

# Child care funding needs more clarity

Many funding changes have taken place in the EMU Child Care Program during the last month. The program received a \$100,000 grant from the Oregon State Scholarship Commission, a \$42,406 student funding increase to pay for state mandated wage increases and a \$60,000 decrease in the Incidental Fee Committee's original budget allocation for next year.

All these changes can be confusing, especially to students without children who pay fees to help support the program.

The program and the Child Care Task Force have been working for the past few years to find alternate means of funding for the child care program. After much student lobbying in Salem and Washington D.C., the EMU Child Care Program received a pilot grant of \$100,000 for 1990-91 subsidys.

Last week the Child Care Program went before the IFC to return \$40,000 of its original \$222,740 allocation. The ASUO backed the figure with its own recommendation. For some reason the IFC decided to reduce the allocation by \$60,000 instead.

It is reasonable for the Child Care Program to return some of its original allocation, but \$60,000 might have been too much for the IFC to take back.

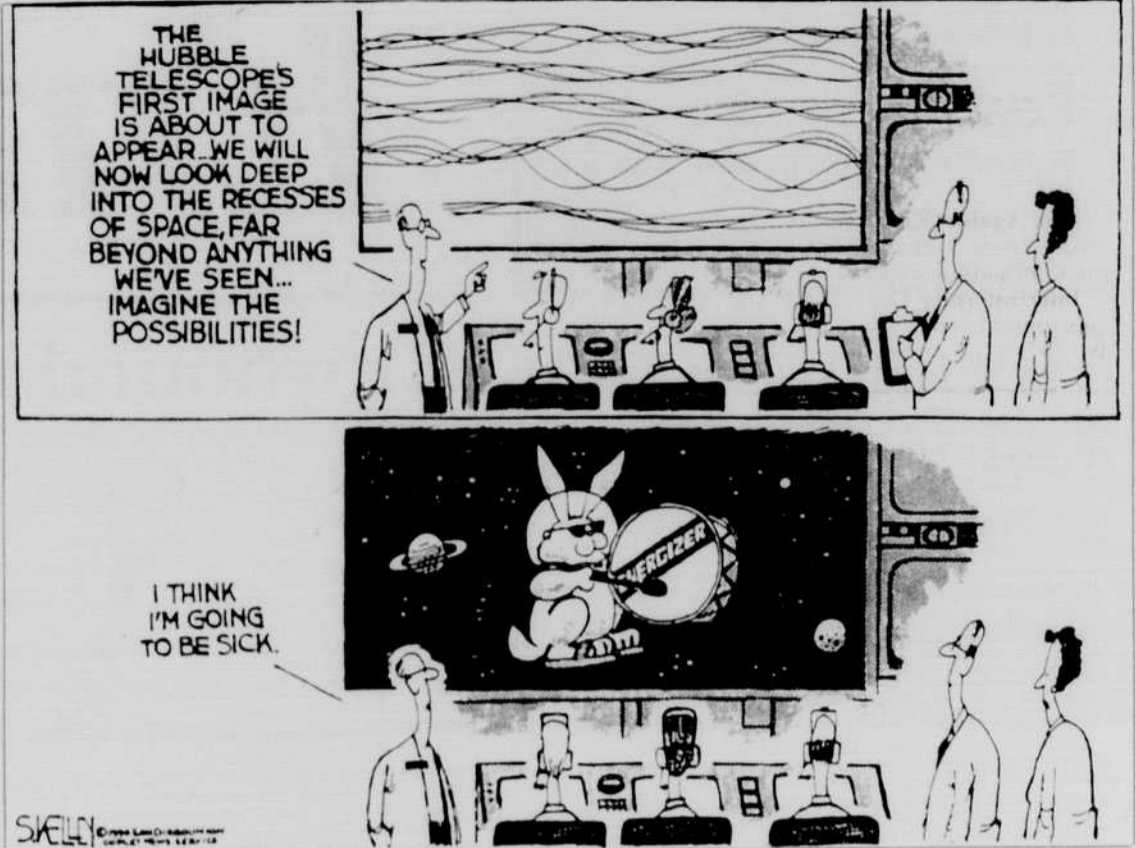
The subsidy program is trying to find ways to expand its funding capabilities. Currently, subsidys only cover half of the cost of half-time care (20-25 hours a week). Next year the program will expand to cover half of the cost of full-time care (40-50 hours a week), reducing parents' out of pocket child care costs. With an extra \$20,000 removed, the subsidy program may not be able to allocate funding to all the parents who need it.

Herein lies the real problem. There are no real figures as to how many parents actually need child care and/or a subsidy for child care. No needs assessment has been done. The ASUO, the Child Care Task Force, parents and probably students who help pay for the child care program are frustrated.

