

Despite hiring rules, CIA actions illegal

Once again the Central Intelligence Agency is recruiting on campus. It should immediately cease recruiting efforts and get the hell away from the University once and for all.

The CIA was scheduled to interview applicants on campus this week, after signing a statement certifying that it is an equal opportunity employer. Perhaps because of past experiences with protests the CIA chose to keep the location of its applicant interviews a secret. This may be the reason the interviews were moved to an undisclosed, off-campus location Tuesday.

University President Myles Brand said yesterday that unless the CIA is willing to make public the location of its interviews, it may not make use of University facilities or recruiting services.

Regardless of whether the CIA follows legal guidelines concerning hiring practices, it conducts illegal activities daily.

The CIA was instrumental in toppling the legal, democratically-elected socialist government in Chile in 1973. Our leaders have acknowledged that Chilean President Allende was murdered by the CIA.

The Contras of Nicaragua wouldn't have lasted three days if not for the covert support of the CIA. With former President Reagan's OK, the CIA was given carte blanche to torture and kill suspected government sympathizers in Nicaragua.

After decades of assassinations and coups, Congress finally worked up the guts to forbid the CIA to murder foreign officials. Big deal.

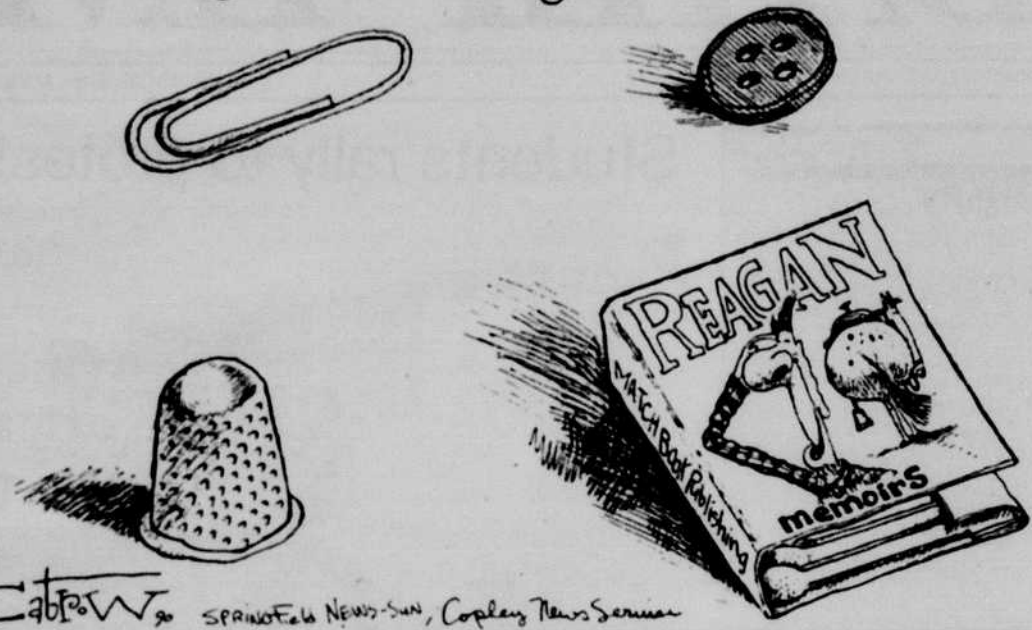
The CIA does not have to account for its expenditures nor give annual reports. It does not even have to acknowledge how much money it receives from taxpayers.

The only purpose of the CIA is to murder, kill and torture. The CIA is an organization financed strictly for illegal purposes, so what difference does it make if their hiring practices are legal?

We supposedly live in a democracy. The CIA routinely defines "democracy" to further its political agenda, whether Congress agrees or not. As a matter of fact, no one is sure just what the CIA doctrine is legally supposed to be.

The University should not let the CIA anywhere near campus. But making it go away from here just sends it some place else. What we don't know does hurt us.

Teeny Weeny Things



Speaker should cross political boundaries

The shift in the political balance in Oregon's House of Representatives from Democratic to Republican control could be a potential disaster in a year when strong, cohesive actions will be needed to fix the budget mess caused by Measure 5.

Hopefully campaign wounds will be healed and the two parties will work together to come up with a solution that will please voters.

Newly elected Speaker of the House, Rep. Larry Campbell, R-Eugene, has promised to overcome partisan politics and work to find the best possible solution for the state.

