

Move congressmen in overriding veto

After a month of lobbying and a week of intensive mobilization, members of the ASUO and the United States Student Association are likely to spend the next few days anxiously awaiting the results of their efforts.

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives is expected to begin action on mustering an override of President George Bush's veto of a bill that would allow visiting Chinese students to remain in the United States after their visas expired.

Just before the end of the last Congressional session, Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) sponsored the bill in response to last June's Tiananmen Square massacre of pro-democracy students and the reprisals that await vocal Chinese students who were in this country during last summer's unrest. The bill would allow the 43,000 students here the chance to stay until they feel safe in returning to China.

Pelosi's bill passed unanimously in both the House and Senate. Bush, who has long had a soft spot in his heart for the current Chinese regime (Bush was ambassador to China 10 years ago and remains close friends of Deng Xiaoping), felt the bill threatened Sino-U.S. relations and vetoed it. Bush is apparently ready to endanger the lives of these students, or force them into silence, in some sort of hazy quest for open markets for U.S. products — which certainly aren't worth dying for — or a long-term alliance with China that is unnecessary in a time when traditional U.S.-Soviet rivalries have fallen aside.

The perceived threat to Sino-U.S. relations embarrassed Bush recently when his administration was caught in a lie over secret diplomatic missions to China shortly after Tiananmen. That backlash may carry over to the attempted congressional override. But Bush has been working hard on the Senate, trying to protect his misdirected Chinese foreign policy.

To counter the president's efforts, several grassroots campaigns have been started among the nation's universities to fight for the override. The ASUO and USSA campaign is one such effort, and it appears to be having some success. Last week, about 500 postcards were delivered to Rep. Peter DeFazio to encourage an override vote. In the Senate, Sen. Bob Packwood appears to be on the override side; Sen. Mark Hatfield is still undeclared.

There are still opportunities for students — all students — to get involved in the Pelosi movement. Today, ASUO is generously sponsoring a phone-in campaign in the Suite 4 EMU office between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. where students can call their state congressmen and let them know where they stand.



New residency rules will lessen diversity

If there's one thing the University administration has been emphasizing lately, it's the need for a more diversified student body. The University prides itself in recruiting folks from all walks of life, which makes for quite a melting pot of ideas and cultures.

That melting pot, however, is likely to have a few less ingredients in the coming years, due to stricter residency rules recently approved by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

Being proclaimed a resident by the University is a pretty big deal, considering that it costs a non-resident nearly three times more each term to attend school. In order to receive residency status now, a student must either live in the state for 12 consecutive months while attending the university or live in the state for six months without attending school. In addition, under the present system, a student who is exceptionally smart or talented can be awarded residency status right away.

The new residency rules dictate that the only way a student can get in-state tuition is if he or she lives here for 12 consecutive months while attending a university. The

other two provisions are soon to be made obsolete, it seems.

Why the change? Our residency rules are considered a bit too "liberal" in comparison with the standards of other state schools. But it's a major mistake to do away with the provision that encourages top-rated scholars to consider this school.

Without the meritorious student provision, top quality students on the other side of the country will undoubtedly lose interest in our school because of exorbitant costs. As a result, we Oregonians will lose out on the opportunity to be exposed to the customs and crazy accents of those "foreigners" from Alabama or Maryland.

The University is probably thinking of how much extra money the out-of-staters will contribute due to strict residency rules. However, the administration seems to be ignoring the fact that that many non-residents are likely to ignore us now when they might have considered attending here before.

Without a little leeway in residency rules, our the members of our diverse student body will become more similar, and the melting pot will be much more bland.

Letters

Tyson a wimp?

Give us a break, Mike Leland and Bill Russell! (*ODE*, Jan. 17) Joe Montana could very well be the best.

You claim Montana is mediocre because he throws short passes. Yes, he usually doesn't throw passes over 25 yards. I guess you guys forgot that the idea of football is to gain first downs.

Almost all quarterbacks will agree they are more successful throwing shorter passes and completing first downs, than launching interceptions. Arnold Schwarzenegger must be your model of a quarterback. Besides, if you really watched the NFC championship, you would have observed Montana's ability to "thread the needle."

You also complained that Montana has one fourth of his plays already written. For your information, the Montana offense contains about 100 different plays, each with three or four variations. The offensive coordinator may randomly call a run or pass play, but Montana

chooses which variation to execute.

Furthermore, why did you guys say that Unitas and Staubach called "many" of their own plays? "Many" doesn't mean "all." Montana also calls "many" of his own plays? Nice try.

Hey guys, remember the "genius" led the once-sorry Niners to three Super Bowl wins in eight years. I can only guess you guys are sore because your team didn't make it to the Super Bowl. Don't try to degrade a good team, or a great quarterback.

C'mon Leland and Russell. Next you're going to tell us that Mike Tyson is a wimp.

Brian Jardine
TCF

Another unicorn

When my friend John Shenon related to me his vision of the unicorn (*ODE*, Jan. 17) I was skeptical of course. I'd never know Shenon to be a liar, but how can one believe such a fantastic story? Despite my skepti-

cism, I had my own vision that night.

I was paging through the latest *Oregon Voice* (the Countdown to Armageddon issue) when suddenly, from under the bed, the unicorn came charging. For a moment, I feared I was going to get the horn, but to my relief, I got a message instead. Pineapples will indeed save the world.

Consider the ideologues who unceasingly fill this editorial page with their own selfish solutions to the world's problems. Isn't it so relieving, so enlightening, to know that unicorn's solution is so simple?

I don't know what you have planned for the morning of May 28, but I'll be eating my pineapple.

Kirk Jepsen
Student

Good morning

It's funny that these letters seem to be written by the same people over and over again: People that try to think for the "good" of everyone else, and

who will find problems in every aspect of human existence.

This is humorlessly depressing and boring; you are what you see. You will find what you want to find in any and all humans and their actions.

How about some jokes, like "I said to the fly ... your man is open." Or some positive vibes for all stressed-out students: a creative poem or song. I love smiles with my morning coffee.

Of course Tim Hughes (*ODE*, Jan. 15) will find something homophobic in the words "you suck" when obsessively dissecting every word. Yet, I also suck ... lollypops and straws. Though language is not a perfect way of expressing concepts, it's the best way of communicating.

So, relax ladies and gentlemen when you hear boy or

lady, or even ... girl. Oh my God. I said the big G. word in Eugene.

I also ask all of you who drive cars which pollute our environment, drink coffee from plantations where indigenous people are exploited, own leather from slaughtered animals, smoke cigarettes from capitalistic greed mongers, and who then try and preach about my humanistic propensities, beliefs, diet, etc.; please repress your neurosis for your own psychotherapeutic sessions. Because as mommy always said, "if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

Have a splendid day in school.

Michael Schell
Anthropology/Sociology

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