

Revenge motivates labor leader's trial

If any students have University adjunct professor Dennis Gilbert for a physics class, be warned: he'll be absent this morning. He'll be in District Court. Gilbert, a self-proclaimed "community labor organizer" has been charged with two Class C misdemeanors.

The charges stem from an incident that took place in the front yard of Morgan-Nicolai Plant manager LeRoy Pasquini's South Eugene home. It was the second anniversary of a bitter struggle between Local 3035 and the Morgan-Nicolai door manufacturing plant that started when employees were asked to take average 30-percent pay cuts. Morgan-Nicolai hired replacement workers and busted the union. Several union members planted 150 small white crosses in Pasquini's yard. The crosses symbolized years of lost family wages.

Gilbert is the only person of all those involved to be charged for the action. He is facing fines of \$500 or 30 days in jail for each alleged violation. This is obviously an attempt to persecute Gilbert for his beliefs. No harm was caused to Pasquini other than having his lawn aerated for free.

Gilbert said the group put the crosses in front of Pasquini's home to remove the plant manager's anonymity in the community that he "harmed."

Pasquini filed the charges against Gilbert, not because he was injured in any way, but in another attempt to "bust" the union one more time. Gilbert is not a union member (replacement workers voted to decertify it anyway), but he has been one of the loudest voices in the local labor scene.

Gilbert has accepted the role of martyr for the movement and is playing it for all it is worth. If the wheels of American justice do see fit to send Gilbert to jail for his alleged "crimes" against Pasquini, at least it will bring the actions of the bottom-line-first door company to the light one more time.

Eugene Country Club opens doors to women

In a common-sense move the members of the Eugene Country Club have voted to admit women into the elite all boys club. The members of the country club should be congratulated for walking into the modern world; even if it is a little later than the rest of society.

All people should have equal access to any establishment, institution or organization. The era of dividing the world into homogeneous groups is painfully and very slowly coming to an end. And every step taken in that direction helps out.

Don't expect to see women flaunting membership to the club anytime soon, however. There is a three-year waiting list that is already filled by men. One hurdle in the path of equality was overcome, but obviously there are many more.

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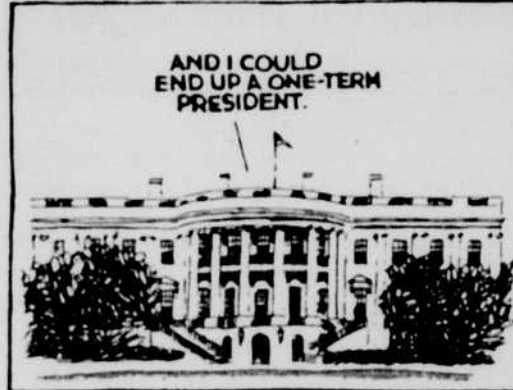
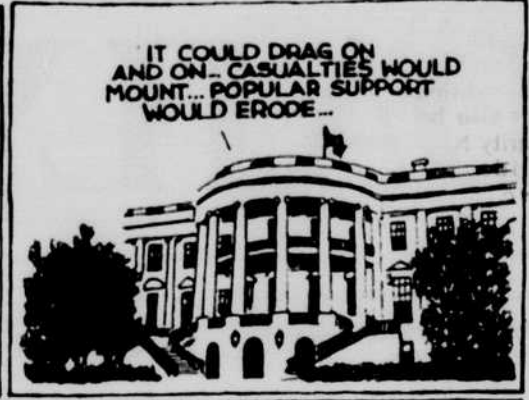
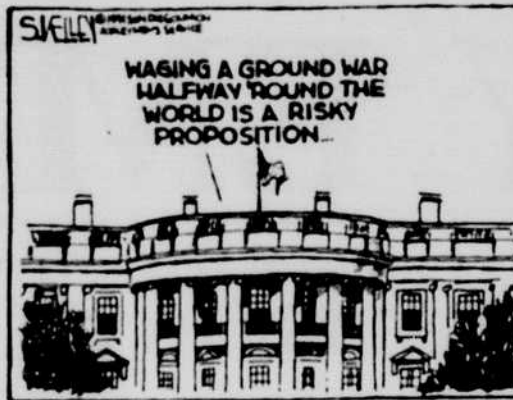
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LETTERS

Childish attack

Regarding "Not Hudson Van Curen":

Adrian Wallace's temper tantrum toward "Hudson Van Curen" is unbecoming to an artist, especially one who holds as many credentials as he claims.

