

Editorial

A hearty welcome to the new chancellor

Although he has not yet been named, we at the Oregon Daily Emerald would like to extend congratulations and a warm welcome to the new chancellor of the State Board of Higher Education. The decision between the two remaining candidates, J. Wade Gilley of Virginia and Thomas Stauffer of Texas, is expected to come Tuesday.

Our relationship with retiring Chancellor William "Bud" Davis has been stormy, even adversarial at times. We sincerely hope that the Emerald and the new chancellor will get along together well.

But we also hope that the new chancellor will address some continuing concerns of ours. Primary among these concerns is the issue of student empowerment. The State Board of Higher Education has a well-deserved reputation of being oblivious to student concerns.

Examples are numerous. The attempted restructuring of Oregon Administrative Rules dealing with incidental fee expenditures comes to mind. University students also no doubt recall the forced retirement of President Paul Olum, a popular and able administrator. (Meanwhile, a hundred miles north of us, unhappy Portland State University students are still stuck with President Natale Sicuro, a man the state board continues to support despite allegations of financial misdoings and misguided administrative policies.)

There must also be a commitment to getting the 1988-89 legislature to shell out more education dollars — especially for computer usage. Since the board did manage to approve an 8.5 percent tuition hike, an additional computer use fee levied against students would be onerous.

The state board will also have to step in on the issue of child care, eventually. Present incidental fee funding levels simply do not provide enough for this important service.

One thing Chancellor Davis did very well was lobby for quality athletic programs at Oregon schools. We'd like to see the new chancellor continue Davis' commitment to college athletics through the pursuit of the "sin tax," a one cent tax on containers of beer and packages of cigarettes.

Again, we send our new chancellor the very best wishes for success, as well as serve notice that we will be watching closely, just in case.

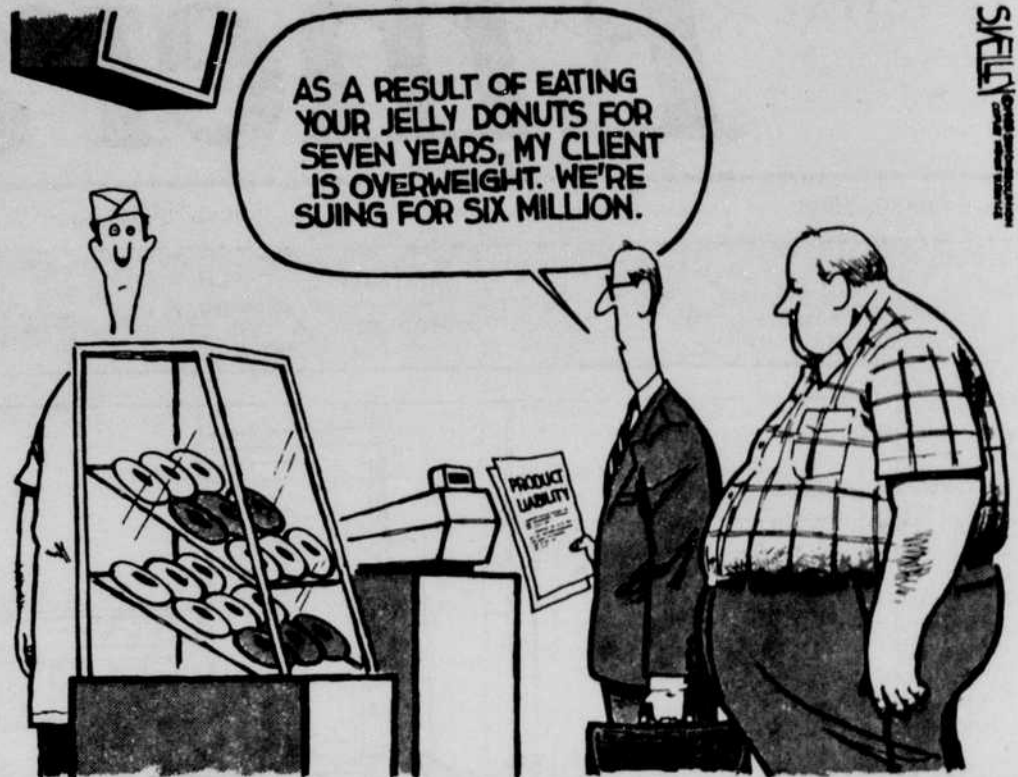
Embattled Sicuro should resign PSU presidency

The outcry over Natale Sicuro and his troubled presidency at Portland State University continues to grow.

