

LETTERS

Some 'forum'

Yesterday, while sitting in Room 185 PLC waiting for a class to start, I noticed an announcement written on the blackboard saying something the likes of "Come see Congressperson (apparently he somehow tragically lost his gender) Peter DeFazio, tonight!" along with the time and place he would be appearing.

Folks, that's really funny, because I've been trying to organize an appearance for Ernie Garrett, who will be running against DeFazio next November, for a few months now. In this pursuit, I have been stonewalled by both College Republicans (perhaps the most impotent and pathetically unorganized student group on this campus) and by the EMU Cultural Forum.

For a University from whose students and professors I've heard no end of whining about how difficult it is for any challenger to unseat an incumbent, the people I've tried to cooperate with certainly help facilitate this situation. The gentleman I talked to at the Cultural Forum said, "I can't look like I'm endorsing a particular candidate." Nevertheless, all DeFazio has to do is left a finger in order to have a big event organized for him on campus.

As much as I hate to make speculative accusations, could it be that the Cultural Forum made life difficult for me because Ernie Garrett is a Republican?

Ernie Garrett is an open-minded, charismatic and extremely personable fellow, so much so that he has recently become an advocate for the legalization of hemp for industrial use. I urge all of you to find out more about this dynamic new candidate.

Sean Smith
Political Science

Full support

I have recently come to discover that Leslie Warren is running for ASUO president and I am in full support of her intentions. The students at the University should consider themselves very fortunate to have such a fine candidate on the ballot. Leslie has been very active in student affairs from the time she stepped on campus and certainly has proved to be an effective vice president during the last several months. She is committed to the issues and gives student concerns priority over her personal agenda.

It was only after I met Leslie that I was compelled to run for an ASUO Executive position last year, despite all the reservations I had about politics. The election certainly became interesting and I can honestly say that the whole ordeal was a great experience. Regrettably, having kept a low profile at the University, the recognition factor regarding my name and accomplishments denied Leslie the opportunity to serve as president this year. However, this time she has joined forces with a vice presidential candidate worthy of her stature. Together, Leslie Warren and Mark Rhinard offer a balanced and well-positioned ticket, capable of converting any challenge into a success.

Mark Johnson
Lake Oswego

Control?

In the April 13 *Emerald*, (ASUO presidential candidate) Todd Barnhart claims that he has the ability and experience to provide leadership and help students take control of their lives and cites his involvement with Amazon as an example of that leadership. Let me set the record straight. If Mr. Barnhart has his

way, half of Amazon would have been bulldozed by now. When the administration needed a token student to speak up against preserving Amazon housing, Mr. Barnhart was their man.

When the students at Amazon attended a Westmoreland family housing meeting to discuss the issue directly with Westmoreland student families, the students from both complexes wanted to form a joint task force to try to come up with ways to save Amazon and keep rents low for all family housing.

Mr. Barnhart declared that that was not the way to do it. He said the Family Housing Board, on which he was a student representative, was the place to do that. When we said that his position as student representative meant that he should present the views of the students he represented to that board, he threw a "nutty." "You can't do that," he screamed. When it looked like the students who wanted the task force had enough votes to win, Mr. Barnhart stomped his feet, sprang from his seat, threw his books, sucked his teeth, mumbled to himself, stormed out of the room and slammed the door.

That final action deprived the meeting and the students of a quorum, so no legally binding vote could be made. If this is the behavior you want to see displayed by your ASUO president, then vote for Todd Barnhart. I guarantee that is just what you'll get.

Pat Saisi
Public Affairs
and Amazon Resident

Ozone tag?

Have you ever spent your school day running around a grass field playing ozone tag with 30 third-graders, held a kids' environmental fair on the downtown mall or debated the

tuna/fisherman issue with a middle school biology class? If your answer is "yes," you are probably looking forward to doing it again. Or, if your answer is "no," you may be thinking, "Gosh, that sounds like a whole lot of fun. How can I become involved with educating kids on preserving our environment?"


The best way to become involved is by joining OSPIRG's Environmental Education project group. Two years ago, as a member of the South Eugene High School Environmental Club, my favorite club activity was a salmon debate staged by University OSPIRG students. Therefore, last fall, when I enrolled as a student at the University (a University that has unfortunately lost its undergraduate education pro-

gram), I found this to be an excellent way to kill two birds with one stone. I have been able to pursue my dual interests in protecting our environment and getting hands-on experience with teaching kids.

This term, you too can join the Environmental Education group and expand your theatrical experience by acting in our Earth Day play to be performed before 550 middle school students, design activities for our Kids' Environmental Awareness Fair on the mall (Saturday, April 23) or help kids prepare for their school science fair projects.


If you are interested, call OSPIRG at 346-4377.

Rachel Hewitt
OSPIRG



One World. It's A Battleground. One World. Are We Going To Smash It Down? One World, One World.

The hard truth is, that we only have one world and without it we cannot exist. Yet, knowing this isn't stopping us from destroying our home. Each year we dump fourteen billion pounds of trash into the sea. That's more than 120,000,000 pounds of trash for every species of marine mammal. In order for the Register Guard to print the Sunday paper for its readers, one thousand and one hundred trees must be cut down. How many Sundays are there in a year? That's a lot of trees. This planet is in more trouble than the American economy and someone needs to help it. Musicians have the medium with which they can inform the masses of the problems facing our world. Many, like Pink Floyd, are doing so. Join The Survival Center in celebrating Earth Day, and hear what it's all about. Call 346-4356 for today's program schedule. For more information call: 346-1529.

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