

Parents let Big Brother babysit wayward kids

■ **OUR OPINION:** Society is embracing police state actions with curfew laws

In his recent "State of the Union" address, President Clinton said something to the effect that the era of big government was "over."

That statement is being tested by teenage curfew laws currently being supported by the president and Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole.

With the exception of certain cities like Dallas and New Orleans, other big cities admit that curfew laws are not enforced strictly enough. Some city officials are finding that even when police do try to enforce curfew laws, the results do not point to a huge success rate.

The problem is an obvious logistical one because there are simply not enough police to patrol all the streets — nor is there a budget to pay for that to happen. However, the larger problem represents a dangerous shift in social atti-

tudes and practices.

Americans, specifically parents, are apparently more than willing to sit back and let the police baby-sit their wayward children instead of taking on any parental responsibility themselves. This "new" attitude can only result in an entire generation's lack of discipline and self-respect, let alone respect for authority figures.

Instead of putting more police on the streets to round up every teenager who is out after hours, we should encourage parents to be more involved in the lives of their children. But society needs to go one step further than that.

Because American families are experiencing so many problems, we encourage the government to pass legislation that supports the family.

Forfeiting parental responsibility to the legitimate concern of juvenile crime only hurts families and ultimately society. Are we prepared for the consequences of letting police and the government be the keepers of our kids?

Fears over peace talks may benefit new leader

■ **OUR OPINION:** Israel's new prime minister already feeling the heat

Despite phone calls to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein to assure them of a commitment to peace, many Middle East countries fear that the Israeli-Palestinian peace process has been all but doomed by the election of Benjamin Netanyahu.

And though not all Palestinians share his pessimism, Yasser Arafat was quoted by

an anonymous Western diplomat as saying that Israel not only voted against peace, but that the Jewish nation only wanted peace with Jordan and Egypt. Arafat was also said to be "gloomy" over the election results.

While the world should be slow to make judgments over Netanyahu's policies before they are even known, it is good that the prime minister-elect is feeling the pressure to pursue peace at such an early stage.



LETTERS

Stripping to truth

We need more people like Keith Cunningham in the world today. Referring to his article "Strippers and the self: Where's the humanity?", Keith shows a level of maturity and responsibility that is lacking in some college students (ODE, May 29). While many may share his philosophy, few would go to the trouble to write about it, as he did. It is this type of consciousness-raising article that helps to make our world a better place. Keep up the good work, Keith!

Karie Praszek
General Science

me that someone with the ability and potential that he possesses would stoop to such juvenile methods of gaining attention.

Granted, he does have the attention of many of us here on campus, but sadly he does not have our respect. With the poor quality of the latest articles he has written, he probably will never earn any respect from us, his readers, or from the four men whom he so greatly respects and mentions in his article.

David Kellett
Sociology

"non-discriminatory," I wonder why my views are not accepted. Let's not be so caught up in our causes that we blind ourselves to the rest of the world. Anyone who knows what Promise Keepers is really about will agree that the world needs more "Men of Integrity," and it needs more Promise Keepers.

Rev. Steve Belhumeur
Political Science
Evangelism Volunteer
Coordinator

Quilt donates gratitude

We at HIV Alliance would like to thank the community for your participation in bringing the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Eugene. More than 5,000 people viewed the Quilt during its May 12 through 14 showing at the University. Nearly \$2,000 was donated to our agency so that we may continue our HIV prevention and client services. In addition, more than 300 volunteers came together to make the Quilt's presence here truly memorable.

HIV Alliance is grateful to all those who contributed to the event's success. A special thanks to Joanne Frank, Annie Dochnahl, Bonnie Kanter, Glenn Matchett-Morris, Rosalind Cohen, Mary Widoff and the rest of the Quilt Committee who worked behind the scenes for several months prior to the Quilt's arrival. Thank you also to the University and the multitude of community organizations that donated time, money and experience to make it all possible.

HIV Alliance is committed to preventing the transmission of HIV and to providing supportive services and hospice care to those living with the HIV disease as well as to their loved ones.

We are indeed fortunate to be part of a community that is so compassionate and responsive. On behalf of the people we have lost to AIDS, their friends and families and those our agency serves, we thank you.

Sharlene Simon
Executive Director

Not a man

Ah, Jesse Bohrer-Clancy is at it again. Spewing forth his misrepresentations, knee-jerk reactions and the "I'm really holier than all of you" finger-pointing.

He has the unmitigated gall to tell everyone else that you know what it's like to be a man. You've obviously been through it all. You know what works in the real world. I have some advice for you.

Why don't you go back to your father, who you profess has taught you to be a man, and run your little essays by him before you spout your foul-mouthed trash to the rest of us?

Bohrer-Clancy would probably tell anyone who dares to question his opinion that they are a "wet-behind-the-ears manson," meaning that they are almost a man, but not quite there yet.

His real-world experiences extend from high school to college. It is no wonder Jesse thinks he knows something — he's been educated. Wow, that makes me look up to him with awe ... Not!

Believe me when I tell you that this is coming from a concerned student who was out in the real world for a while before entering this University. I am also a husband and a father of three, count them — three children so far. Bohrer-Clancy spouts nothing but sarcastic, inconsequential drivel. It amazes

Misunderstood

After reading views of opponents to the upcoming Promise Keepers event, it became clear to me that many people have a misunderstanding of the Promise Keepers movement. We have been called racist, homophobic and sexist, which causes me to question the sources of our opponents. One who researches our movement will not find such actions or language in our literature, through our speakers or in the Bible, which is the cornerstone of our faith. One will find, however, Christians who have realized that the church has not operated the way Jesus Christ intended. We are men who desire to correct the wrongs we have committed to ourselves, our families and to God. We are men of every race and denomination, and we represent many countries.

Why do we discourage women from attending the conferences? The answer is simple: We desire to talk to each other about our downfalls and concerns in a safe atmosphere. Imagine discussing with a man or woman areas in his or her life that need improvement. Would the listener be as receiving if the spouse was ribbing the listener, saying such comments as "Yeah, you do need to improve in those areas — and many more!" Clearly our environment would not be as safe under these conditions.

As a student on this campus that "promotes diversity" and is

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