

EDITORIAL

Harassment code not specific enough

Recent changes made to the University's student conduct code are designed to protect people at the University from unwanted sexual attention.

Although it is obvious that all people on campus have the right to go about their business without the fear of being sexually intimidated or harassed, the definition of what is considered harassment is not so obvious.

The new provisions in the conduct code state that unwanted sexual behavior is, among other things, behavior that "a reasonable person would know was unwanted and would cause emotional distress."

This provision is too vague and ambiguous to be enforced fairly. The new additions to the conduct code are a step in the right direction, but they need to be more specific. There are many varying definitions of what is and is not reasonable.

Proof of this can be found by reading the letters section in back issues of the *Emerald*. One letter on the topic of sexual harassment inspired a large number of responses, all with varying opinions about what harassment consisted of.

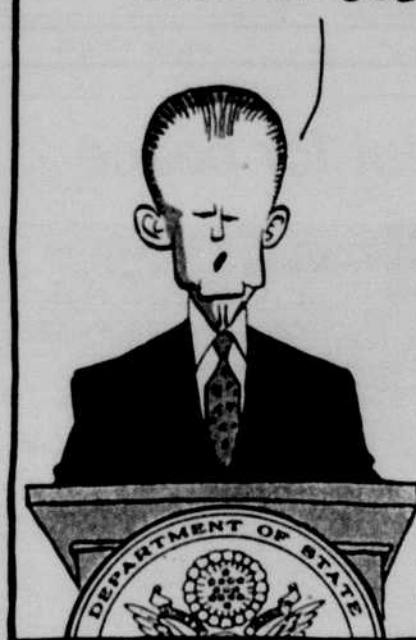
The decision about what is reasonable will be made on a case-by-case basis by one or two people. The policy concerning what is reasonable seems to be, "we can't define it, but we'll know it when we see it." This attitude toward enforcement has the potential to be inconsistent, and therefore unfair.

Some questions arise. When personnel changes occur in the conduct code office, will the definition and enforcement of what is reasonable change? Will the definition of "reasonable" be applied differently to people from different cultures?

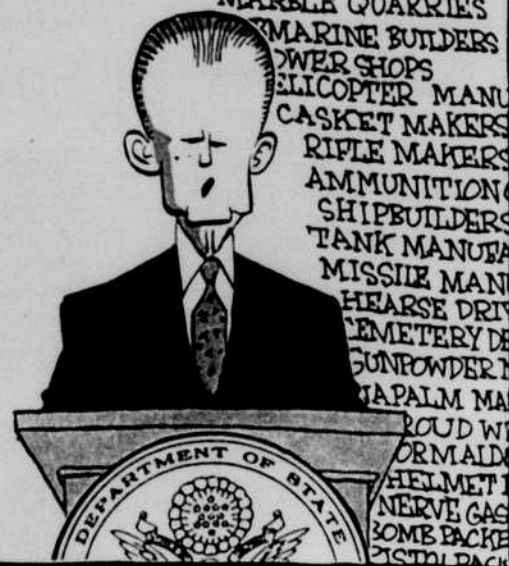
There are many students at the University from countries other than the United States. Many of these students have been reared in cultures with values different than those of this country. To be fair to all people at the University, the code should spell out what kind of touching, verbal abuse or conduct of a sexual nature will not be tolerated before enforcement begins.

When the University does add more specific language to the code, enforcement should consist of educating offenders, rather than just removing them from the University. This would be a sincere way of fighting the problem of sexual harassment, instead of just hiding from it.

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Stay away from garbage import business

Oregon state officials are going to let other states dump garbage at refuse sites for \$2.25 a ton. Besides being a bad idea, it's selling garbage space for next to nothing.

Other states, such as Georgia, import garbage for up to \$20 a ton. So even if Oregon has to sell landfill space, at least it should charge a reasonable amount.

If the state is going into the garbage dump business, it should charge more than \$2.25 a ton. Oregon can't be making money on this deal, although it should. A fee of \$1,000 a ton is more reasonable. If other states find the price too high they can take their waste somewhere else.

State officials claim the low cost is due to minimal administrative costs. But if Oregon is going to sell landfill areas, let's make it worthwhile.

Oregon's economy cannot be so bad that we are willing to become a dumping ground

for other states. Someone will have to monitor the garbage and make sure we are not being slipped toxic wastes by mistake. Oregon cannot even find a place to dump Trojan's nuclear waste.

Are we going to charge extra for non-recyclable garbage? This is hardly the business for a state that put a measure on the ballot calling for businesses to pay more attention to recycling.

