

Worms in Apple

Early this summer I succumbed to the University's tempting offer to purchase a Power Macintosh 6100 with a DOS card at about \$200 less than retail.

After repeated calls to the Computing Center, the machine arrived only 14 weeks later. I was told that Apple simply could not deliver computers "due to a shortage of power supplies;" although, retailers in Eugene have these computers in stock all summer.

Upon moving applications into the machine, including the DOS application that I intended to use for teaching, I ran into problems.

Another call to the Computing Center landed a consultant, who explained that I had to buy more memory if I really wanted to run PC programs. "O.K.," I said. "The program requires 8 megabytes to run."

"Sorry," was the response. "That card only supports 4 or 16 megabyte modules!"

Now, where do I get the impression that I have been misled?

About \$600 later, the application still fails. An Apple consultant said that the DOS card is not entirely DOS-compatible, and Apple has known this for some time.

Several PC programs will not run on the Power Mac. No one at Apple seems to know why and at present there is no fix. However, they will be happy to sell you computers with "DOS Compatible" printed on the front case and will gladly accommodate

your subsequent need to upgrade them!

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Pro or con?

Political pandering by Gordon Smith, a candidate in the Republican primary for Bob Packwood's U.S. Senate seat, has reached a new low.

Last March, speaking at the Dorchester Conference in front of predominantly pro-choice, mainstream Republicans, Smith declared that "abortion should be safe, legal and rare."

Six months later, facing two pro-choice, GOP opponents in the primary (i.e. Norma Paulus and Jack Roberts), Smith is talking "pro-life" and has even accepted the endorsement of the Oregon Citizens Alliance!

Smith calculates that Paulus and Roberts will split the mainstream moderate Republican votes, possibly handing him the majority in the primary from the Republican far-right.

Norma Paulus has consistently opposed the OCA's and the "Christian" right's plans to cram their narrow, oppressive agendas down the throats of Oregon schools and communities. Considering this element has slithered into power in her own party, the courage in her stance is significant.

I believe Republicans will remember and reward the long years of statewide service Norma Paulus has performed with integrity and thoughtful leadership. This kind of experience and savvy will serve Oregon well in the U.S. Senate.

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