

## Let's make a deal

Where's Monty Hall when you really need him?

In the Soviet Union, Boris Yeltsin has demanded the resignation of Mikhail Gorbachev. The timing is right to offer the Soviets a trade: Bush for Gorbachev, straight across. In fact we'll throw Quayle in as an added incentive; after all, it worked for Bush in '88.

Gorbachev is a natural for the job of president of the United States. He looks good in Western suits, and the people in this country love him. Gorbachev is secure about his role in life and wouldn't let accusations of being a wimp affect his foreign policy. It would be hard to make that same case for Bush.

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The fact that Gorby does not speak English may actually work in Americans' favor. He wouldn't be able to lie to voters as effectively as our current president does. If Gorbachev said, "Read my lips," most people wouldn't be able to understand a word he was saying anyway.

Also, Gorbachev understands the principles of free speech better than Bush. Before the Soviet military started putting Gorbachev under its thumb, his glasnost policies were bringing the Soviets closer to a free press and free expression. Bush, meanwhile, is taking this country backward. Bush has already messed up this half of the Free World, so let's turn him loose on the emerging half and see how far back in time he can toss them.

The Soviets would have to go for this deal if they want to get rid of Gorbachev. Who else are they going to trade with? What's Al Haig doing? He's always wanted to lead a country.

If the Soviets don't want to trade — and who could blame them? — we can sweeten the deal by throwing in Jesse Helms. They would never run out of North Carolina-produced cigarettes, and after Stalin, Helms would seem liberal.

They still won't go for the deal? OK, this is our final offer: Bush, Quayle, Helms, Dick Cheney, USA Today, New Kids on the Block and North Dakota. Hell, we'll give them both Dakotas.

With Georgia Buschki as the red menace, and Mike Gordon (Americanized version of Gorbachev) as the savior of democracy, the Russkies wouldn't stand a chance.

## Education president: His plan gets an 'F'

President Bush wants to deny federal grants and loans to those whose academic rank falls in the bottom 10 percent of college classes and give an extra \$500 in Pell Grant money to those in the top 10 percent.

This plan is absurd. Some students, especially from poorer high school districts, may need a semester or two to become acclimated to college life.

Some students in the bottom 10 at one school (such as MIT) would be in the top 10 if enrolled in another school.

Students enrolled in vigorous programs may be penalized compared to students enrolled in easier programs. Students worried about financial aid eligibility may switch to easier majors so they can afford to stay in school.

All in all, it is another biased and discriminatory education proposal from Bush. If his plan was applied to presidents, he would be looking for another country to apply to.

AS A GUARDSMAN,  
DO YOU REALIZE  
WHAT SHIRKING HAZARDOUS DUTY  
COULD LEAD  
TO?



## LETTERS

### Be aware

Notwithstanding your obvious lack of awareness concerning the respectability of the law school, I found your editorial on the ABA situation appalling (*ODE*, Feb. 13).

Granted, the law school currently has financial difficulties, as do now all the departments at the University, yet your disregard for the high quality legal education still being received by many at the school shows an editorial board with horse blinders on, as well as displaying a complete lack of sensitivity to the dilemma the entire University faces.

I find it horrifying that a student organization such as the *Emerald* dares to make value judgments on the viability of any one program over another.

John MacDonald  
Law Student

### Teed off

I write this letter in response to your castigatory editorial regarding the Eugene Country Club (*ODE*, Jan. 31).

I have been a member of that organization for 44 years and have served as its president. The vote to admit females is one of natural evolution, and it was decided at our last election that females may become general members.

I am pleased that another golf course (public) has been mentioned. Some 20 years ago I was designated president of "Greenway Golf Inc." (non-profit) to establish a golf course at Alton Baker Park. I am still the president of that corporation if, in fact, it has not been revoked by the State Corporation Commissioner. Four of the primary members and the late Maurie Jacobs have jumped through the political hoops for all these years to the point where the accomplishment of a golf course in Alton Baker Park now seems possible. The primary members are all members of the Eugene Country Club and have not only financed but advocated a golf course in Alton Baker Park. Your help would be appreciated.

I might add that the Eugene Country Club roster includes such prestigious names as Bill Byrne, Rich Brooks, Don Mon-

son, Herb Yamanaka, Leonard J. Casanova as well as an open invitation to the president of the University of Oregon. It should also be noted that Eugene Country Club allows not only high schools but the University of Oregon golf (men's and women's) teams to practice and use the course for their tournament.

Are the names above, some of those "wealthy white males" which belong to the "good-ol'-boys" network?

Hale G. Thompson  
Eugene

### Long enough

Your editorial (*ODE*, Feb. 11) states that "the University didn't have enough time to stop and consider the women-to-men ratios when it decided on budget cuts."

I agree that the University should have had more than a month to make these difficult decisions. I do not agree that we should therefore excuse the administration's sexism.

A month is long enough to consider a great many issues. How many months, years or decades does the administration need to realize that gender is an issue worthy of their consideration?

David Peterson  
GTF, History

### Contradictory

Because of the self-contradictory non-argument presented in the editorial "Sexism charge not fair to University," (*ODE*, Feb. 11) a direct response is difficult. The issue, however, begs clarification.

The editor states that the "woman-to-man ratio matter is a legitimate concern," (which, by the way, conflicts with the title). Although I agree, I find the lack of importance placed on it a dangerous simplification and a short sight.

The distinction between "overt" or "vicious" discrimination and "the rushing to meet deadlines" is especially dangerous. Though you say the University is "discrimination-conscious," the most deeply rooted and conventionalized sexism is unconscious. Fairness to the University is beside the point. Oversight is sexism.

The fact that the first programs to be cut in budget-tightening situations are women-dominated indicates that they are commonly viewed as unimportant or non-essential. When an occupation becomes women-dominated, wages tend to drop with the esteem of the job.

The University's priorities are yet another example of the devaluation of women and what they do.

Kim Norlen  
Student

### Happy trails

Considering the intemperate and racist remarks of Jim Bridge, a primary education student, (*ODE*, Feb. 14), admonishing us to "Nuke the Arab Nations," we see some perverse logic in Myles Brand's decision to close the education department. We believe that the state of Oregon cannot afford to expose its grade school children to the vituperative Mr. Bridge. His intellectual presence will certainly not be missed on this campus.

Carolyn Denko  
English  
Scott Denko  
Law

### Stripped down

Personally, I don't find Hudson Van Curen very amusing and wouldn't mind if it were replaced by another comic strip. Anyone else?

Pete Sellin  
Physics

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