

Biblical bull

It's starting again. Each Fall, as geese honk their way south, fundamentalist Christians send bizarre biblical letters to the *Emerald*.

I'm tolerant of religions. After all, my ancestors in Lithuania practiced a religion — paganism — that was persecuted by a real live armed Crusade. Lithuania was the very last European country to "officially" seem to convert.

When Christians push biblical passages on us under a public spotlight, it's fair game for rational examination. Consider virgin birth, really. Or that time Jesus got drunk and claimed he was drinking his own blood. And how about Jesus' "rock n' roll" scene after being dead for three days? What a pile of bullshit.

I see this kind of thing on the job. I work for human rights on the job in the psychiatric system. People are allowed to "go crazy" publicly only as long as they push the dominant insane delusions of the time, such as Bible-thumping.

I'd like to remember a University grad student, Jung Sook Jang, who really acted spiritual: Sook knelt silently in prayer near campus. Friends sincerely wanted a safe place for her, so unfortunately they brought her to the psychiatric system.

There she was put in solitary confinement, tied down for seven hours and forcibly injected with Haldol, which doubles as an animal tranquilizer. Sook died. This summer, a federal agency issued a report on her death, concluding that four human-rights violations were involved.

The Crusade continues to burn people and — through ecocide — Earth herself.

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ODE sells sex

I would like to be one of the first people to say how grateful I am to the *Emerald*, for allowing such wonderful, insightful and detailed descriptions of strip bars (such as Lollipops and the Silver Dollar Club) to grace the pages of the

paper. How heartwarming and truly delightful it is to see honest, true and relevant stories that both sexes would enjoy reading about.

But what really makes me melt is when, while flipping through the pages, I find discount coupons for admittance to these clubs. I suppose that since we sell sex — and women in general — to the public, I guess it's only natural that we offer it at a lower rate (after all, isn't that a student discount?).

So once again, I would like to thank to staff at the *Emerald* for making such wise judgments in its journalistic endeavors. And to the writers of such articles, isn't it about time you grew up? And last but not least, thank you Tamara Dykeman (*ODE* Letters, Oct. 5): Right on! (Or should that be, write on?) I couldn't have said it better myself!

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AA hypocrisy?

In the course of a telephone call to the campus affirmative action office, I learned that a

new director took office Sept. 1, 1993. I asked about the former director, Everett Wells, who seemed to be functioning well throughout the summer, and I was told simply that he left and that no further information could be made available to me. I found this situation both puzzling and disturbing.

The director of the affirmative action office holds a powerful and sensitive position on campus. It would be unseemly if the administration did not commit itself to an intensive search for the most qualified, intelligent, knowledgeable and dedicated individual for a job of such importance.

What troubles me is the hint of impropriety in the appointment process for a new director of affirmative action, a process that seems to have occurred

sometime in August when classes were not in session. I have found no evidence of a nationwide hunt, although a nationwide hunt, an open search with adequate advertising. Surely, if time was a factor, the administration could have appointed an interim or acting director while conducting a proper search.

I also wonder why the University is unable to find a qualified member of a protected class to fill the position (the two last directors have both been male, and I believe the present director is a white male). Has the affirmative action office been exempted from adhering to its own guidelines? Is it not held to the same standard as the rest of the University?

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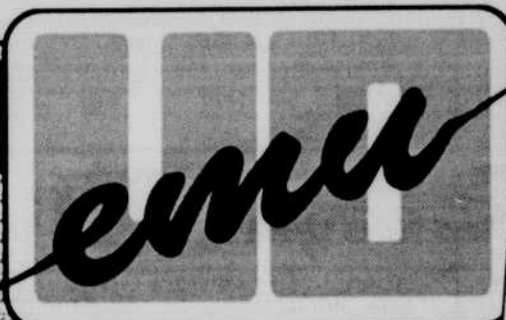
LETTERS POLICY

The *Oregon Daily Emerald* will attempt to print all letters containing comments on topics of interest to the University community.

Letters to the editor must be limited to no more than 250 words, legible, signed and the identification of the writer must be verified when the letter is submitted.

The *Emerald* reserves the right to edit any letter for length or style

THIS WEEK



OCT. 11-15

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- snacks, drinks, school supplies
- balloons, juices, popcorn
- concert tickets
- hult center tickets
- greyhound bus tickets
- international i.d. cards
- passport photos
- quality film processing
- ups shipping
- theatre discount tickets
- ltd tokens and passes
- pay: u.s. west, eweb, nwnw
- fone bux long distance cards

Weekly Special Sathers Bag Candy

35¢ each
Reg. 59¢

EMU Passport Game Winners!

- Mountain Bike
- CD Player
- Free Billiards
- Free Bowling
- Craft Center Certificate
- Laurie Anderson Tickets
- Oregon Grind Tickets
- Salling Lesson
- Ergo Lesson
- Mountain Bike Guidebook
- Campus Copy Certificate
- Classified Ad Certificate
- U of O Refillable Mug

- Steven Jarvis
- Mark Church
- Scott Adams
- Stephanie Dixon
- Eric Maynor
- Jamie Kiley
- Lori Oswald
- Cleven Mmari
- Teresa Da Vigo
- Heather Linnmeyer
- Rachael McGhee
- Tobiah Brown
- Benjamin Lu
- Jessica Willey
- Shannon Holbert
- Tor Rockness
- Kristen Boggs
- Todd Matthes
- James Cervantes
- Kim Marshall
- Melissa Holloway
- Anne Moser-Kornfeld
- Rick Hedges
- Charlene Montieth
- Terese Meshanko
- Chris Stafford
- Brian Bordenave
- Mike Clancy
- Robert Bielinski
- Stephen Hidalgo
- Jewel Gaston
- Sherban Drulea
- Danielle Strome
- Marla Gierthy
- Josh Vinlove

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream

Winners will have until Friday, October 15th to claim their prizes in the SARO office, EMU Suite 2, 346-4000. Thanks to all who participated!

BLOW OFF SOME STEAM! TAKE AN ART WORKSHOP



- Paper Marbling • Wednesday, Oct. 13, 6-9:30 pm
- Portrait Draw • Thursdays, Oct. 14-Nov. 18, 6:30 - 9 pm
- Drawing • Tuesdays, Oct. 12-Nov. 16, 6:30 - 9:00 pm



EMU CRAFT CENTER
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Multicultural Center Position Opening

The Multicultural Center (MCC) intends to foster a deeper understanding of the many cultures present in our community.

Located in the EMU, the MCC will bring together students, administrators, faculty, staff, graduate teaching fellows, and community members to explore the complexities of cultural and ethnic diversity. If you are interested in learning more about this 29 FTE Graduate Teaching Fellowship, stop by the EMU or ASUO offices for a copy of the position description and application information. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m., Friday, October 22.

Call 346-0007 for more information.



POSITION OPENINGS

EMU Board of Directors
(1) EMU PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE
(1) AT LARGE
1993-1994 School Year
(Because two students have resigned.)

Applications are now being taken for one EMU Program Representative (Appointed by EMUB) and one At Large Position (Appointed by ASUO Office). Position descriptions are available, October 15, 5 p.m. Position descriptions are available in the ASUO Office, Suite 4, EMU. All are encouraged to apply. Stipend or work study. Interviews will be scheduled week of October 18-22. Must have two terms experience to apply for EMU Program Position. Questions? Call Frank, 6-0007.