under-employed.

This effort will produce tangible results. Not only will the city be a cleaner place, but the hungry of Eugene and the world will reap the benefits of a benevolent few. Those interested in participating should contact OSPIRG, Suite 1 EMU, Extension 4377.



GRASER HEADS

Letters

Forget me not

A second passes, the world changes forever.

A blinding light shines where you once stood, you are no longer there.

The wind is still, the sun shines bright, a chill runs through the calm stirring fear.

Fear of life, fear of death, fear of being forgotten. The light fades, leaving your place empty.

The fear of being forgotten is put to rest.

The memory of your smile warms the chill.

You will never be forgotten.

Jesse Nash, his memory will live on forever.

Jennifer Cohen
Psychology

Taking risks

Liberalism, homosexuality, atheism and infidelity seem to have a strangle hold on the Democratic Party.

Perhaps Gary Hart doesn't possess all of these characteristics, but if he possesses at least one of these then he is not worthy of the

highest office of our land.

Speaking from a statistical point of view, Hart increased his chances of AIDS infection by eight percent (Statistics of Diseases, April, 1987) if his alleged affair with Donna Rice is true.

The source states, "monogamy is the best defense against AIDS infection... and if broken can lead to an 8-9 percent increase of acquirement if past sexual history is unsafe." (p. 63).

Hart's alleged infidelity is not an isolated incident within the Democratic Party. John Kennedy had Marilyn Monroe, Lyndon B. Johnson entertained more ladies than Lady Bird could even comprehend and Jimmy Carter admitted to lusting after Patti McGuire in a Playboy centerfold.

The Democrats have a propensity for cheating much like the Soviets do when it comes to treaties.

AIDS, the Black Plague of the '80s, will only stop spreading if a monogamous, heterosexual society prevails, not by personal trips to Bimini with actresses.

The only positive thing through all of this is that someone finally found out Hart's positions.

Gina VanCleave
RHCM

Making sense

With the recent tragedy, friends and family of Jesse Nash will wonder what the meaning of the sudden loss is. I can give some meaning to the loss.

His death is a yearly reminder we all must face, drownings are the third leading cause of death for young people.

Early seasonal drownings are common. People are not used to the cold water, some overestimate abilities (often based on the end of the last year, which was after several months of active swimming).

Do not mourn the loss of Jesse Nash unless you will also re-

mind people (each year) that care, caution, and concern for safety must override the early season inner tubing.

My heart cries out, every time I hear of a drowning. As a lifeguard I wish I could have been there to help, but although it is too late for Jesse Nash, my words may help people to make sense of the tragedy.

Although Jesse Nash will be missed, remember he will help to prevent some people from swimming in the area. That part of the river is very notorious and has spooked even the most expert swimmers of the river.

My best regards to everyone touched by this tragedy, may we all remember and learn from each setback.

Brian D. Lewis
Eugene

Great parties

I would like to discuss a phenomenon that literally saved the University from extinction: Norwegian parties.

Before their arrival, this campus was a dreadfully boring place to be on a Friday night. As you recall, most students would religiously congregate at the Beer Gardens, only to retire to the library shortly thereafter.

But now, using functions like the Norwegian Nut-Party, those wild and crazy guys from the North have taught us mundane Oregonians how to "get off our butts" and PARTY.

They've instilled a sort of "joie de vivre" on this campus that has penetrated every corner of University life. I've even noticed the Pioneer Woman seems to have a curious little smile on her face these days.

How this campus ever functioned without these parties is beyond my comprehension. I mean this is the greatest thing to hit Eugene since Birkenstocks.

John Tapogna
Eugene

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