This new non-partisan attitude will be a switch for Campbell. As House minority leader his job was to be the voice of the minority, Republican party. Often times this meant taking strong, unbending stances in order to make sure the minority opinion was strongly represented even though it would eventually go down in defeat.

Observers of the State House are hoping

it was the minority leader role that made Campbell such a partisan player. Campbell has said as speaker he will try and represent all the 28 Republicans he spoke for as minority leader. Such statements are positive signs that Campbell intends to work as a team player with Democrats and especially Governor-elect, Barbara Roberts, instead of bogging the process down in partisan political squabbling.

If Campbell doesn't live up to his promises and tries to sabotage Roberts' administration with political gamesmanship, the entire state will suffer. If Campbell plays the role of spoiler he could be a tough obstacle in the way of effective government. He has been known for his strong presence and a tendency to try and bully people.

We are confident, however, that he will realize the importance of his job and handle it responsibly, rather than using the post to further partisan politics.

LETTERS

Avoiding reality

The University's response to rape on campus has been to provide increased lighting and several escort services for women, both on and off campus.

I do not suggest we abandon such efforts nor do I question their effectiveness but they should be recognized for what they are: rape avoidance strategies.

What message is the Brand administration sending when its best efforts to ensure the safety of women on campus consist of warning them of danger and helping them avoid it?

What are we being taught, if when confronted with a threat to our safety, well-being and personal freedom we are told, even encouraged, to cope with the situation rather than change it?

This administration's minimal response to rape serves, by example, to create citizens who view the social realities of their time as non-male givens, beyond their abilities as individuals or communities to change.

What if the administration chose to implement not a rape avoidance policy directed at women, but a rape prevention

policy directed to the community as a whole?

The process of creating a community response to this issue would provide every student on this campus with an education in social responsibility and personal empowerment that would continue to the community at large long after our diplomas are framed and hung on the wall.

So how about it? What have we got to lose?

S. Ross
Student

Very scary

Most students agree that every person on campus — Greek or G.D.I., grad or undergrad, female or male, attractive to you or unattractive to you has the right to be on campus without being harassed.

However, I've read many letters to the *Emerald*, mostly from men, questioning what does and does not constitute harassment. So let's set a definition: Harassment is any action one does to another that makes that person feel threatened. Sound fair?

Now men, take a woman's

perspective for a moment. One-third of all women will be raped in their lifetime. One-sixth of all women on this campus will be raped every year they are in school. Scary? You bet.

This puts many women on this campus in the unfortunate position of knowing that every male is a potential rapist. Therefore a man must understand that to a woman he could be a potential rapist, even if he knows that he is not going to rape.

Knowing this, we can understand why a woman may feel threatened by comments, gestures or unsolicited staring. How can a woman know if a man is or isn't a danger?

Men, please think about this situation. When we look at things from a different perspective it's easy to see why a woman may get angered by these actions. After all, she could be being threatened.

Jason Siciliano
Co-director/Men Against Rape

Welfare case

In response to Tracie Bork's letter (*ODE*, Nov. 6), SETA

does in no way have a monopoly on animal welfare and I apologize if I implied such.

There are several groups in the community that are concerned about the treatment of animals on campus, however, CFAAR is not one of them.

Animals in research laboratories are subjected to human disease, drug addiction, toxic substances, and even weapons testing. In case you did not bother to look up the definition of welfare, it includes both health and prosperity.

I'm sorry, but I cannot believe that animals in laboratories lead healthy or prosperous lives.

They are stripped of their natural habitat, bred in confinement, denied social interaction, deprived of food and water, cut, prodded, poked, injected, neglected and unprotected — all for human benefit, which is ultimately what CFAAR supports.

In fact, the only welfare CFAAR seems to be concerned with is that of biomedical research.

Todd Hausman
SETA

Power seating

Regarding Fred Roellig's letter (*ODE*, Nov. 8), about everyone taking heed of the warning not to mess with Greeks, I have this to say in response to those statements.

If fraternities want "reserved" seats at Autzen Stadium in the student section, I suggest they buy the stadium itself; then they can sit anywhere they damn well please. Being in a fraternity does not give a person or group power over anyone else or anything.

I am not biased toward fraternities because I do not belong to one. It is just that I do not have to be in a fraternity to have an identity. If fraternities get into the terribly bad habit of trying to teach members of the human race lessons, I guarantee they will meet up against a great deal of opposition.

Furthermore, if Greeks think that they will have "reserved" seats in the student sections at basketball games, think again.

Lighten up and get off your power trips.

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