

LETTERS

Gay-bashing

Gay-bashing is unconstitutional, unlawful, illegal discrimination against homosexual or bisexual people, despite the fact that existing laws forbid discrimination against any minority.

The oldest laws forbidding such discrimination especially forbid discrimination against gays in matters of housing, employment and public accommodations (as specified in the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution).

Surprisingly, although gay-bashing is several years old, judges, especially on the Supreme Court, have failed to declare gay-bashing unconstitutional, although gay-bashing legislation directly contradicts the rights of everyone under the 14th Amendment, including gays.

Gay-bashing "legislation" forbids government to "facilitate" homosexuality, such as permitting gays to march in parades like those of the Eugene Celebration or St. Patrick's Day that take place on public streets. The 14th Amendment doesn't permit forbidding government to facilitate heterosexuality, so it can't forbid government from forbidding "minority sex" practiced by homosexuals, either.

Everyone is some kind of a minority at one time or another and can't be discriminated against by government, business, labor, etc. under the 14th Amendment, which protects general public accommodations for all citizens.

Government can't forbid gays to use public streets, buildings, or parks or to march in public. Government must facilitate access to public facilities, equal rights and public institutions for everyone: majorities and minorities alike.

The above-mentioned public policies have been analyzed at length. The major goal to be achieved is to have courts, especially the Supreme Court, declare gay bashing illegal, and/or completely unconstitutional, which would call for government to facilitate access to all public accommodations for all parties: majorities and social, cultural and religious-type minorities, such as gays.

J.J. Albi
Eugene

Castigated

"Students show bridge solutions" was the headline the editors chose for the *Emerald* article (Oct. 28) concerning the Oct. 27 public forum conducted by

the architecture department. All except one of the student projects, as I recall, expanded the present Ferry Street Bridge to six or more lanes. This is what Eugene city planners, a few of whom were in the audience, advocate.

However, a more accurate lead to the article would have been: "Public castigates students' bridge expansion proposals." The bulk of the forum was taken up by speaker after speaker from the audience condemning these plans to dump more cars into Eugene and design our transportation system to look more like LA's or Houston's. When the students weren't on the defensive, it was city traffic engineer Dave Reinhard who had to directly field the audience's polite hostility.

To be fair to the students, they were required under the ground rules to build something. Why didn't someone design an alternative-modes bridge adjacent to and just west of the Ferry Street Bridge, as had been suggested many times in the past? Why has Eugene refused to seriously consider this obvious and logical possibility, as it is required to do under federal and state land-use law?

Eugene's downtown is pock-marked with parking lots and

choked with cars. The blight spreads in all directions and will only be made worse by adding car lanes to the Ferry Street Bridge. We love Eugene. Keep the Ferry Street Bridge at four car lanes!

Junior Robertson
Eugene

Multiculturalism

What issues should be considered regarding a multicultural requirement?

The Assembly Committee on Multicultural Curriculum, according to its charge to consult widely, asks for your help in framing the issues the committee will explore.

The committee wishes to define the issues by December and thereafter narrow the discussion to possible approaches.

Written comments are encouraged between now and Nov. 19.

Please speak to either: (A) the issues surrounding the University's current race, gender and

non-European-American requirement; or (B) the issues surrounding possible changes to the current requirement.

If possible, categorize your comments according to specific areas of the committee's charge:

1. Substantive issues motivating considerations
2. Fiscal issues
3. Curricular issues

The committee may ask for elaboration on issues brought to its attention.

In later stages, the committee will solicit comments and information on implementation strategies once the committee proceeds to that point.

Written comments may be sent to myself, at the Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences, Eugene, OR 97403-1253, or may be mailed to the University Faculty Secretary, 103 Johnson Hall.

Paul Engelking
Chairman
Assembly Committee on
Multicultural Curriculum

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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



NOV. 1-7

THE BEER GARDENS In the EMU Dining Room

Friday Night Lineup

November

- 5 • *Love, Death and Agriculture* (R & B/Jazz)
w/ Peter Wilde (Acoustic Folk Rock)
- 12 • *envelope* (From S. F.)
- 19 • *Sage* (Frasch from Seattle)
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CULTURAL FORUM

Graphic Lights, Collective Memory

—Monday, November 8 through Saturday, November 20

Artists Virginia Sands and David Starr exhibit their works in neon light and collage "media art" at the EMU Gallery from November 8 through November 20.

Public Reception at the Gallery, November 9

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Gallery open Mon-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sat. and Sun. 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

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EMU Cultural Forum presents...

The 1994 Willamette Valley Folk Festival

New Song Contest!

Wednesday
Nov 10, 7 to 10 PM.
EMU Fir Room

Stop on in at the Cultural Forum (Suite 2, EMU) to sign up for preliminary Round One of the contest - sign up is happening NOW!

Sign-up NOW at the Cultural Forum or call 346-4373 for more information!

Parliamentary Procedure Robert's Rules of Order Consensus

This workshop will be facilitated by **Frank J. Geltner, Jr., Ph.D.** Member, National Association of Parliamentarians

This workshop will review the continuum of decision-making processes from majority to consensus.

Free to UO organizations. \$10.00 to all others.

Saturday, November 6, 1993
10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Walnut Room (at Post Office)
Erb Memorial Union
Register or info: 346-0007

Child Care Openings: The EMU Child Care and Development Centers have openings for full time preschooler and kindergarten age children. We also have some part time openings for toddlers. For application information, please call 346-4384.

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