

Growing community in need of ice arena

Some people, those being the urban element in this whole mess, are just counting the days until this summer when the city's first ice rink should open in what currently is the Arena Building at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

Then there are the others, the rural element in the puzzle, who also are counting the days and hoping that enough remain to serve the county with an injunction and put a stop to the project.

We are siding with the urbanites in hopes that the Eugene-Springfield area gets its ice arena.

True, the Lane County Fair is the largest one of its type in the Northwest. And it is true, the Lane County Fair spends a heck of a lot of money on premiums.

In fact, the agrarian movement has a point when they say that agriculture is taking a nose dive at the hands of business and tourism interests.

But an ice rink would be a good, sound investment for the community.

The urbanites already have formed a support group called ICE — with a membership comprising hockey players, figure skaters, speed skaters, recreational skaters, families of skaters and spectators.

Why, Lane County could even become a feeder for the National Hockey League. What a great economic investment this could be.

Another good reason for the installation of an ice arena is that it is practical for all age groups — particularly the teenagers.

There's really not enough for minors to do in the area anyway. So why don't we give them something to do besides cruise all weekend?

And rest assured, even through all of this, the horses still will have a roof over their heads. Plans are in the works to build a replacement livestock building next to the new ice rink.

An ice rink would be a good economic investment — good for families and for the community.

The time has come for Lane County to meet the demand of its growing population.

Service consolidation a plus for community

A few weeks ago, Eugene and Springfield officials joked about consolidating services between the two cities to the point of creating a new city altogether: Spring-gene (which is a much better name than the other alternative: "Eufield").

Combining services is a valid idea, yes; but not the cities' names.

The issue, of course, is a controversial one, but combining the administrative services of Eugene and Springfield would make the community much stronger.

The Eugene City Council, in fact, already has proceeded with plans to do some in-house merging with the city's five human rights commissions for reasons similar to the much debated consolidation of Eugene and Springfield.

Consolidating administrative services would not only give these services a much stronger voice in the community, but would cut down on the extreme amount of overlap between the two cities' administrative services.

With Eugene and Springfield situated close to one another, combining, for example, both cities' public libraries, police and fire departments and hospital services would make it more convenient to the citizens living in both areas.

But if all of this is to take place, then it should be done while still maintaining Eugene and Springfield as separate entities.

The identities of both Eugene and Springfield are well-established; they have their own separate "personalities."

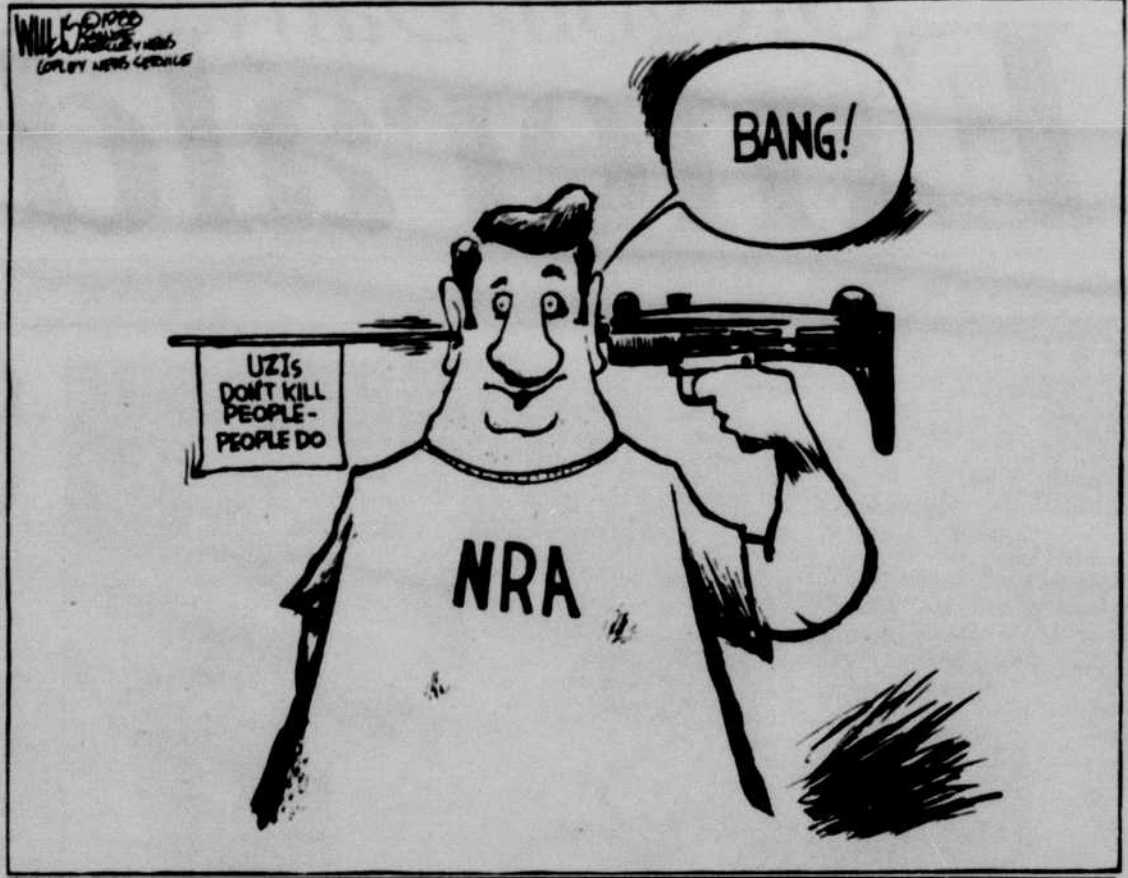
We applaud the city officials' efforts to devise a fiscally sound economic opportunity for Eugene and Springfield. But please, can we keep the two cities' names separate?

