

LETTERS

Gunning for 9

I'm writing to encourage a group of students to stick with their guns on Nov. 3.

This group is the handful of conservative students attending the University. The group that believes the last thing America needs is a tax-and-spend liberal in the White House. A group that votes for character, straight talk and integrity.

They are students who see the importance of morals and ethics in America. These students know that homosexuality is unnatural because they simply see how our bodies are designed. They will vote yes on Ballot Measure 9, not because they are bigots, but because they want to keep homosexuality out of the classroom and away from the unguarded youth of Oregon.

I commend your stand and ask you to keep hope. Governor Clinton hasn't slithered into the White House yet.

Aaron James
Pre-journalism

Not all bigots

I have no doubt that each of us in the campus community have encountered some degree of hostility over our personal stand concerning Ballot Measure 9, regardless of our stand concerning the measure. I, for one, have encountered a number of these conversations (or shall I say confrontations). The main reason: I am a Christian. Hello, red flag — yes, a Christian. It's a loaded term.

I know. Christians are narrow minded. They are bigots. They hate homosexuals, liberals, women, Hindus, secular music, sex, evolution, etc. It has been interesting to see how, in the past few weeks, as I have discussed my views on Measure 9, it is assumed that I am pro-hatred, pro-discrimination, and just plain stupid because I am a Christian. It is not true.

Not all Christians support Measure 9. Not all Christians hate those who live different lifestyles. I have heard the phrase, "Don't judge me because of my sexual preference." Might I ask the same, "Don't judge me because of my religious preference?"

Christians, think before you speak. With Measure 9, we have done some incredible damage to the souls of humanity. We have gone too far in our hatred and judgmental atti-

tudes. Yet, could I not say the same thing for just about all of humanity? Yes we need to courageously fight for what we believe in, but don't emotionally slaughter another person in the fight. Let us instead educate ourselves and examine our personal beliefs, regardless of what we believe.

Instead of tearing down other people, let us instead build our lives upon spiritual integrity (spirituality is used in a broad way). "Let us be quick to love, and quick to be kind." (Irish proverb).

Lisa Kolbuss
Psychology

No concern

When considering the reliability of arguments and advertisements respecting the closure of Trojan, voters might take note of the following quotation by Robert Short, president of PGE, from the *Daily Astorian* on April 26, 1979.

"We are not concerned about Three Mile Island. Nothing happened, nobody got hurt, and we've had worse things up here that nobody ever knew about, back in 1946 or sometime."

Bayard McConaughy
Eugene

Come together

I saw the hatred this morning with my own two eyes. Signs being held on Franklin Boulevard that said, "Yes on 9 — stop homosexual special rights."

Queers do not have special rights nor want them; what we do want are equal rights. What a crying shame that these people are hating and fearing based on closed-mindedness and ignorance.

What is this world coming to? Control, dictatorship, hate, violence and separatism. Are we living in an age of hard hearts and advanced minds that have progressed far beyond love, acceptance and community? Are we allowing for greed, fear and hate to enter the vulnerable souls who are searching for something to grasp onto; someone to guide them as Hitler did the Nazis?

The Berlin Wall has been knocked down and rebuilt right here in our own backyard. We need to talk with these people one on one and let them get to know us so they can understand what we're all about.

As a woman who is open to love (the tag you can place on me is bisexual if you want), I will not stand here and give up on breaking down the wall. I will keep trying to melt the hate with love. We must not let our faith be lost.

If Ballot Measure 9 passes, we must be ready to come together in revolution; no school, no work; we will make the state shut down.

If Measure 9 does not pass, we must still unite and figure ways to continue education and awareness so this kind of hate will never find its way into our society again.

Remember to vote! No on hate — Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Deb Swartzman
English

Fast track

I am writing in regard to your story "Eugene continues to draw world class athletes" (*ODE*, Oct. 27). I disagree with many things stated in the article.

In the first paragraph, Stevenson Track at Hayward Field is said to be slower than the track at Santa Monica. Some of the fastest races ever contested have taken place on Stevenson track. After all, Hayward is the site of the World Championship trials this spring and the NCAA meet again in 1996, not Santa Monica.

As well, I know of no other city where I can walk out my door and be at a sawdust or dirt trail in minutes. Maybe the Oregon men have not won a cross country title since 1977, but what about the women's squad, as well as the track titles in which the men captured national honors in 1984.

This is also combined with a long list of All-Americans and individual national champions. Oregon has finished in the top five in cross country six times since 1977 and 10 times in track since coach Bill Dellinger has led the team.

To me as a runner, it is obvious why world class runners flock here — coaches like Dellinger and Tom Heinonen have proven records and can produce champions. Most people don't question Notre Dame football when it is ranked in the top 20, so why is Oregon cross country being questioned when it is in the top 10 on both men and women's polls?

Jason Humble
Cross country team

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COUNTY MEASURES
20-01 - YES
(Alton Baker Park - no golf course)

STATE MEASURES
5 and 6 - YES
(Shut Down Trojan Nuclear Power Plant)

7 - YES
(Split Roll Taxes)

9 - NO!
(OCA Homophobia measure)

JUDGES
Lauren Holland
Endorsed

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