Creative criticism is welcomed by most artists but we can all do without petty and purely envious insults.

I am surprised that the *Emerald* would print such a childish attack.

Rocio Carrera
Eugene

Might or right?

In her letter to the editor (*ODE*, Feb. 7), Vicky Trallis asserted that "might makes right, my friend."

In other words, it is acceptable for a larger, stronger state to use violence to coerce a weaker state to act in a manner acceptable to the mighty. Logic like this justifies Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, in which a stronger state overcame a weaker one. Following her logic, Trallis would say that Iraq is "right."

Isn't it more accurate to say that "right makes might?" In this case, neither Iraq nor the United States would be very mighty.

Jay Nusbaum
Political Science

Not funny

Aren't we just the highfalutin' self-righteous hypocrites of the "liberal" world?

If there was an incident where a gang of black teenagers killed a white person and the incident was drug related, would you consider it tasteful or responsible to print an editorial cartoon implicating that black teenagers, in general, were murderous drug villains? I don't think so!

So now, because a few farmers in the Bend area became verbally nasty and decided to exercise their right to freedom of expression regarding an opinion expressed by a college they support with their tax dollars, the *Emerald* has taken it upon itself to depict all farmers

as conservative, blindly patriotic, uneducated, narrow-minded, boring and lazy bigots. Gee, I wonder how many other misdirected, narrow minded, uneducated stereotypes you can come up with for people you don't agree with.

The printing of the "Farmer's Profile" cartoon by Mike Russell (*ODE*, Jan. 8), without reference to the extreme hypocrisy of it is a disgrace to the integrity of a newspaper that touts open mindedness. Or is this typical of a newspaper that believes in open mindedness so long as no one disagrees with its self-righteous, egocentric view of morality?

Nelson D. Sherry
Biology

Grieve for all

OK, let me see if I have this straight.

According to Vicki Trallis (*ODE*, Feb. 7) the cost of freedom is 12 dead Marines, eight of which were killed by "friendly" fire. With friends like that we had to go all the way to Iraq to find enemies? Think of all the time and expense we could have saved by simply killing them at Paris Island and Camp Pendleton.

God bless our soldiers, indeed. But even more importantly, let's hope that She will protect them from their own comrades.

And by the way, I am not ranting. I am grieving for all the young people who are being placed into the world's largest meat grinder for no other reason than to undo the foreign policy blunders of the Reagan and Bush administrations.

Robert Parker
English

Anti-commie

To all you commie-loving anti-war liberals. The solution to the end of the war in the Middle East: Nuke the Arab na-

tions. Support our president. Support our troops. Let's win this one for the Gipper.

Jim Bridge
Primary Education

Ignorance

In observing the reaction to the Persian Gulf War, we cannot help but observe the ignorance that often prevails even the best intended of protests.

We feel that ignorance prevails where protesters claim that this is a war revolving solely around materialistic gains, such as oil, rather than a war for democracy and freedom. Oil is just one of the many reasons for the war.

We are also fighting to rid the world of a mad, ruthless tyrant. In order to have world peace, one must first eliminate all the problems. One such problem is Iraq. We feel that with the riddance of Hussein, world peace would finally be a reachable goal. There is no arguing this fact.

If we did not stop them who would? Hussein would attempt to conquer Israel and others out of hate, and before long, we would have another World War II. Recall that Germany invaded Poland while we stood by and watched and did nothing. This time, America decided not to let history repeat itself.

Are you supporting tyranny? Is this what you protesters want? Do you protesters believe in freedom for other people?

We can not allow one country to invade another and expect to get away with it. This is unacceptable in the world today. We are proud that our country is standing up to this barbarian who has been twisted with years of hate and aggression. This killer must be stopped at all costs.

Jonathan Bernstein
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