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Letters

Violence

I am disturbed at the tone of Mr. Jaymes E. Terry's letter (ODE, Jan. 19). I believe that the attitude undertaken by the author is almost as narrow as those beliefs that are held by racists. While any form of racism is indefensible, so is reverse intolerance and civil violence.

From what Mr. Terry has stated, it appears as though he has a distorted view of reality or at least biblical interpretations. This is not meant as an attack on Mr. Terry or his ideas, but I think that if he really examined what his letter has stated, he would see the flaws in his logic. Mr. Terry states that he is "for arming ourselves and an eye for an eye, as the old saying goes." I would assume that he got this quote from the Bible. I would like to point out the fact that the Bible also has such statements as: "When a person strikes you on the right cheek, turn and offer him the other." (Mt. 5:39), "...love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Mt. 5:44), and "Treat others the way you would have them treat you..." (Mt. 7:12). Violence is not the answer, and fighting racist violence with violence is certainly not the answer.

This letter is not written as an attack on any particular person's ideas, but to encourage thought before one makes such condemnations or advocates the use of violence.

Anthony Mills
Eugene

No vision

Speaking on the panel, "The Next Four Years," Dean James Reinmuth called Ronald Reagan a visionary (ODE, Jan. 20). Martin Luther King Jr. was a true visionary, a visionary in the finest sense of the word. But Ronald Reagan? No. He was a dozer, the hollow product of the PR industry, a Howdy Doody for yuppies and senior executives. He may have dreamed from time to time dur-

ing his cabinet meeting naps, but such dreams do not a visionary make.

Reinmuth and lumberman Peter Murphy both praised Reagan and, understandably, both anticipate good times under Bush. They are looking forward to further reductions in corporate taxes ("tax incentives"), more corporate takeovers, and through the laying off of workers and the lowering of wages, greater corporate profits. Under Bush, the products of Reinmuth's school will have great expectations. But no visions; they will be looking for action in the "real world."

One expected that in a university setting, Reagan's policy towards Nicaragua would have been addressed, but no one on the panel raised the issue. Although he initiated it during his Deep Unawareness and continued it throughout his Great Dormancy, Reagan, as Chief Executive Officer, is nonetheless responsible for America's aggression against that beleaguered country by his illegally financed proxies, the contras. Consequently, the blood of thousands of innocent Nicaraguans and of Oregon's Ben Linder is on his hands.

This was certainly a topic worthy of discussion by a panel covering the Reagan/Bush era. But perhaps such matters lie outside the limits of acceptable debate, even in the halls of an institution supposedly dedicated to free inquiry.

Guido Palandri
Library

Philosophy

The Jan. 24 article on the IFC denial of funding to Women in Philosophy contained a serious error in fact which I wish to correct.

Funding for the 1989-90 school year was denied to Women in Philosophy on the grounds that "it replicated the services already provided by other groups." This is not the case. The "other groups" (sic) mentioned apparently is the Philosophy Club of which I am an active member.

Although our first colloqui-

um of this school year happens to feature a feminist philosopher, Naomi Scheman, this is a first and is occurring because of Grace Iurilli's efforts. Grace, through Women in Philosophy, has, over the past several years, provided an essential service to the University community by focusing exclusively on feminist philosophers. Her efforts have always been exceedingly well-attended and appreciated just because she has filled a vacuum in academia.

Had I had any suspicion whatsoever that co-sponsoring a feminist philosopher would result in denial of funding to Women in Philosophy because of "replicated" services, I would never have supported our decision to co-sponsor this speaker.

There is something fundamentally wrong with the IFC's decision against Women in Philosophy given that we do not replicate one another. Women in Philosophy brings feminist philosophers to campus; Philosophy Club has a wider ranging interest and brings all kinds of philosophers to campus.

I ask the IFC to reconsider their decision and fund Women in Philosophy because it is a vital and necessary service to the University community.

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Styrofoam

The women of the Alpha Delta chapter of Delta Gamma commend the work by OSPIRG to reduce the use of Styrofoam in the Eugene area. We feel the depletion of the ozone layer through the production of Styrofoam is an important environmental concern. We at Alpha Delta will no longer use any kind of Styrofoam products at our living organization. We urge other fraternities, sororities, and restaurants to support OSPIRG and its efforts to reduce waste.

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