The University needs to work with the child care program, the ASUO, student parents and the Child Care Task Force to find an accurate assessment of child care needs on campus.

Student parents need child care subsidys to attend school. College is expensive. Imagine the extra costs for a single parent? Many potential students who are parents are shut out of an education on a purely financial basis. That should not be the case.

Concerned organizations on this campus should work together to find a way, either through registration or in the University application process, to find out how many student parents there are at the University. Once this is accomplished, the IFC and outside funding sources will know what their needs are, and can base decisions on factual information not just assumptions.



## Letters

### Cozy ideology

Nearly everyone would agree with Eric Smith (*ODE*, April 23) that Earth Day is about "taking responsibility for your actions." But to assert in moral terms that the "blame" for environmental problems in the world "falls equally on everyone's shoulders" is grossly reductive.

Does this mean a family which destroys the Brazilian rain forest for subsistence farming is equally guilty as the World Bank financiers who instigated the economic troubles? Is an alien grape-picker contaminated with malathion equally to blame as the CEO of DuPont?

Oh, "freedom and equality," how these ideals are used to mask the fact that we are equal neither in our freedom to make environmentally sound choices, nor in our ability to implement changes.

Smith deplors symbolic acts of violence: burning the flag, the dollar and the president's effigy in an act of free expression. What about real acts of violence done to our bodies every day by toxic contamination? Would he deplore the burning of an effigy of a Love Canal newborn, or a grandparent in chemotherapy?

Now, we should be angry. Time for "joining hands" is past — now change will come about by the working hands, both creating and destroying. This is no debate of free will, or even moral responsibility. It is a question of empty stomachs and insatiable greed. A question of force and necessity, things so immediate to many people's lives, but easily forgotten by Smith in his cozy ideological shelters.

Matthew Weeks  
English

### Revolution

In response to Debra O'Gara's quote (*ODE*, April 24) that "capitalism must end if we (gays) are to survive," I disagree.

Capitalism is what made this

country great. It has allowed people to pursue their dreams and ambitions and be regarded for it, (and at the same time not get shot). Given time, people here will learn to understand and deal with their homophobia.

Yes, I know you don't have time. Don't you just hate when that happens?

Your calling for a revolution goes against peaceful and democratic change that has made this country the envy of the rest of the world. I do not hate gays. Two of my best friends are gay. I am, though, disgusted by it, but they act normal (normal to me) around me so I treat them as such.

Anyway, my point is that if given a choice between capitalism and gays, then you would all be dead. After all, capitalist counties are the only countries that tolerate homosexual activism. Others just imprison or just plain shoot you.

This is a great country, and it will change for the better for you. But don't try to create a "revolution" because most people I know love this system. So given a choice between capitalism and homosexuality, they'd just rather see you dead. So force yourself, be patient, don't worry, be happy.

Jerrick Juliette  
Chemistry GTF

### High ground

If Jill Freidberg, co-director of Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is paraphrased correctly (I always have to wonder in the *Emerald*), I am offended by her insensitivity. She is paraphrased in the article on SETA's rally (*ODE*, April 25): "Society causes itself to have diseases because people are not educated."

Is this true of my grandfather, a non-smoker who died of cancer? My uncle, who died of complications of diabetes? My younger brother, who at the age of three contracted meningitis and permanently lost his hearing? According to Freidberg's statement, had they been more educated they would be

healthy today.

Step down off your moral high ground, Freidberg, and think about what you are saying and what it might mean to the people you are trying to convince. I'm no fan of vivisection, but when groups like SETA show themselves to have no real conception of the complicated issues involved in the animal research debate, and continue to hide behind "moral truth" like such rhetoric-flinging reactionaries as the anti-choice people in the abortion argument, then I have to put more weight on the rational arguments of groups such as the Coalition for Animals and Animal Research.

I believe animals have rights, perhaps more than are currently recognized. I will remain open to your arguments, Freidberg, but be careful not to preach only to those who already accept anti-vivisection as gospel.

Jack Maynard  
Student

### The truth

Some of the most significant words ever expressed on this campus were spoken Monday night, April 23, by Tony Avirgan of Costa Rica.

Only a few were there to hear him, which reflects the long-standing unwillingness of many to acknowledge painful truths.

One truth, as Avirgan stated it, is that agents of the U.S. government killed Ben Linder and Linda Frazier, both Portlanders, in acts of Contra terrorism in Nicaragua. When our agents do it, we do it.

Those weren't isolated actions. They reflect an ongoing sense of immunity the U.S. government feels it has to do as it pleases — even murder.

It is an obscene behavior pattern that will persist as long as the good, God-fearing citizens of this nation refuse to hear the truth.

George Beres  
Eugene

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