

LETTERS

Art and courage

Producing art is an act of immense courage. There are only a few people from any population on earth who are artists. They bare their souls to tell their feelings. Whether by the written word or the visual, an artist takes great risks to tell his or her vision of the truth.

When their truth is agreed with by the general population, there is an overall acceptance of their work, hence "beauty is truth." There is another side, though a term has yet to be coined, in which truth isn't always beautiful.

Feelings revealed aren't easy to understand all the time by all people. The artist struggles to produce work that portrays feelings she might have. These feelings are clear to the artist and true. If they weren't, the artist would not push them from her soul. Artists need to do this. They must strive for a universal understanding of feelings. That is the true calling of an artist.

Works of art that get out of the studio and into the public view take on a more universal truth. They become public displays of feelings.

Bare truth, not necessarily easy to comprehend and not necessarily nice to look at, but nevertheless truth.

It is not the task, right or privilege of anyone to deny the bearing of truth. This is America; we live in a society full of all kinds of truth.

Therefore, it is imperative that the truth at the EMU Art Gallery be freed. Curtailing (curtaining) art works is not what the University is about. Searching for freedom from oppression in thought, word and vision is what education is about.

This great university where people come from all parts of the world in search of truth and knowledge should not be shamed by cowardice.

Take down the shroud that surrounds a black cloud of death

over free thought.

Open the Art Gallery to freedom, light and vision.

Catherine Burke
Eugene

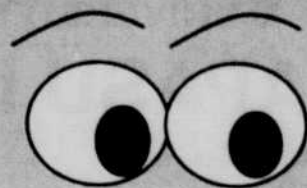
Evidence not valid

Unsafe sex, not sexual orientation, is the cause for sexually transmitted diseases. I'm sure that Larry Allwander and other Oregon Citizens Alliance spokespersons know this fact. Still, he blames those diseases on an homosexual sexual orientation (ODE Aug. 22). He cites bogus statistics to make his point and urges voters to vote affirmative on state Ballot Measure 13. That ballot measure would deprive people with a homosexual sexual orientation of their basic constitutional rights to seek protection if arbitrarily denied a job, housing or access to public accommodations. That is mean-spirited and unjust.

As stated, Allwander's statistics are inaccurate. He fails to cite what population sample was used to derive at these statistics. He fails to cite when these statistics were obtained. Both population sample and dates are important variables if we are to accept his statistics as valid. Moreover, how will passage of state Ballot Measure 13 affect efforts to cut back on the spread of sexually transmitted diseases?

At least Allwander and myself share one thing. We both are concerned about the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, particularly AIDS. So why doesn't the Oregon Citizens Alliance drop its opposition to teaching the scientific facts about what causes the spread of such disease. It's not sexual orientation. Let's begin to respect every human being as they were created. Let's teach people about safe sex and let's vote NO on state Ballot Measure 13.

Jacob Velduisen
Eugene



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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28, 1994
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6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

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A trip is being planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
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