

Letters

Dignity assault

An open letter to men who don't know better: Despite what you may have gathered from television, your friends, or maybe your family, most women do *not* appreciate your loud opinions and comments about their looks.

No matter how complimentary you think your statement might be, the women who are flattered by your public announcements are few and far between. In fact, I have never talked to a woman who was pleased that strangers shouted such things as "You're looking mighty fine today, babe," or "Hey! What's your number, hot mama?"

If you want to compliment a woman, try a little quiet sincerity.

And to those of you who know better but do it anyway: Instead of embarrassing or degrading women in public, which I assume to be your goal, you do more to demonstrate your own immature insecurity.

If you don't believe me, listen carefully to yourself next time you decide to verbally assault a woman's dignity. Try to hear yourself as others hear you. I'll bet you don't like what you hear anymore than they do.

Korin Gary
Sociology

Test

In response to Barry Starr's and Bert Tryba's letters to the editor (ODE, April 4), I would like to offer the following rebuttal.

First, in response to the atheist killing, I would like to point out that as a direct result of the teachings of Christianity, Stephan was the first man killed, followed closely by Nero's burning of many Christians, and currently in Russia Christianity cannot be taught freely. I'm not proud if you're not proud.

It is my opinion that most people only enjoy *studying* what is in agreement with the dogma with which they subscribe. Some people, however, have a burning desire to understand others and how they think.

I am six credits from a major in biology, six credits from a minor in chemistry, and 16 credits from a pastor's degree. I have an understanding of your arguments — and have been tested to prove my studies. Do not bother to tell me that you grew up in the church or that you have read the Bible.

When you are ready to be tested let me know. Your first three questions are as follows:

Open book — Bible only! 1) Cite where two separate authors referred to dinosaurs. 2) Where do many Christians refer to for support that the creation lasted for more than 144 hours (i.e., six days times 24 hours)?

Open book — Christian writers excluded! What happened to the body of Jesus from the time of his crucifixion to four days later?

Brian Frary
Psychology

Entrenched elite

When University students see injustice in the world, they cry out and demand change. The causes are well known: Nicaragua, Apartheid, the CIA, hunger. With all this energy and effort, you would think that the student government would be in step with these ideals.

The reality is the ASUO is controlled by an entrenched elite who use government to pursue an alternative agenda. Although they are good causes, such as OSPRG, homophobia and SETA, the fact is that we need better communication between all the diverse groups on campus, not just an elite few.

Although I may be vehemently opposed to the views of *The Oregon Commentator*, I believe in their right to express a point of view. A litmus test for funding should be the same for all groups, not just based on ideology.

How about the Greek community? When the administra-

tion sanctions them with a new alcohol policy that is constitutionally questionable, where was the ASUO? Did they cry foul to this injustice? Did they seriously question the administration motives? No!

But if one of their pet projects comes under fire, they fight back. Is this the kind of representation you want?

Although the student government has little real power, they can affect change. The voice of 18,000 students can go a long way. But if you allow an entrenched elite, supported by a few groups, to control our government, little will happen. All you'll see are less rights and higher tuition. Let's vote for the students rather than the elite!

John Spiegel
Political science

Run with Reed

I am writing to urge you to vote for Ann Reed, ASUO candidate for ASPAC (the Presidential Advisory Council). Ann's straightforwardness and common sense is exactly what we need to represent the students' best interests.

She has three terms under her belt with OSPRG as an advocate of toxics issues in Oregon. I know from personal experience that she is dedicated, hard-working and thorough.

Among the issues Ann is committed to are the alleviation of overcrowded classrooms and better lighting to ensure a safer campus for women. She will actively seek student input into these issues and others, which can effectively be solved in the office she is seeking.

I strongly encourage you to support Ann Reed, who will represent all of us with intelligence and integrity.

Dalene Lovie
ASUO candidate,
Student Senate Seat No. 3

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2:30 p.m.—"Highlights of Korea"—Movie presentations focusing on Korean culture in the EMU Forum room. Free travel guides!!

7:30 p.m.—"The Music Room"—A Indian movie directed by Satyajit Ray in 123 Science.

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