

EDITORIAL

Time to take a stand before a war starts

The latest word from President Bush about the Persian Gulf indicates that he is toning down his rhetoric about U.S. offensive capability.

The public furor that arose when Bush decided not to rotate troops in the gulf and instead doubled the size of the gulf force showed he does not have the support at home that he thought he had.

Bush has met with key members of Congress to assure them he is willing to wait for sanctions to work and to re-establish support for his policies.

Bush has realized that the public's support for sending U.S. troops to the Middle East will drop precipitously once it appears those troops may actually be engaged in combat. As soon as he begins to move closer to war, the public will want to know exactly what the goals and justifications of such a move are.

Before this week, campuses across America have remained fairly silent, and there have been few anti-gulf-war demonstrations. But the controversy and dissent over the troop rotation decision shows just how potentially volatile the situation is.

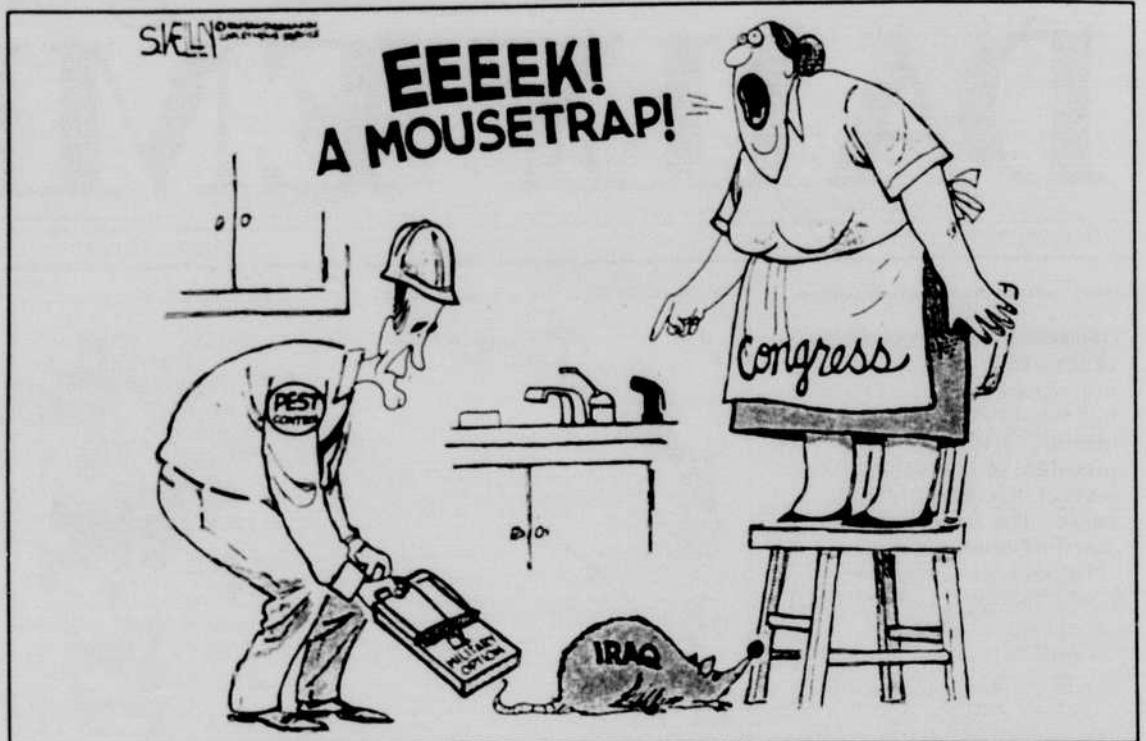
Bush has not given Americans enough reasons to justify a war. His administration has said Iraq's occupation of the region is costing jobs and hurting the American economy. He has also talked about fighting against "naked aggression." Neither of these reasons is enough to warrant risking the lives of tens of thousands of young Americans.

If our country is so dependent on another region's resources that we must send young people to die defending it, then perhaps it is time to look for alternatives to that resource, or learn to lower our standards.

No life is worth a strong economy. Politicians have never figured that out.

If you believe that war for the economy's sake is wrong, get involved now. Don't wait until relatives or friends are fighting and dying. Stop the bloodshed before it starts. Make sure there is never a need for a "Gulf War memorial."

Get involved locally by joining or organizing protests or letter writing campaigns to the President at: *President George Bush, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500*. Register your opposition to war by phoning the White House at (202) 456-1414.



Build student housing on DMV site

The University needs a student housing site close to campus, and the Department of Motor Vehicles wants \$500,000 for its property at the corner of East 15th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard.

The University wants to buy the land. But for what purpose?

