

Editorial

Full Bush role not yet disclosed

Vice President George Bush has denied participating in the Iran-Contra scandal, but evidence shows that his involvement was deeper than he has acknowledged. During the course of his presidential campaign, Bush has tried to defuse this potential time bomb by side-stepping the issue.

So if you're considering voting for George Bush in the up-coming 1988 presidential primary election, think again. And while you're thinking, contemplate the following points regarding Bush's involvement in the Iran-Contra affair:

- Bush attended several national security briefings during which the Iranian initiative was discussed, according to recently released Tower Commission notes of an interview with the vice president. The notes said Bush "did have a general knowledge of the arms sale to Iran as a result of attendance at various briefings on the hostages." Bush knew more about the Iranian arms sales than he publicly has admitted.

- Bush has stated that he expressed reservations about the Iranian initiative to President Reagan, but according to Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward's sources, "Bush's reservations concerned the leverage Israel might gain over the United States through participation in the secret operation, not the basic policy of selling arms to the Iranians."

- Adm. John Poindexter, then national security advisor, wrote on Feb. 1, 1986, that Bush supported the Iranian initiative, according to syndicated columnist Jack Anderson after getting his hands on secret memos that Bush supporters were trying to suppress.

- Anderson also reported that an April 30, 1986, memo shows a high-ranking CIA official, Felix Rodriguez, was scheduled to brief Bush on "resupply to the Contras" and the use of profits from the Iranian arms sales. "Bush acknowledges meeting with Rodriguez but denies discussing the Contra resupply with him," Anderson wrote.

- Anderson presents further evidence that shows Bush probably knew about the illegal diversion of funds from the Iranian arms sales to the Nicaraguan rebels. For example, Bush's national security advisor, Donald Gregg, met with CIA agent Rodriguez in Aug., 1986, and wrote a memo about the meeting for Bush's office reading "a swap of weapons for money was arranged to get aid for the Contras." There is good reason to believe that Bush read this memo from his national security advisor.

Bush has tried to convince the public that he only was involved marginally in the Iran-Contra affair. But as Bush is placed under oath and questioned by independent council Lawrence Walsh — and the presidential candidates — the true story of his involvement in the Iran-Contra scandal may yet be disclosed.

Considering his involvement in the Iran-Contra scandal and his past employment as director of central intelligence from January 30, 1976, through January 20, 1977, Bush shows a tendency toward using covert action and clandestine methods to implement U.S. foreign policy.

If Bush is elected president in 1988, there is little reason to suspect that he would stop participating in unconstitutional and unpopular methods to manipulate events in the international arena.

REPUBLICAN FOOTBALL



THE QUARTERBACK

THE RUNNING BACK

THE DRAWBACK

Letters

Doing your part

The Dec. 10 edition of the Emerald carried a letter critical of the front page coverage given to the Gay and Lesbian Youth Group. As might be expected, the disparaging remarks about Emerald reporter Kelvin Wee came in the form of innuendo and were conspicuously based in ignorance and homophobia.

Kelvin's recent writings also include work on a heterosexually targeted publication "AIDS Update," and a feature story in the Lavender Network entitled "Celebrating Celebacy." The Emerald and the University community as a whole should be proud to have access to the thoughts of a writer with such a demonstrated capacity for diversity of perspective.

This last June the "Journal of the American Medical Association" came out of the closet by publishing a study detailing the societal cost of denying the existence of gay and lesbian youth. This was not advocacy or "condoning" but merely recognizing what exists.

Sexual orientation is believed to be formed in early childhood, long before sexual maturity or

sexual activity. This is hard for some people to understand, as they would rather think of being gay or lesbian as something you do rather than something you are. The fact is that there is a very direct link between many AIDS deaths and many teenage suicides and our culture's pathological need to consider gay and lesbian youth as non-existent.

Please accept my personal thanks, and those of the members of the Willamette AIDS Council, for publishing this most newsworthy coverage. AIDS is preventable. Thank you for doing your part.

Jim Clay
Willamette AIDS Council

Happenin' frat

My, it was a scary visit. I went to a frat house and stayed for dinner and the meeting afterward. It was informative.

Only now do I comprehend the horror that comes with being a member. They're all assigned busy little jobs and duties.

Having viewed things from the inside, I grasp the delicacies of greekies. They're set up to be and act in detailed (mooooo) patterns. They're really a herd.

Another horrifying flashback hit me. The DUs still want women placed on a pedestal. Women looking for a man who is well-groomed and trained should consider a DU. I would request a package deal if I was a prospective wife, though.

