

LETTERS

Distortions

In reply to Brian Womack's column (ODE, May 2), Womack's discussion of marijuana contains obvious and dangerous distortions. He trots out the statistics concerning the spread of AIDS by means of IV drug use and the incidence of crack use by juvenile delinquents. Neither of these statistics has anything to do with pot. Pot is not crack or heroin.

We do say "just say maybe" to kids concerning alcohol and tobacco (if legal status indeed sends that message, which I doubt), and it is certainly dishonest and harmful to put grass in a class with cocaine and heroin, or even alcohol. Kids have an eye on the dishonesty of their elders and lumping those highly dangerous drugs together with the relatively innocuous cannabis constitutes major mendacity. Young people would be better served by an open discussion of all drugs, including the far more dangerous alcohol and tobacco, instead of just lumping them together and forbidding the innocuous with the deadly.

The point is that it is precisely because grass is not as dangerous as other drugs (including alcohol and tobacco) that we should legalize it. Right now, the worst thing that can happen to you from smoking pot is to get arrested for it. Millions of people use it responsibly in this country and you shouldn't have to land in jail for a little Saturday night fun.

P.S.: Gingrich should be on your list of former pot smokers as well.

Joseph Renaud
German

Biased

This letter is concerning the recent elections at the University. My concern is that of fair and proper journalism. After examining what you published in your biased and non-printworthy editorial April 27, I felt something had to be said.

First, I would like to discuss the bias and libelous acts against the Kantrowitz/Scott campaign by the Emerald. As responsible and reputable news writers, you should take it upon yourself to follow appropriate journalistic guidelines. In your April 27 issue, you accuse Kantrowitz/Scott of "underhanded campaign tricks," when in fact their campaign slogan of "thank you for your support" was aimed at students and not at your "newspaper." If you would have questioned either Chris or Niki about the flyer, I am sure your words would not have represented a false and unprecedented view of these two outstanding ex-candidates.

At least one good thing came out of your poor journalism — your ex-readers will now turn to the Oregon Commentator. At least they admit that they are a "journal of opinion." If that doesn't say enough, let me put it this way. Your rag is losing popularity among the students. Upon the lately published articles (football scandals and the recent campaign), your newspaper is rated below losing to the Beavers.

In the same editorial you also say that Kantrowitz/Scott "seem to be lacking" professionalism.

May I at least make reference to Jen [Williamson] and Zach [Kelton's] feverish attempts to undermine the Kantrowitz/Scott campaign. In real professionalism, Jen and Zach would have concentrated on what they could do to improve their campaign instead of seeing what they could do to destroy their opponents' outstanding platforms and strong backgrounds.

Don't get me wrong, I understand it is the right to endorse a candidate, but I also know that it is wrong to display a biased judgment to destroy another campaign. What the Emerald did is QAP (Quality Assured Propaganda). You should take credit in Jen and Zach's victory. After all, nothing else could. May the lords of thunder have mercy on this campus next year.

Larry Thompson
Eugene

Half-baked

Michael Endicott, in his May 1 commentary, writes he is offended, inflamed and feels slandered by the statement "All men are potential rapists." I suggest he try this on for size: All women are potential rape victims. Talk about feeling slandered and inflamed, eh?

No, not every man in the world is a rapist and I would even disagree to an extent with the "All men are potential rapists" statement. How I choose to interpret this is that women need to be aware of the possibility of being raped. As we all know, thanks to the excellent rape awareness programs here, a rapist can range from any random man on the street to a previously trusted friend to an authority figure. This is the message meant to be spread by "All men are potential rapists."

No one is accusing every man of raping; not every man would. Yet when one out of 12 college men surveyed has admittedly done something that meets the legal definition of rape or attempted rape, the odds of every man being a rapist becomes frighteningly high.

I would like to applaud Endicott for his suggestion of creating an ASUO Men's Center. The reason women have support centers is because we actively sought out female companionship, sisterhood and togetherness. If any man honestly feels the need for organized male companionship, then he has every right to form a men's group. As long as the purpose is truly to create a safe environment to express men's concerns and compose a sense of brotherhood and not to mock or "get back" at women's groups, by all means, go ahead and establish a group.

Women have fought to get our own studies curriculum because we have been estranged from "regular" courses; hence women's history as opposed to "regular" history, feminist philosophy as opposed to "regular" philosophy. And though I don't necessarily agree with Endicott and his half-baked ideas, at least he's making active suggestions, letting his opinions be known and doing something other than complaining about those "femi-nazi bitches" like others we've all heard.

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