

## LETTERS

### She's a Christian

Throughout the school year, I've received a number of letters to the editor and commentaries concerning Christianity and what it stands for.

Just recently a column and a letter were published representing widely divergent points of view. Stephanie Sisson (ODE, April 5) attempts to speak, as a Christian, for Christianity and Christians as a whole.

Meanwhile, Tim Wiest (ODE, April 8) expresses his concern that "so-called" Christians might be "perpetuating such evils against humanity" as discrimination on the basis of race, ethnic group or sexual orientation. What both of them do is stereotype Christians.

As a freshman, I happened to overhear my roommate describe me to her boyfriend as "she's a Christian," as if that immediately defined my whole being and exactly what I was like. I'm tired of being labeled.

Being a Christian is not synonymous with being conservative, advocating pro-life ideals, being an OCA supporter, or any of the other things that are typically attached to that ideal. I personally happen to be liberal, pro-choice and believe that homosexuality is not wrong and shouldn't be discriminated against.

And, believe it or not, there are other Christians who share those beliefs. Please allow Christians the same courtesy as should be given to any group and listen to us. Get to know us on an individual basis before you decide who we are. You might be surprised.

Sarah Eakin  
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### Pride Week

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance would like to thank everyone who participated in Pride Week 1993. We appreciate the support and interest by all the panelists, presenters and people who attended events.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of the LGBA volunteers who organized and staffed events, as well as the professionalism and courtesy of the EMU support staff, without whom we would not have been able to undertake such a large project.

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Thanks again for a great Pride Week.

Sarah Ross  
Troy Shields  
Co-Directors  
LGBA

### Missed the point

"Wrong Angles" would be a more appropriate heading for Martin Fisher's Monday opinion piece on the current ASUO elections. Fisher seems to be asking if the student elections warrant participation. If he had paid attention to his role as a journalist, which is to apprise the community of events and issues, Fisher would have pushed the staff to answer that question well before the election.

Unwittingly, I'm sure, Fisher exposes the three questions that all of our questions should have been asking since fall term.

1) What is the ASUO? The Associated Students of the University of Oregon is you and me and the rest of the students.

2) Who should I vote for? An equitable press will not answer that question but will provide in-depth coverage of candidates and present their current attitudes through intensive questioning.

3) What issues are important to me? In a similar fashion, the press must stimulate discussion of the topical issues, such as these ballot measures: No. 1, do we need a multicultural center? No. 3, has the family center proven to be an asset to the campus community? No. 5, is there a

need for a non-traditional student office/staff, and does the Returning Student Association endorse this proposal?

If Martin were a true fisher of news, these questions would have appeared as stories and editorials low these past three weeks. And if Write Angles were anything but yellow journalism, it would be used to encourage a higher percentage of student participation instead of student apathy.

If you value the democratic system, please vote.

Michael Omogrosso  
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### Equity

Women are not equal to men. They don't contribute as much and probably never will. This exemplifies Steve Mims' mentality and the uneducated point he tries to make in his column (ODE, April 14).

With his comment that 35 percent of the University's athletic scholarships go to women, "well ahead of the 29 percent nationwide," he tells women we should be happy with that and should not have made waves at the University Senate last Wednesday. A simple "shut up and sit down" would have sufficed, wouldn't you say?

In a time for fighting for equality, women are supposed to be satisfied with 35 percent. If I were living in 1912, I would be thrilled with that percentage. But Mims needs to be reminded that this is 1993, and women will no longer be seen as unequal; we will demand to see equality, especially in our institutions.

Mims' argument is that women do not bring in as much revenue as men. Another fact that Mims should be reminded of is that the women's basketball team won as many Pacific-10 Conference games as the men did. So obviously it's not a question of skill, but who has more publicity. Right?

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