

Editorial

University upkeep continuous process

Last spring the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges graded the University in an accreditation review to identify its strengths and weaknesses.

The reviewing program, which occurs every 10 years, is a benefit to the campus. And while the University is already working to correct many of the problems mentioned in the accreditation report, it should not ignore the other points.

The report, released last week, cited a lack of accessibility for handicapped students, an excessive reliance on graduate teaching fellows, a "space crisis" in the library and low faculty salaries as problems at the University.

Presently, the University is working to install elevators and build ramps in old buildings on campus. It also is installing a computer system in the main library to save time and become more efficient. The evaluation stated the library was too small and understaffed.

With Oregon Legislature funding, the University hopes to be able to build a new library, but unfortunately the Legislature will not reconvene until 1989. The University has recommended that the Legislature consider library funding and faculty salaries as top priorities.

Both the report and University President Paul Olum have recognized that salaries for the faculty are too low. The evaluation stated Oregon should not rely on Eugene's "pleasant lifestyle" to keep professors at the University and that low pay "directly hampers teaching" because the University is unable to purchase and maintain quality services.

At this point the problem can only be acknowledged. It cannot be remedied until the Legislature meets and approves more funds.

Another problem cited deals with funding and faculty salaries. Because the University cannot afford full-time professors, it must rely on GTFs to teach introductory courses.

The report reprimanded the University for its over-reliance on GTFs. But because the University cannot afford more full-time professors, it is difficult to solve this dilemma.

Nevertheless, the University should be willing to meet Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation requests for health care provisions and detailed job descriptions considering how extensively the University relies on the GTFs.

The report also criticized the registration process. The University still uses the arena method but hopes to switch to computers soon. Currently, the State Board is reviewing a state-wide computerized registration system.

The University is making strides in solving the problems stated in the accreditation review. It has recognized its weak areas and, under the circumstances, is fixing them as quickly as possible.

The accreditation report is an effective method of reviewing the University and receiving a broader base of opinions on how to improve the institution. It should not be ignored or brushed aside as a 10-year review. Instead, the upkeep of the University should be a continuous process.



Letters

Convolved logic

As a registered Republican, I can very much appreciate the desire "to create more debate about the Iran-Contra situation on campus" that was expressed by the College Republicans (via the Oliver North slide presentation).

But after reading Kathy Proffit's article (Oct. 16), it strikes me that an even greater issue in need of consideration is the ability of students on this campus to think critically.

I could be wrong, but I fail to see the logic of, for example, Oliver North's assertion that "the Soviets have spent three times what the United States has on aid to Nicaragua (approximately \$5.5 billion). This is evidenced in photographs of extensive military facilities constructed in Cuba and Grenada..." Whatever you say Ollie.

Unfortunately, much of the so-called debate that occurs on issues such as this is steeped in the U.S. vs. THEM tradition. This makes for great band-wagons to jump upon, but I suspect that a large number of people on both sides of the political fence are so caught up in the exuberance of the ride

that they fail to question just where in the hell the wagon is going.

By the way, the Miskito Indians are currently returning to their villages in Nicaragua in increasingly large numbers. Their response to the Sandinista government's declaration of amnesty has represented a positive step toward peace in the region.

As to concerns about human rights, did North include any Ektachromes of Contra atrocities in his show? Or did they too get lost in the shredder of convolved logic.

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No Contra aid

Central America today is having an epidemic of rebellion. There is armed resistance to military-controlled governments in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, and recently there were huge demonstrations against the military government in Panama.

To combat any epidemic, you must identify the cause of the disease. Revolution is caused by dissatisfaction on the part of the general populace and a perception that there is no other means of change.

Those who are dissatisfied with the military governments in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador are denied representation. Any opposition is perceived as a threat, and military minds are trained to respond to threats with force.

Local opposition leaders disappear. Some have had elections stolen out from under them by military coups. With U.S. support (or at least silence), military governments in Central America have circumvented the democratic process. When poverty and dissatisfaction is forced to suffer in silence, there is a powerful incentive to revolt. Rebellion can seem to be the only real hope for change.

We have allowed the germs of revolution to fester. The Soviet Union nurtures the germs, but Reagan is grasping to claim that

the Soviets are 'causing' this epidemic. Without popular support, such revolutions would go nowhere, much like the Contras.

Our money would be better spent rebuilding the damaged economies of Central America and influencing our allies to allow internal dissent, to respond with reason rather than death squads. Then we would be attacking the epidemic rather than the people who have suffered from it.

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Get informed

An attitude of, "It can never happen to me" can no longer be tolerated. Every man, woman and child should get the facts about AIDS, and then use every precaution possible to avoid spreading this tragic disease.

The state of Oregon is implementing a mass AIDS education program using straight forward, often explicit ads in our local newspaper. Unfortunately, publications like The Oregonian have rejected publicly these ads because of their explicit nature, disregarding the act that these ads are trying to emphasize the importance of responsibility when it comes to sexual relationships.

I was overjoyed to see the Oregon Daily Emerald take a stand on this issue and publish one of these controversial ads, one that other publications refuse to publish, in an effort to stress the importance of AIDS education ("Battle for AIDS education," Oct. 21).

I hope that my fellow students and professors look at this ad and try to understand that only through such measures as education and "safe sex" will they be protected from this deadly disease.

You can't ignore AIDS because ignorance will not make this killer disappear.

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