

■ LETTERS

**Offended**

We are offended by the decision to allow the advertising supplement from the Human Life Alliance in Friday's (Mar. 10) issue of the ODE. The rhetoric presented in this propaganda is damaging for many reasons.

- It encourages intolerance which can lead to violence in this volatile issue surrounding a woman's right to choose.
- It promotes feelings of guilt for those who have been involved in having to make the decision to have an abortion.
- It stigmatizes a safe, legal medical procedure.
- It contributes to divisiveness in our community.
- It presents ideological views as scientific fact.

We respect the First Amendment right to free speech, but we feel that to allow this advertising was poor editorial judgment. *The Register-Guard* and all of the other major newspapers in Oregon refuse to run OCA advertising. The editor told us today that she chose to not to run a Playboy advertisement on International Women's Day. Certainly the editor should have used comparable standards in choosing to run this advertisement.

We suggest that the paper create an advertising committee in order to have a variety of opinions serve the University community.

Marcia Latta  
Journalism  
Sarah Sanford  
Undeclared

**Appalled**

Imagine my surprise when I was asked if I had "seen the *Emerald* yet today?" (Mar. 10). I was amazed at what I saw — our campus newspaper allowing a 12-page anti-choice advertisement. I was stunned and absolutely appalled.

I cannot believe that someone had the audacity to allow such a publication to enter the campus

newspaper. The entire piece is rhetoric and propaganda. The information is inaccurate and deceitful (e.g. the fetuses depicted at "six weeks," "16 weeks" and "20 weeks" are, in fact, further developed than the caption reads). As well, I cannot believe that a piece which favors taking away the human freedom of choice was added to the *Emerald*. If there was a 12-page advertisement telling women that if they are pregnant, they should have abortions because a child will ruin their life, would it be allowed to run? I doubt it.

I do not believe that I or anyone else can say that abortion is right or wrong for everyone. That is a decision that every woman must make for herself and a choice which must remain available to her.

If we take away a woman's choice to terminate pregnancy, how long will it be until we take away all of women's reproductive freedoms? Will we go so far as to revert back to forced sterilizations as advocated by our former president Theodore Roosevelt, which he believed necessary to "maintain race purity?" I hope that we will not see such a tragedy occur in this "free" country.

A woman has the right to choose what happens to her body. Besides, what is worse — a fetus removed six weeks after conception or a child killed from abuse six years after birth?

Kim Thomas  
Psychology

**Oregon's 187**

I attended a panel discussion which was part of the E-Law Conference at the University of Oregon in Gilbert Hall. One of the panelists, Ms. Yeh Ling Ling, the

California Outreach Coordinator for the Population Environment Balance organization stated that Oregon needed to enact a law similar to Proposition 187 because the estimated 300,000 illegals arriving yearly are largely responsible for the damage to the U.S. environment because they have too many children. I see this statement as a blatant effort to cloak racism in the garments of environmentalism and therefore making it sound politically correct.

H.B. 2933 is the Oregon version of California's Proposition 187. Just because the voters of California did something stupid does not obligate people in Oregon to do the same thing. I would urge the readers of this letter to get a copy of H.B. 2933, read it and contact your representatives, such as Sen. Peter Sorenson and Rep. Cynthia Wooten in Salem and tell them what you think of this bill.

G. Dennis Shine  
Springfield

**Read X**

Have you had the time to take a look at the new 'zine called X that floats around campus? I read the ODE every day, but X just gives people like me a chance to read something a little more risqué. A few of my friends have been complaining lately about how the ODE is boring.

Well, what they don't understand is that it's a University newspaper, not an entertainment 'zine. So, I'd just like to let all of you *Emerald* readers out there know that if you want news, read the ODE, but if you want entertainment, read X.

Jennifer Johnston  
Political Science

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