

Not racist

The Federalist Society is not a racist group, nor has any individual member discriminated against minorities. We are conservative and libertarian-minded law students organized to promote intellectual thought and debate. The Federalist Society encourages any student to participate, regardless of race, color, gender, national origin or sexual preference.

Allegations by second-year law student Jose Cornejo-Rossi are groundless. The University Office of Affirmative Action and the ASUO both rejected his complaints. Now, in a vengeful attempt to derail an organization that is of benefit to all students, Rossi is resurrecting the same groundless charges.

It is unfortunate and unacceptable when individuals are subjected to discrimination on this campus. However, when someone who happens to be a member of a minority group uses his minority status in a cynical attempt to obtain revenge because of a personal and individual dispute, it trivializes true racial incidents. It is sad that Rossi has so little respect for members of the minority community.

Using Rossi's false allegations as a pretense, two members of the Incidental Fee Committee found the Federalist Society unfundable. Even though the allegations have repeatedly been found to be without merit, the IFC accepted them as fact. This was an abuse of power and a denial of due process. Surely the Federalist Society contributes to the cultural diversity of this university.

Once again, the Federalist Society does not condone any act of racism.

Fred Wheeler
Vice president,
Federalist Society

Holy tyrant!

A.M. Sauerwine's letter, "Worth your time" (ODE, April 14) suggested educated atheists were abandoning reason — for Jesus.

Lonesome atheists? Perhaps. Not educated atheists!

Josh McDowell cites "Four Spiritual Laws" that Campus Crusade for Christ founder Bill Bright regards essential for salvation. Sauerwine might ponder the Bible's contradictions to Bright's assertions. There are hundreds more!

Law One: • God's Love (John

3:16) cited: "... Now go and spite Amalek, and utterly destroy all they have, and spare them not, but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling." (1 Sam. 15:2,3) / "And the lord met him and sought to kill him." (Ex. 4:24) Note: Loving? All powerful? Just?

• God's Plan (John 10:10) cited: "... And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind ... And God said, Let us make man ... So God created man in his own image." (Gen. 1: 25, 27) "... And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help-meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and brought them unto Adam to see what he would name them." (Gen. 2:18,19) Note: Conflict in plan execution!

Law Two: • Man is Sinful (Romans 3:23) cited: "... Thus saith the Lord, Behold I frame evil against you and devise a device against you." (Jer. 18:11) / "Shall there be evil in the city, and the Lord hath not done it" (Amos 3:6) / "Therefore I gave them statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live." (Ezek. 20:25) Note: God is a tyrant!

Bert P. Tryba
Eugene

Colander day

I'd like to congratulate the Gay and Lesbian Alliance on their successful Jeans Day. I was surprised at how many students lent their support to the worthy cause. In case you didn't know, if you wore jeans on Thursday, you were supporting GALA.

I would like to call next week Homophobic Week. If you are homophobic, don't strap a chainsaw to your back Monday. Tuesday will be Wear Shoes Day. And Wednesday can be Don't Wear a Colander on Your Head Day.

This will be so successful that you might even see a few GALA members without their colanders.

Pat Knowlton
Journalism

Slanted polls

The U.S. Supreme Court is now poised to finally curb the disastrous 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized mothers

killing their pre-born. In anticipation of possible limitations on unrestricted abortion-on-demand, the media have zealously revved up their hysteria machines with a barrage of distortions through political cartoons, editorials and columnists' articles.

Particularly objectionable however, is their oft-repeated distortion of the public acceptance of abortion. Columnist Carl Rowen (the gun control hypocrite): "Gallup and Harris polls (say that a) majority support the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision." William Safire claims "two out of three people surveyed say they favor legalized abortion."

Let's examine a specific Gallup survey wording: "The Court has ruled that a woman may go to a doctor to end a pregnancy at any time during the first three months of pregnancy. Do you favor or oppose this ruling?" Results: Favor, 47 percent; Oppose, 44 percent. Hardly a mandate.

Imagine, however, the results if the pollsters corrected their deliberate deceptions by informing the respondents that abortion is actually legal for the entire pregnancy, or that the most common reason mothers give for aborting their child was that she was just "not ready for the responsibility (Alan Guttmacher Institute)." Or imagine the results if instead of "to end a pregnancy," Gallup would have inserted "to kill her unborn baby."

Clearly, the public compassionately seeks more protection for pre-born babies. Don't trust media pollsters who slant their questionnaires to get any outcome they wish. They wish to continue the slaughter.

Jon Wollander
Eugene

On Linder

To the editor:

Benjamin Linder was a mechanical engineer and a resident of Oregon. He went to Nicaragua in 1983 to help rebuild the war-devastated town of El Cua. His main focus was a small scale hydro-electric plant.

El Cua is one of the poorest regions in Nicaragua. The hydro plant was an effort to provide energy to power the health center, night classes for adults and a training school to teach mechanical skills. The hydroelectric plant's design was

simplified to ensure that its manufacturing and maintenance were carried out in Nicaragua by Nicaraguans, encouraging self-sufficiency.

Linder promoted small solutions through good planning. He worked to provide food, housing, health care, education and peace.

Ben Linder was shot at pointblank range by the U.S.-backed Contras. The Contra attacks were intended to destroy the infrastructure of the community. Ben was singled out to be killed for his efforts.

This week the Emerald said it

could not favor ballot measure 91, changing the EMU Forum Room to the Ben Linder Room. It claims Ben Linder is a "martyr for the left."

Left or right, who cares? Ben Linder worked for people. He tried to rebuild in the face of destruction. The Ben Linder Room is a wonderful idea. The room is designed for the debate of ideas, values and goals. What better values to strive for than the development of people, knowledge and peace that Ben Linder symbolizes?

Douglas Welsh
Architecture

CALL TO ALL WOMEN

If you confronted a catcall, avoided an assault or got yourself out of danger in one piece — You are a survivor of sexual harassment. It is time women's success stories came to light. I am collecting your stories for a video that I am making about fighting back against sexual harassment. Please call me, we need to show that women are not always victims of sexual assault. We are survivors of consistent harassment and we have devised interesting and exciting ways for making ourselves safe.

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