

Editorial

U.S. action in Gulf defends life of car

"Animals come when their names are called. Just like human beings," Ludwig Wittgenstein said in 1948.

In 1988, it's not unusual for Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Iranian Parliament, to beckon President Reagan and his "imperialistic forces" to come meet their fate in the Persian Gulf.

And when the Iranians call our name, we come, like a blood-thirsty pit bull looking for a black cat over which to assert his power. But while he is strong and domineering, the pit bull, similar to the U.S. military establishment, is senseless and demoralized. The pit bull knows no bounds: He can't tell his own back yard from another's. The pit bull always mettles where he doesn't belong. And so wanders the imperialistic forces of the U.S. military, stumbling into trouble, stumbling over its own fleet.

Then there's the alley cat the pit bull ruthlessly chases. It's elusive, subversive, and colored black as death. It uses children to find and detonate mines along the war front; it bombs the cities of its neighbor where only civilians live. And it plants mines in the path of U.S. ships in international waters that even the innocent dolphins the U.S. Navy uses as mine sweepers can't detect.

Unlike the alley cat, however, the pit bull protects his master — and his way of life. He protects the right to drive a Cadillac from the garage to the mailbox to pick up the mail when it's raining outside. He protects the freeways and highways, the oil and the gas.

Too bad nobody ever told the Reagan administration that dead sailors don't drive.

Israeli guest list shrinks for 40th birthday party

The latest measures by Israel to ensure no Arab residents of the Occupied Territories crash their 40th birthday party prove once again that the Jewish state is not mellowing with age. But this time they have presented the Palestinians an irresistible gift: a martyr.

Khalil al-Wazir was the second-ranked official in the Palestine Liberation Organization's mainstream faction and chief of its army. Commandos burst into his home in suburban Tunis, Tunisia, on April 16 and assassinated the 52-year-old PLO leader, spurring violent protest that peaked Wednesday, when al-Wazir was buried in the Martyr's Cemetery in Damascus, Syria.

Israeli soldiers shot one Arab to death and wounded 10 others during the rioting that ensued, bringing the total number of Palestines killed since the latest round of protests began in December to at least 169.

Tunisian and Israeli sources reported that Israel was responsible for the slaying of al-Wazir, although the Israeli government has not confirmed it.

Instead, Israel adopted its toughest restrictions yet against the 1.5 million Palestinian residents of the territories. They are barred from Israel for the rest of the week, during that nation's 40th anniversary celebration.

It is indeed a sad and ironic way to mark the birthday of the "free and independent state" of Israel — it denies both ideals for legal residents within its borders. Is this what they mean by mid-life crisis?



Letters

Bad coverage

I represent a group of students who attended the International Night on Sunday, April 10. The performance put together by the foreign students was of outstanding quality. Many students shared with us the best of their cultures to our benefit.

We are concerned about the way the Oregon Daily Emerald neglected the major international campus event.

International Night represents the entire international population at the University. Besides, this event brought more than 400 people to the EMU Ballroom. Isn't this worth some coverage?

We think their efforts deserved some acknowledgement and more respect from the University newspaper.

Frederic Dimanche
Graduate student

Outlandish

Although the Rev. Bevel undoubtedly should be accorded respect for his contributions to the American civil rights movement, this is not just cause to overlook his outlandish statements made while speaking at Straub Hall April 14.

The Rev. Bevel calls himself "a Constitutionalist." However, the Rev. Bevel claimed that if "one does not live to glorify God..." he is "...not even an American." Does the Constitution not grant U.S. citizens the right to freedom of religion? Also, the Rev. Bevel continually referred to whites as "crackers."

Statements such as these contribute to, rather than detract from, racial tensions in the United States today.

Raoul Hutchens
Political science

Driven to drink

The University's Office of Student Affairs feels that the only way to curtail Greeks from serving alcohol to people under age 21 is to totally ban "social functions" on their facilities. This may be one solution, but I feel it is a very poor one.

Not only are they stripping the right that has taken people 21 years to earn, but they will unknowingly be responsible for increasing the amount of alcohol-related problems around Eugene.

Now University students (Greeks of all ages) who would normally stay on campus to drink, walking everywhere they go, will get into their cars and drive to an establishment that will allow them to drink. Eugene has no shortage of bars willing to serve under-aged drinkers as long as their money is green.

When I came to this University, I was under the impression that the purpose for weekend parties was to keep students, who were going to drink anyway, on campus and off the roads. The new policy can't help but increase the number of students who will drink and drive. I can only wonder what the University's stance will be on this, but I can hear it now: "Those students who choose to drink and drive are making a decision; their decision, to drive or not to drive, is entirely up to them."

I agree that it is time for a stricter alcohol policy, but with all the academic resources of

the University, I am really surprised by this Greek prohibition.

Shane Moncrieff
Kappa Sigma

Help the GTFs

This letter is addressed to all who would like to know how to support the GTFs. As most of you are probably aware, GTFs now are being taxed on their tuition waivers as income. The problems stemming from this are many fold.

- The tax is retroactive, beginning Jan. 1, 1988.

- Most GTFs received a cut in their take-home pay of 20-50 percent, which means a check of approximately \$350.

- Tuition waivers now are considered to be income, which makes many GTFs with families ineligible for public assistance programs.

A large number of undergraduate courses are taught by GTFs. With the implementation of this waiver, the University is unlikely to attract high-quality graduate students, which would directly result in a deterioration of undergraduate programs.

We are including a sample letter that you can send to the following people: Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, Capitol Building, Salem, OR, 97301; Sen. Bob Packwood, SR 259, Washington, D.C., 20510-3702; Sen. Mark Hatfield, 475 Cottage Northeast, Salem, OR, 97310.

"I am writing to you to express my support for Bill No. 4332, which has been introduced to Congress by Rep. Peter DeFazio.

"I am concerned about the adverse financial impact of Graduate Teaching Fellows created by the tax on tuition waivers. I believe that the tuition waiver is not a remuneration for teaching duties and should fall under tax-exempt classification.

"I urge you to support this bill and to vote for its passage if you are in a position to do so."

Anuncia Escala
GTF

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