Original talks between the two sides centered around the University buying the property for student housing. About 125 new units could be built on the land, according to a University Housing study.

But now the University is considering alternative uses for the land. One option is to move the Physical Plant from its current location along the Willamette River, where the proposed Riverfront Research Park land is.

Other options include relocating the University's printing department or using the site as parking for students who live in the residence halls.

We say build student housing. The Uni-

versity has procrastinated long enough on this problem.

Two Springfield legislators helped secure \$11 million in bonding authority from the Legislature last year to enable the University to borrow money for construction of new student housing.

The University wants to be certain that enough students will rent the housing to cover the repayment of the bonds, but we see enough students scrambling for any kind of housing each year to know new units would be rented as long as they are affordable.

The University must build housing to keep private investors from cornering the market and building rental units too expensive for students. Too many students are trapped in unwanted living situations because of the lack of housing. The DMV site would be perfect, and the University has the bonding authority — now it's time to get busy building.

LETTERS

Safer now

Congratulations to those who campaigned against Measures 8 and 10. Your hard work has made it safer for many who were not even allowed to vote.

Darren J. Walsh
Law

Butt out

In response to Fred Roellig's letter (ODE, Nov. 8) concerning Amy Hope:

If they had intended the student seating section to be "reserved" seats, they would have printed the seat number and the section on the ticket. Notice that information is not printed on the student ticket?

About Roellig's warning that we should all "take heed of," relax, we won't. Have you noticed that this is 1990 and we are no longer in the Dark Ages? Come out and join civilization.

People have the right to sit anywhere they want to (especially in the non-reserved sections) and violence only motivates people to fight harder against your kind of ignorance.

We are glad that Hope had the courage to fight and not "avoid the experience" — no thanks to the so-called security guards.

Fred, oh Fred, you call yourself a man? We certainly don't consider you one. Did you not learn anything about standing up for your rights?

Perhaps you did, but are just too afraid to take action and defend yourself. Is that why you suggested for Hope to "leave" and "avoid" the barbaric behavior of the fraternities involved?

We are behind Hope's efforts; perhaps that will teach people such as Roellig a lesson that enough is enough, and that no one should tolerate such animalistic behavior.

Jenni Gomez
Cindy Ly
Diane DeBernardo
John Trinh
Joanne Mitchell
Students

Real care

In response to Tracie Bork's letter concerning Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals:

I agree SETA members are not the only people concerned about the welfare of animals on campus. I think most compassionate people are concerned about animal welfare. But I would not count the Coalition For Animals and Animal Re-

search as being among the concerned.

Bork says CFAAR is a moderate group supporting the humane and responsible use of animals in research. Yet CFAAR supports all the research projects on campus, including those of Barbara Gordon-Lickey, who admitted in court that her almost 20 years of research involving cats in virtually the same experiment has yielded no real results. Is this responsible?

CFAAR also supports the use of animals in research to find treatments and cures for diseases that people, through their lifestyles, give themselves, such as heart disease and many forms of cancer.

How responsible is it for people to make themselves sick and then turn to animals for treatment and cures?

If CFAAR is so concerned with animal welfare, why is it that every time I see one of their informational tables, there is a barrage of pro-research readings, and only one or two readings concerned with animal welfare?

Finally, CFAAR says it opposes household-products testing on animals. But do the majority of CFAAR members use cruelty-free products in their homes? I sincerely doubt it.

I think a more honest name for CFAAR would be Coalition for Animal Research, since I see very little CFAAR concern for animals.

Kathy Yonker
Political Science

CIA fairness

It's ironic that the majority of people who protest against CIA recruiting on campus also claim to be pro-choice regarding the abortion issue. Both causes attract people with liberal ideals.

Those who are adamantly opposed to allowing someone else make personal or moral choices for them on abortion are more than willing to apply their own value system on others, with regard to the CIA recruitment on campus.

These people are quite obviously hypocrites. It is plain to

see that these protesters apply their ideals of free choice only when it suits their own political or social beliefs.

No matter what the CIA representatives may say about their hiring practices or their alleged illegal activities, they will automatically be disregarded by these protesters. Fairness in hiring is not the issue with these people, it is just a tactic. They simply hate the CIA, for whatever reason, and want to do everything they can to discredit it.

Fine. They can hate the CIA as much as they want. But just as no group has the right to make moral choices for another person on abortion, nobody has the right to apply their values on another regarding career choices.

Michael Sears
Journalism

LETTERS POLICY

The Oregon Daily Emerald will attempt to print all letters containing comments on topics of interest to the University community. Comments must be factually accurate and refrain from personal attacks on the character of others.