Maybe I shouldn't be so harsh; DUs are different. They want to make rush dry, head a power elite in the Frat Council, and still can be called the "gentlemen's frat." Sounds like a new frat on campus. I like this changing-but-remaining-the-same attitude.

Everything was great. They fed me and treated me well. The highlight was when they let members air their beefs. Good for you, gentlemen; this was a healthy event.

DUs are happenin'. They party, meet, have agendas, don't

discriminate and have a wonderful cook. (You better pay her well.) This is what I observed.

This was written for someone who thinks I'm crazy, violent, has multiple personalities, and shares my love for the laser printer.

Blake Louis Sliter
Political Science/English

Responsibility

In his article in the Emerald (Jan. 11), Charles Korn quotes Don Gibbons as saying "only about 2 percent of all prisoners have criminal personalities. Others return to prison because of bad luck — inability to find a job or falling in with the old crowd."

Give me a break. If only 2 percent of the prisoners have criminal personalities, then what are the other 98 percent doing there? Gibbons' assertion is an attempt to downplay criminals' responsibility for their actions.

Regardless of what kind of personality they have, prisoners in the state penitentiary are there because they have committed crimes, serious crimes, for which they are responsible. They return there because they have not abandoned the attitude and behavior that put them there in the first place. Luck has nothing to do with it.

Granted, it is difficult to get an employer to trust you after you've been in prison for a serious crime, but that's the criminal's fault, not his "bad luck." Furthermore, no one is forcing the ex-con to return to the same crowd he got into trouble with the first time. That is a voluntary act for which he is responsible.

There seems to be a belief in the minds of many people that you're responsible for your behavior until it becomes illegal, at which point it's someone else's fault. Wake up and smell the coffee.

James Marks
Senior, journalism

Monday, January 18, 1988

Oregon Daily Emerald

P.O. Box 3159, Eugene, Oregon 97403

The Oregon Daily Emerald is published Monday through Friday except during exam week and vacations by the Oregon Daily Emerald Publishing Co., at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

The Emerald operates independently of the University with offices on the third floor of the Erb Memorial Union and is a member of the Associated Press.

The Emerald is private property. The unlawful removal or use of papers is prosecutable by law.

General Staff

Advertising Director
Production Manager
Classified Manager
Assistant to the Publisher

Susan Thelen
Michele Ross
Kelli Mason
Jean Ownbey

Advertising Sales: Rick Martz/Sales Manager
James Betzer, Teri Boring, David Cheonis, Mike Clark, Tom Leech, Catherine Lilla, Laura McKinney, Joann Nelson, Julie Paul, Vicki Reed, Barbara Rogers, Scott Thorkildson, Joan Wildermuth

News and Editorial
Display Advertising and Business
Classified Advertising
Letter Perfect Graphics
Production
Circulation

686-5511
686-3712
686-4343
686-5511
686-4381
686-5511

Editor
Managing Editor
News Editor
Editorial Page Editors
Sports Editor
Photo Editor
Graphic Design Editor
Special Issues Editor
Entertainment/Sports Segment Editor
Night Editor

Stanley Nelson
Scott Maben
Carolyn Lamberson
Angela Muniz/Steven Hoenisch
Aaron Knox
Shu-Shing Chen
Lorraine Rath
Kelly Kortekaas
H.C. Hutto
Angela Muniz

Associate Editors

Community
Higher Education/Administration
Student Government/Activities
Features

Andrew LaMar
Michael Drummond
Will Holbert
Kelly Kortekaas

Reporters: Betsy Clayton, Paula Green, Frale de Guzman, Craig Harris, Gary Henley, Jeff Morgan, Ingrid Petersen, Cami Swanson, Kelvin Wee

Photographers: Sherilyn Bjorkgren, Christophe Chabaudie, Andy Cripe, Cliff Etzel, John Giustina, Bobbie Lo, Gregor Okorn, Andre Ranieri, Ted Shepler, Michael Templeton, Dan Wheeler

Production: Sandra Daller / Ad Coordinator
Kelly Alexandre, Ronwin Nicole Ashton, Virginia Baniaga, Laura Carhart, Eva Cohen, Stephanie Drynan, Dolores Ferrero, Lisa Haggerty, Deirdre Kelly, Elliot Knight, Jung Lee, Bobbie Lo, James Mason, Ross Martin, Angela Muniz, Ted Shepler, Linda Sperling, Ingrid White, Kelly Williams, Serena Williams, X. Kang Xie