

Hypocrites

The liberal community at the University was embarrassed last Wednesday by a few of its less courteous and thoughtful members.

Gordon Smith came to campus to meet with students and discuss higher education issues. However, during his speech in the EMU Breezeway, Smith was interrupted by those unable to form an intelligent response and unwilling to discuss issues with an open mind. While Smith tried to talk about his record on education, these individuals hid behind their chants of ignorant protest.

In addition, individuals or groups on this campus took it upon themselves to remove posters publicizing Smith's visit from billboards in PLC, the EMU and Gilbert Hall. Whoever was responsible for this should take a long, hard look at their own beliefs on the "freedom of ideas."

They also risk being hypocrites if they ever again criticize Richard Nixon — for they demonstrated the same political ethics as the Watergate conspirators.

Perhaps the next time Gordon Smith comes to campus (and don't dare complain if he doesn't), those hecklers in the liberal community will present themselves in a more constructive manner by welcoming different ideas with open minds and intelligent responses.

Mark Numainville
Political Science

Oppressive donation

As the University is celebrating the \$25 million donation from Phil Knight, Nike co-founder, we should understand the source of these funds. In the quest for cheap labor, Nike shifted production to Indonesia where young women workers earn \$1.35 per day.

A recent International Labor Organization sponsored study indicated that 88 percent of the women earning an Indonesian minimum wage were malnourished.

Jeremy Brecher and Tim

Costello in *Global Village or Global Pillage* describe the deplorable working conditions at Nike's Indonesian factories.

Although Nike agreed to abide by the Global Sourcing Guidelines, Nike requires the women to work as many as "12 hours a day and houses them in barracks which they may leave only with permission from management."

As the University faces this fiscal crisis, students and faculty should also be aware of some critical funding and academic freedom issues.

Lawrence Soley's *Leasing the Ivory Tower* demonstrates how corporate gifts and endowments to universities actually siphon funds away from education. These revenues are diverted to grants officers, fund-raiser positions, corporate research parks and high-paid hustlers who sell university research and research findings at bargain prices and create an infrastructure that maintains this funding bureaucracy.

As Soley points out, "this self-perpetuated cycle" explains why class sizes have increased, tuition rates have soared and why gross professional salaries have increased substantially while the salaries of individual professors, especially in the social sciences and humanities have "increased only modestly."

Julia D. Fox
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Books, not bombs

You're nuts to say public school teachers axed by budget myopia in Springfield can simply waltz up to Portland to get jobs. Portland recently terminated more than 10 times as many teachers. It's not a seller's market.

Public education is being cut coast to coast. Yet the United States, most powerful and one of the richest of major industrialized nations, is still one of the worst educated.

Budget shortfall is no reason to fire educators, especially as education is more important than ever in landing a job that pays decently. If we cut anything, let's cut ridiculously exorbitant spending on military

hardware.

We, as a society, should fund our education. We cannot rely on the unanticipated largesse of individual capitalists if we want public education through all levels for all people. We must secure a realistic, progressive approach to financing worthy social endeavors.

Chris Brady
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Breaking down walls

I would like to clearly explain the objectives of Promise Keepers conference in Eugene this summer and dispel some of the misleading and negative information that seems to be circulating about our purpose.

The mission of Promise Keepers is to call Christian men back into accountability through small groups so they can raise the standard of what it means to be godly men.

Our message is one of increased respect and love for our wives and children and a call for greater commitment to our churches and communities.

Last year, through 13 conferences, hundreds of thousands of men made renewed commitments to serve their families with Christ-like love and to support their pastors.

Promise Keepers has not, nor will it ever engage in "hate speech or gay-bashing." In fact, just the opposite is true.

This year, more than 1.5 million men will join together to engage in reconciliation by "Breaking Down the Walls" of racial and denominational division.

It is unfortunate that our culture has persuaded men that there is strength in isolation.

It is our goal in 1996 to educate men about the tools they can use to reconcile and reestablish vital relationships with one another, especially across ethnic and denominational barriers.

Although there is much work to be done toward embracing diversity in the body of Christ, the results so far have been very encouraging. We feel this process of reconciliation will be a crucial requirement to spiritu-

al revival in our land.

I have made copies of pertinent documents from our conference brochure and they are now available at Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship (EMU Suite 5) for anyone who wishes to review them.

It is my hope that through education and dialogue we can find much common ground that will unite us in our quest for the good of the people of our communities.

I hope many of you will come and join us at Autzen Stadium on Aug. 2 and 3 and truly help us "Break Down the Walls".

Dennis Blevins
Promise Keepers State Manager

New card usage

While the article on the new University ID card by Laura Kopshire (*ODE*, May 28) presented a generally good overview of our plans to implement the card this next year, there were material misstatements in the article which need to be corrected.

Specifically, as the card is currently designed and approved there will only be one financial transaction available through the use of the card. A magnetic stripe for "value added" transactions is planned to be on the new ID card to replace the need for separate cards used with library copiers.

Although the University of Oregon Card Taskforce has discussed many options and potential future uses of the card, this is the only approved financial transaction capability of the card for this coming year.

The new ID card will contain the technology which will enable the campus to consider the use of the card for "cashless" transactions in the future. First, however, campus cardholders need to be re-carded and there are a number of eligibility needs to be met on campus.

It will be exciting to see how many creative ways the new University ID card will be used to meet eligibility, access and other needs on campus.

Trent Spradling
UO Card Director

11th Commandment

Three people are dead and though a man has possibly confessed to their killings, the evidence may very well be deemed inadmissible and may be destroyed altogether.

A friend recently told me that because of the recording, the alleged killer will not receive a fair trial. In her words, "Everyone deserves a fair trial."

I realized with that statement that this was no longer a matter of three people who will never again enjoy the pleasure of life, of friends and relatives who will never again receive the joy of their company. It has now become a matter of the separation of church and state, the rights of the church and the rights of the guilty.

If Hale walks, Catholics everywhere may breathe easier knowing Hale's rights were upheld. Relatives of the victims won't breathe easier; they will hope at most that Hale suffers from a guilty conscience (if he is guilty).

Imagine that your child, brother or sister was one of those killed. Would you rally for the rights of the murderer? It's much easier to take a "righteous" stance knowing nothing of the facts, nothing of how it feels to know that the man who possibly deprived three people of life might walk as a testament to the power of the Catholic Church.

I would like the families affected to know that we haven't all lost our senses. I know that though the Bible commands, "Thou shall not kill," there is no commandment anywhere that reads, "Thou shall not tape record conversations between clergy and inmates."

Deborah Bryan

Lane Community College

EDITOR'S NOTE: There seems to be some confusion between Hale's receiving the Sacrament of Confession from a Catholic priest and what Hale actually "confessed to" or said to the priest during that religious rite. The public does not know the contents of the recording and Hale has not been convicted of anything yet. His guilt or innocence will have to be proven by a jury in court.

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