

Decision on peyote was long overdue

Congratulations are in order for Gov. Barbara Roberts for signing a measure on Monday permitting Native American Indians to use freedom of religion as a defense for the sacramental use of peyote.

Sacramental use of peyote is permitted by the federal government and in some states. However, until now, Oregon law made no exception for religious use of the cactus drug.

The peyote controversy here dates to 1982, when two Native Americans were fired from their county jobs for using peyote in religious ceremonies.

Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer, who ironically was defeated by Roberts last year for the governor post, took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The court ruled in favor of the state, and religious peyote use — in a country claiming religious freedom for all — remained illegal.

Using the hallucinogenic drug as part of a religion that existed in America long before the arrival of Europeans should fall under the religious freedom exemption.

Roberts was bright enough to understand that Frohnmayer was not. It is yet another indication that Oregonians made the right choice last year when picking a new governor.

The bill's sponsor, Eugene Democrat Jim Edmunson, should also be commended for not taking the easy way out and ignoring the injustice done to Native Americans.



LETTERS

Media guide

I am compelled to comment on yet another statement in the *Emerald* regarding the Incidental Fee Committee: "Because the June 1 meeting was in violation of the Oregon Public Meetings Law, however, a meeting was held June 7 and a second vote was taken." (*ODE*, June 18).

While the committee members did indeed revote on issues voted on originally at the June 1 meeting, it was not because we were in violation of the Oregon Public Meetings Law. There was some question that the June 1 meeting violated the Public Meetings Law by virtue of the fact that (need I remind you) the Et al submitted to the *Emerald* concerning the notice of our June 1 meeting was misprinted.

The Et al was submitted before the deadline in order to provide at least 24 hours notice of our upcoming Saturday meeting in the Friday, May 31, issue of the *Emerald*.

The Et al that was printed stated erroneously that our meeting was to be held on Monday because you interpreted June 1 to be a Monday and not a Saturday. Aghast at this error, we contacted the *Emerald*, the media and those people who were on the agenda to let them know the meeting was indeed on Saturday, June 1.

Because of this error, there was some question as to whether the actions taken at the June 1 meeting were legal. In the Oregon Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual under "Press Releases," pertaining to regularly scheduled meetings (page 11-10), it is stated: "You are not held to a duty to be absolutely certain that the press release is published."

I would say we did all we could to ensure that the lawful procedure was followed. To answer our critics and the general public who probably didn't know the whole story, we voted again on every action at the June 7 meeting we originally voted on at the June 1 meeting.

Thanks for letting me clear this up.

Priscilla Warren
IFC Summer Chair

Also, if there is a connection between these magazines and violence against women, as quoted in the article, how then can some say that what women wear has nothing to do with being raped?

This whole thing isn't against pornography; it's against men.

Ron Williams
Eugene

Against men

Regarding the front page story concerning criticism of the bookstore for selling *Playboy* and *Penthouse* (*ODE*, June 18):

It seems the main critics were women, and they certainly have a right to complain, even to the point of coercing the EMU Board of Directors to remove these magazines from the Main Desk store.

However, if we are going to remove all "hateful and insulting" material, let's get rid of *Womyn's Press* and the *Lavender Network* publications being furnished for the reading rack in the EMU.

I personally feel that these are disgusting publications that engender hatred against men and promote deviant behavior. (Read the ads in them.)

Handouts

Concerning the controversy about Samantha, the nude dancer: Why is it when a girl takes off her top to make some money, many women object? But when two women hold hands and cry on someone's steps for housing, they get sympathy.

Instead of sympathy, they should "get a job" like Samantha has done. Maybe their lives would be more appreciated, and they wouldn't have to ask for handouts from the rest of us.

I'm tired of everyone wanting to stick their noses into someone else's business. Let's do stories about everyone's lives and dissect them in the ink of these pages.

C.W. Metzger
Eugene

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