

## Ignore the rhetoric, Bush lusts for war

With the United Nations resolution deadline of Jan. 15 rapidly approaching, the threat of war is coming closer to being a reality. President Bush has stepped up his rhetoric and continues to say the United States will not negotiate or back down.

No matter what Bush's words imply, his actions indicate he wants to go to war. He has not exhausted all options for ending the conflict peacefully. He is more willing to send Americans to their deaths in a war than he is to swallow a little pride and negotiate.

Bush is avoiding a national debate on the topic, preferring instead to set deadlines and make threats without public support. Despite what the soldiers in the Gulf have apparently been told, there is no clear and unified national support for a war.

But the policy-makers of this country are not reflecting that divisiveness. Rather they move toward war full speed ahead.

The United States should not be moving toward a war when there is not clear and strong support for it.

Currently there is a naive apathy among Americans who believe the war will never take place. But when the bullets and bombs start flying that apathy will disappear — albeit a little too late.

Bush is in for a surprise if he believes he can send the country into a war of this size without severe domestic repercussions. The lack of protesting and dissent after the Grenada and Panama invasions plays a part in Bush's arrogance. Very little was said when violence was used in those cases, and apparently Bush thinks he can send U.S. forces wherever he wants, whenever he wants. He is in for a surprise.

If one American soldier dies in combat in the gulf, Bush should be impeached. It is not his sole decision to spend the lives of this country's youth in war.

All of Oregon's congressional representatives are opposed to war in the gulf except for Republican Bob Smith. These elected officials should be trying to bring the war debate to the floor of Congress every single day. Let the President know he does not have the right to commit this country to war.

To contact Smith and let him know that his support of the war is wrong, you can reach him in Washington at 118 Canon Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; (202) 225-6730; or in Oregon at 1150 Crater Lake Ave., Suite K, Medford 97405; 776-4646 or 1-800-533-3303.

Take the time to remind the politicians that they are not the ones who will face death because of their decisions.

You are entering a world of neither shadow nor substance. A world lost amid the shuffle of the Persian Gulf crisis... a black void known as:

## THE DOMESTIC POLICY ZONE



## Jolin once again caught stretching truth

State Sen. Peg Jolin says she didn't lie — again.

The Democrat from Cottage Grove sent an emergency fund-raising letter to her constituents on November 23, 1990, more than two weeks after the election. She claimed she needed \$10,000 to cover campaign debts, including the cost of repairing a truck damaged during the campaign, which she forgot to mention was her husband's.

Jolin said the truck was "rolled" while being used to place campaign signs, but she doesn't explain how a truck can incur \$5,500 worth of damage while carrying campaign signs.

Another thing Jolin didn't mention was the fact that she finished her election with a \$28,000 surplus.

The senator already had the money in her coffers to pay the \$10,000 she needed. She was however exercising her political right to ask for money after a campaign was over, even if she didn't need it.

Apparently lying for money is not illegal as long as the election is over. According to Jolin, it was nothing more than a marketing

technique.

This is not the first time Jolin has been less than truthful regarding campaigns.

In a previous Voter's Pamphlet, Jolin published her educational background as "LCC/U of O, legal assistant major." But she never enrolled at the University or took classes here. She did, however, use the law library once or twice.

The elections director cleared Jolin of any wrongdoing, saying that at one point it appears she intended to take classes at the University.

There is a clear difference between intending to do something and actually doing it. In today's political climate it is OK to make statements even if one does not intend to follow them up. For instance, President Bush said, "No new taxes," but he really didn't mean it.

Senator Jolin's excuse in the matter is to say that others do it also. This still does not make it right.

If the Legislature ever has the guts to confront campaign reform, they should remember Jolin's deeds and statements.

## LETTERS

### AIDS awareness

My name is Lisa Buell. I am a sophomore at the University. I am writing because I want the ODE to print more articles on AIDS.

AIDS is a killer and college students don't take it seriously enough. An NBC/Wall Street Journal survey found that concern over AIDS has had no effect on the way 92 percent of the population live their lives.

In addition, Ward and Ault surveyed a sample of undergraduate students at the University of New Hampshire in February 1988 and found that boys and girls in the greek system were using condoms 81 and 91 percent of the time, respectively.

Also, when Laural Brodley mentioned the use of condoms to her freshman English class many of them laughed and said that sex is important and that sex should be free and not constrained.

The facts are that sex is not free. About 81,000 people died of AIDS in 1990. You are in a

position where you can help prevent the spread of AIDS by publishing more articles on it which are educational and emphasize the importance of the use of condoms.

Lisa Buell  
Student

### No exploitation

I would like to make a comment regarding a certain legs contest at a campus area bar in the past few weeks. As a senior and as a woman I have seen the strides this campus has made in terms of the treatment of women.

Although we still have far to go in regards to the safety of women and the attitudes that cause their safety to be in jeopardy, I feel that our campus is progressive enough not to tolerate this objectification and segmentation of women's bodies.

Furthermore, because this particular establishment is very involved with the student population, i.e. student discounts, specials, Duck Buck coupons,

etc. and because it also sponsors the Rich Brooks Duck Football show, it should be sensitive to the needs of students seeking recreation and a place to meet without being subjected to this display of exploitation.

There is no reason to exploit women, period.

Jennifer Kulle  
ASUO Events Coordinator

### Bush is right

The Bush Administration recently ruled that many scholarships limited to minorities are likely violations of federal law. Higher education and civil rights groups are predictably outraged.

But this time around the administration is right.

The rule is that institutions receiving federal dollars cannot discriminate on the basis of race. Assistant Secretary of Education Michael Williams did not make the sickly and disgusting argument of the Reagan

years this society should suddenly, only now, be a color-blind one.

Williams acknowledged that access to higher education for minorities is an important goal. The administration even went so far as to say universities can legitimately tilt their student aid by giving preference to the poor, for example.

To protect diversity, universities are also now free to make decisions in an otherwise forbidden area — race — but it cannot be the sole area considered. Scholarships can still go to members of minority groups; however, they cannot be for

those members exclusively.

This is not just a paper distinction; it instills the vital principle of equality America needs to strive toward while remaining sensitive to needs of not only individual minorities but poorer, disadvantaged classes.

The old policy was in place to theoretically contribute to a better student mix. Yet the job can be done without the explicit racial designations that are offensive and will ultimately defeat the purpose for which they are being used.

Michael Colson  
Political Science

### LETTERS POLICY

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