"The Trouble With Nat" was the front page story of *Willamette Week* on June 2. *The Sunday Oregonian* called for Sicuro's resignation on June 13. Portland State's student newspaper, *The Vanguard* and the Oregon Daily Emerald have both been long-time foes of Sicuro.

The criticism comes from more than the media, though — it comes from within Sicuro's camp as well. On June 14, PSU's Faculty Senate released a survey of its members; 62 percent of the faculty expressed dissatisfaction with Sicuro's leadership, while only 7 percent were supportive.

Sicuro's questionable ethics, combative style and lack of support from anybody but his boss (the State Board of Higher Education) remind one of a certain Attorney General of the United States. What are these people still doing in office?



Letters

Behavior

Homosexuality advocates vehemently defend their behavior against anyone daring to challenge their uncriticizable dogma or question their pride. But isn't their some behavior for which we shouldn't be proud? Must we unquestionably accept every behavior couched in the all-encompassing umbrella of blind tolerance?

To brand a person a "tyrannical, hateful bigot" because they dare to question aberrant behavior is wrong. It is a steamroller attempt to shut down all opposition discussion. In an effort to secure legitimacy and political power, I can appreciate why homosexuals desire to be lumped with blacks, Jews, disabled or other true minorities. But there is an essential difference. Homosexuals are a group defined strictly by their chosen, voluntary behavior. Blacks are not defined by their chosen behavior, nor are Jews or disabled.

Let's make it very clear: We are not questioning a "minority" group, we are questioning taking "pride" in choosing an abnormal behavior — a behavior harmful to both self and society. This is not attacking people, rather it's attacking inappropriate behavior.

As for discrimination, hopefully people will always discriminate against chosen abnormal behavior and will continue to defend the standard of the sound family unit against the creeping legitimization of homosexuality in society.

"Motherly women and fatherly men acting as wholesome symbols of strength and righteousness in a family setting of mutual love and respect continue to be essential to progress in any civilization." (R.A. Bradley, M.D.). Sound corny? Real truths often do.

Jon Wollander
Eugene

Student inmates

Only a certain percentage of inmates participate in what is referred to as the "revolving door" operated by the Correc-

tions Division. The remainder, those of us who made a mistake in our lives and are not "career criminals," are destined to spend substantial amounts of time in prison. While here, many choose to improve their status through attending college.

Men and women receive both A.A. and B.S. degrees while in the institution, and many others prepare to enter the colleges outside. These people are attempting to survive and be successful in a world they have had no prior experience with or knowledge of.

There are no longer to be found any number of people working on behalf of former inmates. Yet if we are to institute positive change and progress in a person's life, help is needed from society at large.

We would like to solicit help from those students and faculty who would like to learn of inmates and prisons. Students need a line of communication with those people they will some day be sitting next to in a classroom or office.

If interest is created, I would like to see support groups on campus that would take a position that inmates can be positive contributing members of society. In order to get started, we need to hear from anyone who might have even the slightest interest or any questions in addressing the issue. Criticism is welcome if it is constructive. Any response will be replied to.

L.E. Boss
Salem

Those interested in writing to L.E. Boss should send letters and replies to Box 51797, 2605 State Street, Salem OR 97310.

Rejection

My application for admission into the MFA program was recently rejected. I'm an artist. I've been rejected hundreds of times by galleries, and that hasn't curtailed my pursuit of the arts. Ninety percent of what an artist does is handle rejection without giving up.

In this case however, I feel I've been discriminated against. A certain graduate fellow took it upon herself to solicit complaints about me from other

students in the department. Virtually every student I asked confirmed this, although they are hesitant to come forward because of political repercussions that could adversely affect their academic standings.

After two meetings with the dean of fine arts, the only concrete factual incidents raised by complaining students was that I had read aloud a poem of questionable taste, and had used metaphors in conversation which the students had found objectionable. What of the First Amendment? The accounts of these incidents reported by the students were different from what had actually occurred.

I feel that within the print-making program there is a schism between the genders caused by extreme separatism. This kind of separatism has no place in a public institution where our tax monies help pay the bills. People's private lives are their own business, but discrimination because of sex, color or religion in a public institution is everyone's business.

Hopefully, this letter may help to correct some of the injustices presently occurring, so that they will not cause another human being the psychological and emotional duress I've experienced.

William Fien
Eugene

Retraction

In a satirical letter to the editor published in the Oregon Daily Emerald on May 16, Wayne Vincent wrote that cats performed surgery on Barbara Gordon-Lickey, a member of the Institute of Neuroscience, without the use of anesthesia.

This may have created the implication that Gordon-Lickey operates on research animals without anesthesia. She denies ever doing so, and the implication is not factually supported.

The Emerald regrets its publication, and apologizes for any confusion that may have resulted.

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