

LETTERS

Kids protected

Paul Van Sickle quotes the Constitution (ODE, March 31) but doesn't seem to understand it. The freedoms of speech and religion are only permissible to the point where they don't infringe on the rights of others.

While schooling (which is only marginally under the discretion of the parents), clothing, diet and discipline (as long as it is not abuse) may be up to the parents, the child's life is not one of their liberties. Once a child is born, it is protected by the Constitution, which includes the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Without life, the rest is commentary.

As to the assertion that Oregon courts have imposed Judeo-Christian values upon the Hays, they were Christians and I don't see how the courts have pressed any religious beliefs upon the Hays. The courts here have made the Hays responsible for their decision to ignore the advice of experts that could have saved the life of their child.

A child is not chattel that is owned by the parent. A parent has a responsibility to act in the best interest of the child. This is illustrated by the laws against child abuse, child labor and laws making education mandatory.

While I respect the rights of the parents to religious freedom and expression, their decision was child abuse in the form of neglect. A 7-year-old child doesn't have the maturity to choose a lifestyle, be it religious or otherwise. I'm willing to say that a 7-year-old child doesn't have many religious views. This child didn't choose his religion; that's not a particular problem until we talk about the right every person, even toddlers, have under our Constitution: the right to live. The welfare of children should not be susceptible to the religious beliefs of the parent and legally this is fact. This has nothing to do with Judeo-Christian values. This has to do with basic human values. These people were exercising

a constitutional right, but they took it to a point where they were infringing on the rights of another person protected by the Constitution — their son.

Heather Wade
Physics

Join YWCA

As we begin a new term, I'd like to ask the University community for support. During Women's History Month, I marveled at the irony of the situation of the YWCA of Eugene. As one of the oldest student groups on campus, we once enjoyed a membership of thousands. Currently, we are wondering about our future.

Like most student groups operated by students with incidental fees, our membership fluctuates yearly with a high turnover of directors and we need your help. Our goals to eliminate racism and sexism are certainly crucial to our community and our national and local resources are amazing. We are trying to make the University community aware that we need your support as active members.

The opportunities to be involved are endless, both within our group and in others. We are currently hiring a director and an assistant director for next year and we are also looking for volunteers willing to make a commitment this term and, we hope, through next year. In particular, we need students to help with fund raising, public relations, budgeting, events planning and management.

The YWCA is holding a meeting Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the YWCA building, 841 E. 18th (18th and Alder). If you cannot attend but are interested in volunteering or have suggestions for activities or programs, please call me at 346-4439 or leave a note in the YWCA box in the ASUO, Suite 4 EMU.

If you don't get involved with us, please support another student group that interests you. The

rewards are countless.

Nicole Sabourin
Interim Director, YWCA

No benefit?

OSPIRG has accomplished many things in the past and will continue to be a vital part of the campus for the student and community for the citizen. The main project this term for OSPIRG and PIRGs nationally is the "Earth Day: Free the Planet" campaign. This year is the 25th anniversary of Earth Day's inception in 1970. Members of OSPIRG and the other PIRG's are working to collect one million signatures by July 4 to send to Congress in support of a clean environment. The OSPIRG chapter at the University is working to collect 5,000 signatures.

Among the other accomplishments by OSPIRG were:

1. Working for the passage of SB 66, the Oregon Recycling Act, in 1991. — the toughest recycling law in the nation.
2. Working to expand the Superfund law in the late 1980s to reduce the amount of toxic chemicals released into the environment.
3. Working for the passage of Measure 9, the campaign finance reform initiative, in the last general election. The passage of Measure 9 limits the amount of money individuals and political-action committees can contribute to campaigns.

Currently, OSPIRG is working against passage of SB 279, which would eliminate the use of recycled plastic in food packages. OSPIRG is also working to expand the current bottle bill passed in 1971 to include drink containers not currently covered under the bill to reduce litter and provide more of an incentive to recycle.

Therefore, I can't understand what people mean when they say that OSPIRG isn't benefiting them.

Mark English
History

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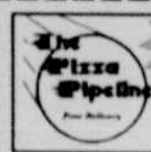
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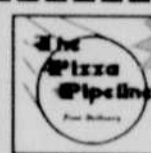
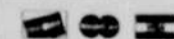
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