

■ LETTERS

Thanks

Dr. Good and I would like to thank you for your endorsement of our campaign in the April 11 editorial. We promised to advertise with your quality journal of objectivity since that usually gets the advertiser on the front cover (witness the Duck Stop Coffee Shop in the Bookstore and Hilary Street Market to name but two).

However, I thought we had agreed upon a small advertisement in the back. You told us the editorial page was up for grabs for the measly price of \$300, but I believe we explained that was ethically unsound and fiscally unattainable. Thank you anyway, but we'll stick to doing business with journals like the *Oregon Commentator* and the *Student Insurgent* who don't sell their beliefs to the highest bidder.

J. Edward Good
Thom Schoenborn
ASUO Executive candidates

Editors note: The editorial on April 11 was not an endorsement. The Emerald endorsement for ASUO Executive will appear Monday.

Details

While it pains me to dignify yesterday's editorial with a response, I believe it is necessary to clear up a few insignificant details.

• The editors of your paper must have little experience with the actual layout of the publication.

If they had this rudimentary knowledge, they would know that advertisements and copy are not laid out by the same people. In fact, advertisements are laid down first — I believe your paper calls them run sheets, perhaps the editorial board has seen one. Copy is then placed around the advertisements. Therefore, the "ominous" fact that a paid political advertisement appeared on the same page as a piece by one of the candidates is a coincidence only related to the size of the advertisement and the length of the article (*Commentator*, April 10, page 11).

The ad in question was rather ineffective, considering it failed to mention the names of Good and Schoenborn, or anything more significant than their revolting nature and their presence in a dwelling.

All candidates are welcome to approach the *Commentator* for similar political advertisements (although I would recommend employing a better ad designer). We offer lower rates for political candidates because we value the sanctity of political speech over all other forms. Likewise, we also have a letters section where we

print every relevant letter we receive. Letters about politics, campaigns and ballot measures would receive the highest priority.

I discussed this policy with managing editor Dave Thorn on Monday, but he failed to inform *Emerald* readers of the accessibility other candidates have to the *Commentator* in his editorial.

• While the Reverend Schoenborn and the good Dr. Good were mentioned in "What Rules & What Drools," under the headline of "Drunken Exploits," it was only an off-handed mention of their candidacy. No endorsement was even suggested (page 5).

Incidentally, *Emerald* entertainment editor Trista Noel shared the same spotlight when we off-handedly critiqued her subject matter of television shows she likes and what she has in her cupboards. Furthermore, the *Emerald* received two other mentions in the issue for their commitment to excellence in AP wire stories and coverage of hard news.

• In a public service announcement, the platform of Good/Schoenborn was listed first. The *Emerald* failed to mention the PSA explicitly stated they were "in no particular order of importance," (page 7). But since I'm under the gun here, I will confess the actual significance of the order — I listed the candidates in the order that I was able to contact them. The horror.

The April 10 issue of the *Oregon Commentator* was hardly an exercise in campaigning. We relentlessly pursue articles and feast upon issues that are too difficult for passively bloated publications like the *Emerald* to handle. If we also wanted to run a campaign out of our office, we would have made a more concerted effort to do it well. The late and great Frank Zappa once said, "if they can't take a joke then fuck 'em." You probably get the point by now.

While there was certainly more to criticize in the latest issue of the *Commentator*, I now see the apparent conflict of interest and

will fire Good and Schoenborn from their voluntary positions immediately.

Dr. Good and Reverend Schoenborn thank the *Emerald* for the publicity and they remind the students to get out and vote on April 19 and 20.

Owen Brennan Rounds
Publisher, *Oregon Commentator*

They provide a tenant handbook that helps students make informed decisions about renting apartments. OSPIRG sets out tables for student activities about vital issues such as recycling toxins, endangered species, hunger and homelessness and so on. They are now currently involved in the "Free the Planet" petition drive.

These activities are only a small sample of the many things that they do for the school. I am really glad that I have gotten a chance to work with OSPIRG and I encourage anyone else who cares about these issues to get involved as well. It's a great group that deserves to be funded now and in the future.

Gabrielle Kaufman
Environmental Studies

Wonderful

This year is my first year in which I have been involved with OSPIRG. Working within the group, I have seen the many wonderful things that OSPIRG has done for the students at the University and the surrounding community as well.

■ LETTERS POLICY

The *Oregon Daily Emerald* will attempt to print all letters containing comments on topics of interest to the University community.

The *Emerald* reserves the right to edit any letter for length or style.

Mary Fisher

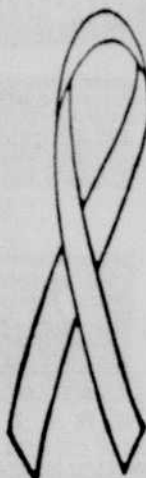
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A talk about AIDS with
Mary Fisher

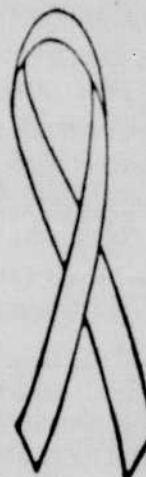
Founder, Family AIDS Network, Inc.



Photo by David Hume Kennedy



Mary Fisher is the founder of Family AIDS Network, Inc., a national nonprofit organization that heightens community and national awareness in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Perhaps best known for her impassioned speech at the 1992 Republican National Convention, Ms. Fisher is committed to sharing her personal experience as an individual and mother with HIV to further the understanding of the impact this disease is having on families. She is especially interested in calling attention to the extraordinary service provided by caregivers in this epidemic.



Thursday, April 13, 1995
9:00 a.m.
McArthur Court
University of Oregon

Introduction by University of Oregon President Dave Frohnmayer. Question and answer session moderated by Tracy Berry of KEZI-TV. Cosponsored by the Eugene Rotary Club, Eugene Symphony, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, HIV Alliance and Acorn House Hospice, Lane County Medical Alliance, Lane County Medical Society, Lane County Public Health, McKenzie-Willamette Hospital, Sacred Heart General Hospital and the University of Oregon.

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