

**LETTERS**

**New name**

Mailing a package and buying a book of stamps at the campus branch of the U.S. Post Office, I handed the clerk a \$10 bill and said, "And I'd like some quarters, please."

"We don't give change," he said.

"I mean I want quarters with my change," I said.

"Only if it comes out that way," he said.

And this government agency is the postal service? The campus branch should be renamed the Postal Disservice.

Sue Bright  
Journalism

**Banner**

As I was leaving the EMU yesterday, I saw for the first time the banner advertising summer school classes at the University, strung up across 13th Street. The banner is done in stark black and white. It is effective in its omission of color and variety.

Of the eleven decorative faces, I counted two with feminine characteristics. I counted zero with non-Anglo characteristics. From this I deduced that summer school here offers courses in high-minded, classical scholarship with a token tip of the hat to those pioneers of the women's rights movement.

Such bountiful diversity!

Melissa Stahlecker  
English

**Just do it**

I'm in total agreement with Ron Schlittler's commentary (*ODE*, April 10) calling on President Myles Brand to take a forthright stand against the OCA's anti-homosexual rights initiatives. I believe this is yet another case of Brand's actions (or inactions in this case) speaking louder than his words.

As Schlittler so aptly pointed out in his article, the potential threat to academic freedom this hateful initiative poses for our state's institutions of higher learning are obvious.

As a supporter of the University and a tax-paying citizen, I strongly urge Brand to take a strong stand on this threatening issue very soon.

George Link  
Springfield

**Revolution**

Last night's *Frontline* election special, "The Betrayal of Democracy" (April 15), was enough to put any voter into a deep depression. The depth of the morass is almost inconceivable, the tight chains of money and greed unbreakable, morals and ethics displaced by cynicism. Democracy and the flag have become empty symbols and the voters betrayed.

Only a revolution can save this country. Will we be strong enough to change drastically, or will we again be suckered into the "safety" of the status quo? I vote we go to work, organize and get mad as hell, then choose a government that works.

Hilde K. Cherry  
Eugene

**Mainstream?**

The OCA and its apologists can't get away with the asser-

tion that only extreme liberals oppose anti-gay hatred.

OCA's Measure 8 victory four years ago was followed by a wave of anti-gay violence around the state, including here in Eugene. The 1989 legislature responded to this wave of violence by adding "sexual orientation" to the classes of people entitled to protection from hate crimes. The OCA anti-gay amendment is designed and intended to overturn this protection.

OCA's endorsement of acts of intimidation and harassment that would be hate crimes if directed at Jews or Catholics is a matter of public record. An official publication of "The No Special Rights Committee," authorized by B. Mabon, treasurer, describes hate crimes euphemistically as "public disapproval of homosexual behavior." This is no different than the Klan claiming that burning a cross on a black man's lawn is simply "freedom of speech."

Mainstream religious leaders, including Oregon's Catholic Bishops and the Board of Directors of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, have expressed strong opposition to OCA's anti-gay amendment. In all the years I attended Sunday School, I don't remember a single lesson teaching that people should be persecuted just because they are different.

Jeff M. Phillips  
Eugene

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By GARY LARSON

