

**Breast symbolism**

David Fitch, senior facilities supervisor for Symantec, feels that Symantec can no longer continue business downtown because a few female breasts have appeared. To the well-adjusted adult, a female breast can symbolize nurture, love and sexuality.

Nurturing and loving are significant aspects of the human experience, and their symbols should not be banned. So, too, with sexuality and its symbols. The freedom of expression Americans, Oregonians and Eugeneans enjoy must be respected and protected. Perhaps it is time Symantec moved on to a less free pasture.

Now, as to the fact that there were children nearby, I would imagine many, if not all, have seen a breast. And, from my older perspective, the old adage rings true: You've seen one breast and you've seen them all.

Perhaps Mr. Fitch should concern himself with the workers of Symantec who smoke in proximity of children.

What does tobacco symbolize? Deceit, lies, addiction, blackened lungs, death and, of course, slavery.

Third, I suppose Mr. Fitch and many others were raised on diluted formula in a bottle and, therefore, are not real men and women, but diluted things that cannot understand sexuality is not sex!

Ronnie Rutz  
Eugene

**Economic relativism**

At the risk of misunderstanding fine satire, I must take issue with comments made by Thom Schoenborn in "Parents' weekend has its ups, downs" (May 16, ODE). I see disturbing value inconsistencies in Mr. Schoenborn's discourse. Please note the contrast between, "Your parents show up, see the squalor in which you live, freak out, and soon you have a microwave, a 30-inch TV and a 10-disc CD changer" and "It's kind of funny to watch their reactions to the people, their dogs and the stench that surrounds them."

I think the reference to accumulating appliances displays a deficit in economic relativism. Contrary to Mr. Schoenborn's "practical Christmas" theory, many of the students here were not showered with gifts during Parents' Weekend. Furthermore, I doubt if any of the kids on 13th Avenue have been to "West Brothers, Mona Lizza, Ambrosia and Steelhead" recently.

I must, however, agree with his concluding point, "...they'll repeat their desire for you to return to a town not so populated with the craziness that Eugene is." You can bet many Eugene residents are just as anxious as our student body for June 13 to arrive, just so they can be relieved of our craziness for a few months.

Todd Bevins  
Chemistry

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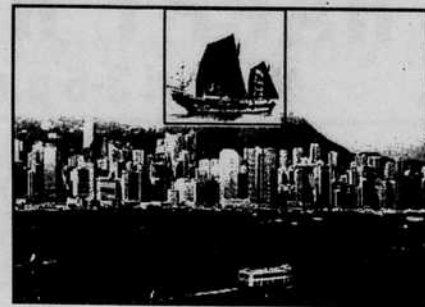
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