

Recommendations on ballot measures

Thursday the *Emerald* made recommendations concerning five of the nine ballot measures appearing on next week's general election ballot. Today we discuss the remaining four measures.

Measure 6 would amend the ASUO Constitution to require a quorum of the Incidental Fee Committee and the Student Senate to meet at least once during any three week period. Should either group fail to meet this requirement, the Constitution Court would have the authority to remove all members of the offending body.

Given the abysmal performance of the IFC this year, we believe this is exactly the kind of oversight needed to ensure student government's effective performance.

Members of student government need to realize that the same expectations of performance we place on real politicians, we also place on them, and that includes attending meetings, doing their job, etc.

Such requirements shouldn't be too much to ask, but judging by past performances, they may be without this kind of incentive.

Measure 7 would require that all student government rules, resolutions and policies be approved as constitutional by the Constitution Court. Again, this measure only serves to ensure good government.

On the other hand, both Measures 8 and 9 should be defeated. Neither has a place in a student election, and both serve as only to expose a juvenile attitude toward serious issues.

Measure 8 would require the ASUO to issue a public statement demanding Sen. Bob Packwood resign "due to his admitted acts of sexual harassment." First off, Packwood has never admitted any "acts of sexual harassment," so the basis for the letter is inherently false.

Measure 9 is directed at the Oregon Citizens Alliance. It was no doubt with a great deal of creative thinking that this measure was given the same title as the OCA's anti-homosexual measure in November.

This measure would require the ASUO to issue a public statement declaring the OCA is "wrong, abnormal and perverse." What message does this send? It says University students are incapable of trying to solve a problem and would rather result to petty name calling.

Further, it is hypocritical of the measure's sponsors to use language that was considered extremely offensive in November, but to consider it fair when targeted at the OCA.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, vote yes on Measures 6 and 7. Vote no on Measures 8 and 9.

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LETTERS

Porn parameters

I understand that it is not easy to find facts if one does not look for them. Please allow me to be specific and (shall we say) forthcoming.

According to the organization Stopping Violence Against Women, pornography is used directly or imitated in 41 percent of sexual assaults. Seventy-five percent of sex offenders use pornography. Photographs and films of real rapes are sold legally as pornography.

The U.S. Bureau of the Census tells us that women still earn 68 cents to every dollar that men earn and yet we still ask why women "choose" to strip themselves and their self-respect for pornography. The same study tells us that 80 percent of citizens below the poverty line in our country are single mothers, and yet we still act as though women are "asking" for every degradation.

Our own society drums a belief that the physical attributes of a woman outweigh her intellectual or spiritual side from the time she is able to understand images until she is able to reject the many lies that are enforced by the system around her.

Pornography teaches viewers that they can view (have) women at any time and in any circumstance. Those "great writers" in *Playboy* don't have to put that in print for intelligent college students to figure it out.

Please contact Stopping Violence Against Women (777-2796) for more information.

**Ingrid Parmeter
English**

Please help

Our committee is trying to help Bosnians and support organizations that help Bosnia. Currently, we have three plans of action.

First is the Bosnian Refugee Relief Fund in Seattle. This organization is to receive 100 or more victims of concentration camps in the Seattle area. They need clothes, money and sleeping bags or sheets.

The second is fund raising for Islamic Network. This organization needs money for training and for sending a rape specialist

to Bosnia. It will have a Bosnian dinner table for fund raising in the EMU next month. We will sell tickets for it.

The third is a petition for accepting 3,000 proposed refugees to the United States program of sponsorship for students in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

We will set up a table with more detailed information during the International Week. We will be collecting donations and selling tickets. Please show us your support. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call 484-9822 or 344-8429.

**Ichiro Yuki
Business
Kenichiro Kashiwase
International Studies**

Smelly cheese

In Professor Ron Rousseve's recent letter (*ODE*, April 15), he once again completely sidesteps the issues his commentary of winter term raises. He dogmatically repeats his beliefs without offering any evidence for his position.

It is not so much his point of view that concerns me, but his insistence that any contrary views fall under his heading of "intellectual compartmentalization." This description, as he readily admitted in his letter, means anyone with religious beliefs is not a "disease" or a "disorder" one needs to be "cured" of.

It is true that there are numerous examples of insane individuals who professed to believe in odd religious doctrines. However, it does not necessarily follow that all religious "believers" are insane. Many acts of insanity have been committed by non-religious beliefs.

I therefore call into question Rousseve's qualifications as a theologian and philosopher. Perhaps he has a degree of experience in these areas, but he has thus far demonstrated none of the skills or knowledge one would normally expect to hear.

Again, I repeat my wish to hear a more complete version of Rousseve's paradigm. He has raised a number of important questions, but he failed to answer them in any scholarly or convincing manner.

In closing, I would like to remind Rousseve that he "may

believe the moon is made of green cheese," but he has quite some work to do before anyone can accept the validity of his position. At this point, it's just Limburger; it stinks.

**Kurt M. Landre
Music Composition**

IFC commitment

I would like to thank the members of the Incidental Fee Committee for their commitment to ensuring that students retain the means to be educated on issues that the University administration has largely ignored, despite its political lip service.

The University has, for the most part, failed to adequately educate students on topics such as ethnic and sexual minority concerns, U.S. corporate greed and imperialism, and other issues.

Unfortunately, students have been forced to assume responsibility for educating themselves. Two organizations that I work with, the University/University of El Salvador Sister University Project and the *Student Insurgent*, have been particularly active in trying to raise student awareness on issues that will ultimately affect them.

Our efforts could not be accomplished without the graces of the IFC members, who have recognized the importance of contributions student organizations, unions and programs make to the cultural and intellectual development of the University community.

Of course, such criticisms concerning attendance and lack of professionalism are justified and are expected when committee members fail to live up to their obligations. More than \$4.7 million in allocations is simply too much to take lightly. I hope the IFC will use this embarrassing situation to reevaluate its commitment to its responsibilities.

Despite what appears to be a poor show of professionalism by a few individuals on the IFC, I would like to thank the committee as a whole for its commitment to promoting the educational needs of the University and the community.

**Andy Harris
Former IFC Member**

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