

## Decision-less

The athletic study commission's recent decision not to make a decision should prove very disappointing to many of the people concerned.

Those board members who were looking for a little help in making a very controversial decision should be especially unhappy over the lack of responsibility shown by the committee.

We're sure the board could have compiled 21 separate opinions from 21 members of the community if that is what it wanted. It was our understanding that the committee was supposed to compile community opinions and come up with a recommendation as to the general feelings of the community.

Perhaps this was too difficult a task to assign a committee. Especially a committee of 21 people. We were concerned from the beginning about the number of people involved. How do you get 21 people to agree on the time of day much less a subject as controversial as this one obviously is.

There is also the question of whether or not the committee really knew what it was supposed to be studying. If it was intended to study the entire athletic program why did it concentrate on football, ignoring other athletic activities? Why was the women's athletic department ignored except when someone appeared with an open letter demanding attention?

Perhaps it was the intention of the board all along that the committee concentrate on football. If so, why wasn't this stated clearly at the beginning so that everyone knew what was going on?

The outcome of too many people studying too broad a subject in too short a time is obvious. No decision can be made under these circumstances. But where does that leave the board, the athletic department, and the students?

Many of the study committee members suggested that we keep the present program with full support from administration, staff and students. One wonders how they could possibly implement this.

Unless they make attendance at "x" number of football games a mandatory requirement for graduation, receiving a paycheck or keeping a position, they will probably not see any noticeable rise in game attendance or school spirit.

We realize that it was a difficult decision to make but it still remains to be made. We're sure the board will find the committee members recommendations interesting and perhaps informative but we wonder how much help 21 different opinions are going to be when added to the myriad of opinions the board has already received.

## New look

As you may have already noticed, this week's paper looks different than last week's and all the previous weeks. If you haven't noticed, wake up, you've obviously fallen asleep and finals won't be over until next week.

The Print now looks more like a real newspaper. We're using less expensive newsprint, it's a standard tabloid size and we will be able to bring you more interesting layouts and graphic designs with a five column width.

With the new off-campus printing method we will be able to not only bring you a less expensive paper but a more creative one also. We will now be able to use full-color pictures on special occasions and spot color when advertisers request and pay for it.

Another advantage is that we can move our distribution date to Wednesday. Our deadlines will remain the same but the news will be newer on Wednesday than on Thursday.

Needless to say, we will also endeavor to continue to improve the reading content of this paper along with the visual impact. The help of you, our readers, in the way of letters to the editor, story ideas and leads will be greatly appreciated.

DEAR MYRA..  
HERE IS THE 4 POINT  
YOU'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR..  
MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
SANTA...



## feedback

### Letters wanted

To the Editor:

I would like to tell you about a national program that matches citizens outside of prison...with men, women, and children serving sentences in prisons in nearly every state. The program is called "Prison Pen Pals," and it is completing its second successful year of operation in the United States.

This is not a lonely hearts club. It is intended to get ordinary people of all ages and sexes involved with people inside prison who may no longer have family or friends outside to help motivate them towards change.

At the present time, the prison pen pals program in Oregon is desperately in need of more concerned citizens on the outside writing to prisoners. As the local resident representative of prison pen pals at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem, I do my best to match local people with Oregon prisoners.

There will be a "Prison Pen Pal Bulletin" mailed free to any person who cares to receive one. It sets forth the rules and guidelines on how to write to prisoners and lists hundreds of prisoners who wish to receive mail. No outside citizen's addresses are listed. It is up to the citizen to select and write the inmate first from the Bulletin.

If you desire to receive a "Prison Pen Pal Bulletin" or

would enjoy corresponding with an Oregon prisoner, please write to the below address, outlining briefly any preferences, if any that you may feel are important. A few brief details about yourself would be very helpful. I shall be glad to assist you in selecting an inmate just for you.

After becoming involved with this program you will know how valuable it is to the men and women behind bars. Every ounce of energy expended is well worth it. Your support and participation shall be openly welcomed.

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### Rebuttal

To the Editor:

In regard to your "Gag Attempt" in the Dec. 1 issue of The Print, the following statement: "The proposed ban on foreign political posters is a clear violation of the First Amendment rights and an invitation to lawsuits from many areas," this statement is incorrect in that the Senate has not made an official proposal of this form. However, a committee was set up to look into the constitutional aspects of the posting of foreign political posters. As of this date, the committee has not met, and no decision has been made or issued concerning this matter.

Again, as for voting on this matter, it has not been decided by the Senate. And it was this decision that caused the matter to go into committee for study. The report of this action, in fact, was left out of your article. And may I emphasize again that this discussion was closed by Vice President Don Bixler acting as chairman of the session and sent into committee.

Secondly, in regard to the proposed recall petition, the senators and cabinet members were not reacting on a hasty impulse, but, in fact, they have been dissatisfied with the senator in question since his acceptance into student government. It is necessary to stress that the discussion of this senator's behavior was by no means an idle, time-passing gossip session of his faults. (The use of the word "faults" in your context is too general a word.) But a discussion of his behavior as related to the functioning of ASG did take place.

As for ASG slowing down, perhaps the people should realize that ASG represents the students, and for the first time in years it is getting something done for the good of the student body.

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