

**Senor Perot**

In response to Gary Sudborough's "No NAFTA" (ODE, Oct. 14): Are you serious? I don't claim to be an expert on NAFTA (I have heard there are only a handful of people who fully understand the agreement and its implications, and Ross Perot is not one of them), and I have not yet decided where I stand on the issue, but you and Ross are going to need a much stronger argument to sway me.

First of all, you compare NAFTA to the Open Door Policy in China, "which converted many Chinese people into opium addicts." I could be wrong, but I don't think Mexico is getting drugs as part of the deal.

Next, you talk about moving jobs out of the country. The only companies that would "translocate" are ones that would probably be moving in the next few years anyway, and without NAFTA, they would likely move to some other country that doesn't buy nearly as many American products as Mexico. True, the Mexican workers would probably not get American high wages, but isn't any job better than nothing?

As far as environmental and labor issues, Mexico needs NAF-

TA much more than we do, so it is more than willing to conform to American standards (admittedly still not perfect, but far better than current standards).

These are just some of the arguments I've heard. I'm sure there are some arguments for your side, but between you and Senor Perot, I've yet to hear a strong one.

**Steve Johnson  
Finance**

**Vicious Meland**

In his commentary, "Genetic engineering: Stop the race for perfection" (ODE, Oct. 12), Marius Meland notes some of the possibilities of genetic engineering: cures and prevention of AIDS, heart disease and cancer. What could be more vicious than calling for a halt to prevent diseases?

The reason Meland gives for halting them could be. Meland insists that genetic engineering must be stopped. Not because someone might be hideously deformed, but because someone might "enhance a genetic trait." People might permanently rid themselves of acne, or be beautiful rather than ugly, or thin rather than fat!

Only altruism and egalitarianism could rationalize the desire that lives be sacrificed so that other people can't be perfect. Altruism is the moral code that demands sacrifice. Egalitarianism demands sacrifice and damns anyone who would be better than another. This is the premise behind Meland's question, "Do we really want to be perfect?" Because choosing to become beautiful implies that beauty is better than ugliness, the egalitarian demands sacrifice to the ugly of those who would be made beautiful — and then the sacrifice of those who would not die of cancer.

People face an ultimate choice: your code of sacrifice or your life. Only Ayn Rand's morality of rational egoism, which condemns sacrifice, can stop creatures like Meland and Jeremy Rifkin.

**Damon A. Cole  
Mathematics**

**Register!**

Today is the last day for you to register to vote in the Nov. 9 election. There are drop boxes in Prince Lucien Campbell Hall, Oregon Hall, the University Bookstore, Hamilton dining area and the ASUO office (Suite 4 EMU).

There are cards at each of these locations, and it only takes a couple of minutes to fill one out and drop it in the box.

If you have moved since the last time you registered, you need to register. If your name has changed since the last time you registered, you need to re-register.

Don't confuse being an Oregon resident for voting purposes with the in-state and out-of-state tuition policies. If you reside in Oregon you can register to vote in the state of Oregon. Don't let the day go by without registering to vote!

**Thomas Huckaba  
ASUO Executive Staff**

**Studies flawed**

To Chris Stringer, I would say that I agree wholeheartedly that homosexuals shouldn't be persecuted. I do, however, want to

address some of the issues you are raising in your letter to the editor (ODE, Oct. 13).

First, not having same-gender sex in the past year does not by default make you straight (at least not more than not having opposite-gender sex makes you gay). Anyone who has an appreciation of "coming out" issues would understand why this number could be large.

Second, I cannot find your percentage of gay people in the latest "sex study" (Janus Report, 1993, tables 3.14-16). According to this report, 9 percent of the male population is having "frequent" or "on-going" sexual encounters with men. If you add the people who have male-to-male sex only "occasionally," the figure rises to 20 percent.

Thus I think the 10 percent figure is justified on the basis of current (and historical) scientific data.

**Bjorn S. Pettersen  
Finance**

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