

Letters

Bottom line

I was interested to read the comments in the letter from Dalene Lovie in the Mar. 4 *Oregon Daily Emerald*. Her comments suggested that the residence halls should not have voting booths. I strongly disagree.

The students in the dormitories are footing the bill to build and staff the booth between the Hamilton and Bean Complexes. So, if any other campus organization with a substantial amount of people wanted to build a booth, they could do so as well.

The bottom line here seems to be that Lovie seems to want to encourage more participation, but she offers no new constructive means in which to further her ends. The personal contact with people and the tabling strategies will continue as before. The need for new alter-

As a member of the Residence Hall Governance Committee, representing Hamilton Complex for the last two years, I have fought hard to get the booths installed. In last year's campaign, Andy Clark pushed hard for voting booths. It was, and still is, important to him that we increase participation. I agree wholeheartedly.

In Lovie's letter, she raised the spectre of unfairness. She seemed to imply that we are a special interest group getting preferential treatment. However, what she failed to realize is that there is no ASUO funding for residence hall voting booths.

natives is apparent.

Our idea to place voting booths in the dorms should be given a chance to succeed or fail on empirical evidence. Save your criticism if, and when, it is warranted.

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Right track

Rather than attempt to refute Eric Eckman's latest diatribe (*ODE*, Feb. 28) I've decided to take to heart one simple, yet glorious statement which he makes in his letter on CIA hiring practices: "These people are driven by their left-wing, anti-American agenda." I had almost forgotten that my liberal sympathies render me anti-American. I sure hope I can get back on the right track.

Perhaps I should support all

of the activities which have occurred in America in the name of squelching anti-American behavior. I could buy a McCarthy t-shirt and stand on a street corner shouting about our righteousness in executing Sacro and Venzetti. Hell, they weren't Americans anyway, and what's a few goofs when we're "keeping the U.S. strong and free."

Ah, that's much better. I've felt so dirty being lumped with those darned radical left-wingers, homosexuals and long-haired, flag-burning weirdos. Now that I've learned the path to correct thinking, I can be another glorious cog in the American master race machine. I feel so clean, now that I feel the need to cover and protect my newly purified body. I think a white sheet and hood will do the job nicely.

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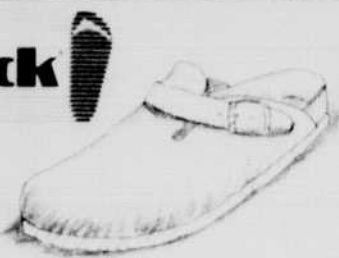
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