It is ironic that Oregon is going to prostitute itself for a meager \$2.25 a ton of garbage after defeating Measure 6. Even though Measure 6 did not pass, that does not give state officials the OK to import garbage.

The state would be better off paying Idaho or Montana to take its garbage. But those states apparently are not in the garbage import business.

Oregon should stay out of the garbage import business as well.

LETTERS

Mish-mosh

On Sunday Nov. 11, Bob Mould played at the EMU. I paid \$9 to see him and to mosh/slam/pogo. Most of the time people who wished to do this were able to, except when a few self-righteous security personnel tried to control the "pit." These select few men tried to prevent people from jumping, moshing and having fun. When people dove off the stage they were dragged away from the show and warned they would be thrown out. This is a blatant fascist attempt to keep people from having fun at "punk" or "alternative" concerts for which they have paid.

As I paid to see Mould, and not have security control my actions, I am pissed off. The pit belongs to those who want to mosh; not macho-rambo-wannabe bouncers. The pit is people having fun, feeding off each other's energy and giving back to the band. Not blatant violent acts. People who are violent are taken care of by people in the pit.

Those who do not wish to be "disrupted" in their viewing of the concert should stay away from the pit. Avoid it and you

will not be disturbed.

If security would have not been trying to control the individuals, and the pit, nothing would have happened. After all, they are there to protect property, not us. Security should get out of the pit, and only come in when a fight or property destruction happens, which is rare. It is time to reclaim the pit. The pit is ours.

Greg Zobel
Eugene

Crime stopper

I want to notify the citizens of Oregon that a grave injustice has occurred. An attack has been made on our freedom to protest — our freedom to stand up and say, "NO MORE."

Last spring an environmentalist named Greg Miller got fed up with the struggle to save the Pacific Northwest's remaining ancient forests. He stood watching as the big trees continued falling and ecosystems continued dying.

He'd written his congressman, he'd signed petitions, he'd marched in protests — and still the mindless destruction continued.

He decided as a last-ditch effort to call upon the age-old

tactic of non-violent civil disobedience. He locked himself to logging equipment in an ancient forest to call attention to the situation and to show people how serious it is.

He and the three others who participated were arrested and held in jail for four days. Miller is a 19-year-old college student with a job and no previous criminal record. At his recent trial he stated that he committed his "crime" to stop a far more hideous crime.

His defense was denied. Miller was sentenced to an unprecedented 10 days in jail, \$1,800 restitution and fines, and four years probation.

His sentence is an outrage and an obvious attempt to stifle acts of political protest. Miller is not the first (or unfortunately the last) person in the United States to be jailed for his political beliefs.

I encourage all activists to join in protesting this attack. For more information contact me at 454 Willamette St. -218.

Rebekah Ledwith
Eugene

Pagan rights

Yes, I meant to spell the title "R-i-g-h-t-s" not "R-i-t-e-s."

I'm writing in response to Carrie Dennett's article, "Witch-goddess stresses ties to nature." (*ODE*, Nov. 9)

As I write, I put certain words in quotations in order to subtly express a sarcastic attitude toward the concepts that I have put in quotes. I can express my disagreement with a group and general lack of belief that it even actually exists by writing, for example, "the moral majority" says ... whatever. By putting the group's name in quotes, an otherwise simple statement of fact now reflects my attitude toward the group.

The practice of putting a person's title or other acts in quotation marks does not belong in a factual article. By putting the term "Witch-goddess" in quotes the reader is reminded that the writer does not believe that Starhawk (the woman about whom the article was written) is what she professes to be.

I have another criticism about the title. The one sign that I saw advertising the event used the term Witch-Priestess, which is a "title" that most pagans would understand, unlike the term "Witch-goddess" which I seriously doubt most pagans would use to describe

themselves. ... It would be like a Catholic priest calling himself a "Priest-god." But, maybe Starhawk does use this "title."

If people aren't going to start putting all other religious "titles" (like nun, priest, rabbi, etc.) in quotations and spelling god and christian with small letters, then please stop putting the words witch and priestess in quotes, and spelling the words goddess and pagan with small letters. It's disrespectful and discriminatory.

Cat Hecate
Eugene

Cheapest evil

A point of information on the "should we drink Pepsi because Coke is in South Africa" debate.

Pepsi was among the first companies to do business in both the Soviet Union and China — two countries with dreadful human rights records. While the Soviet Union has improved recently, who can forget the students who lost their lives at Tiananmen Square?

With the passage of Measure 5, the University needs to go with the lesser (cheapest) of the two evils.

Megan Lewis
History