

Letters

Gate's not great

Finally after months of obstruction caused by the Chiles building, it has been cleared away and it at last seems safe to walk down 13th Avenue. Then with no advance notice, the barricades rise again. What is the vitally needed project for which all of us again must dodge large, noisy yellow machines on our way to class? A gate.

How did a gate on 13th Avenue rise to the top of the University's construction priorities? Has the sudden rise in enrollment necessitated gates to keep people out? No, instead we are told that it is to be ornamental — in other words it won't serve any useful purpose other than looking good. University of Oregon, home of the gates. Great.

Out of all the things this campus could use, such as better lighting, improved wheelchair access, better facilities for our overtaxed library or numerous other improvements that could be made, we get a gate instead.

Just who is this supposed to benefit? Other than the contractor, I mean. In this age of shrinking educational funds and budget cutting, isn't it reasonable to think of more practical matters first?

Steve Orosz
History

Shortsighted

Regarding Kelly Foutts' letter in the ODE, Nov. 11:

In your letter responding to William Moore's criticism of Planned Parenthood, you produced an argument which, although used before by other pro-choice advocates, is both unfair and shortsighted and acts as a barrier to communication among interested groups.

You said, "he (William Moore) can't possibly be informed on what it is really like to suffer an unwanted pregnancy, because it is my guess he has never been a woman faced with this tragedy."

Does this imply that no man

can be informed about or hold an opinion on abortion because he is physically unable to conceive a child?

Does that also mean that I too am barred from holding an opinion because of my lack of experience with an unwanted pregnancy?

I'm sure you did not want to exclude such a large percentage of our population in your criticism of Mr. Moore's letter, but if you want to support the pro-choice argument, please do not sell yourself, or other advocates, short by making all-encompassing and exclusionary statements.

Laura Humphries
Eugene

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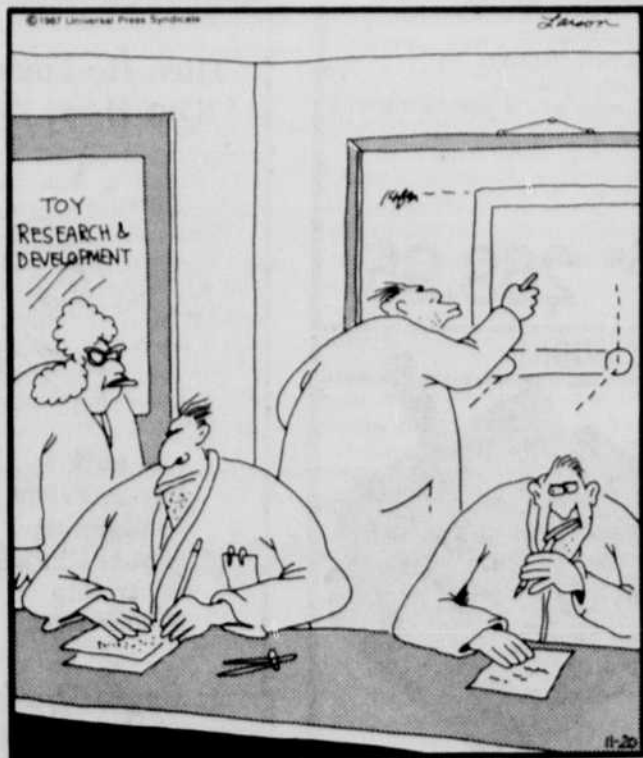
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