

Despite accusations

## ACHG no publicity arm

**Editor's note: The following letter was written in response to an article in the Oct. 22, 1980, issue of "The Print," titled, "Anti-Nerve Gas Letter Improperly Petitioned."**

**To The Editor:**

The American Citizens for Honesty in Government (ACHG), a grassroots movement sponsored by the Church of Scientology, has been active in Oregon for the past three years in an effort to establish a sense of pride amongst our government employees.

ACHG has verified through various visits and interviews that very nearly 98 percent of all state and local and federal employees are very ethical and are doing their best to serve their country and the public at large. It was only the actions of a few that tend to discredit our government system and thereby lower the opinion of the general public.

The actions of former President Richard Nixon created a general climate of cynicism which actually worked to undermine the effectiveness of our governing body. These actions of the self-serving few left somewhat of an indelible stain on those who work hard and really care about the future of this great nation.

Since the bolstering of both the moral and ethical fiber of man has traditionally fallen within the purview of religion, the Church of Scientology is proud to contribute in the sponsorship of such endeavors.

On a national basis ACHG, through documented research, has learned that a few psychiatrists such as Mr. Louis West and Dr. Marrazzi, and others, worked in conjunction with the CIA on the introduction of, and testing of LSD in this country in the early '50s. Along with the Army's nerve

gas testing facility, LSD was being tested for use in mind control experiments as part of the nation's drug arsenal. This irresponsibility contributed to the widespread use of LSD in the drug culture of the '60s. This widespread drug usage caused millions of Americans to shrink away from their responsibility to themselves and from their role as citizens in this democracy.

As a result of these investigations, ACHG has amassed one of the most extensive files in America on the use of chemical and biological warfare agents. With this background, ACHG in Oregon took on the task of informing Oregonians of the dangers of nerve gas which is stored near the city of Hermiston on the Columbia River. Since there is enough nerve gas stored there to kill every man, woman and child in Oregon, we as responsible citizens decided to take a vociferous stand on this issue. It is just a matter of time before the munitions stored in Oregon will become unusable, rusty relics which will have to be transported across the state to one of the two disposal cities in America. Although no one has

been harmed, there have been 67 leaks in the nerve gas munitions stored in Oregon, that we know of.

For these, and other reasons, ACHG has conducted a petition drive in over 25 cities throughout Oregon asking President Carter to ban all further production of nerve gas and that all existing munitions be destroyed. These 3,000 petitions were delivered to Gov. Victor Atiyeh so that he could pass them on to President Carter. Copies were also forwarded to Senator Hatfield and Senator Packwood.

While almost every major nation in the world has long since outlawed the use of nerve gas, the United States, at the insistence of just a few, continues to stockpile these dangerous agents. It is time for individual sentiments to ring out above the clamour of a few who seek to profit most from the production of nerve gas. This in itself would be a small but important step toward creating a world free from the horrors of war.

**Meredith Burke  
American Citizens for  
Honesty in Government**

## Homemakers without funds

**To The Editor:**

Three and a half years ago, one of the nation's first displaced homemakers centers opened in Oregon.

Now there are more than 400 displaced homemaker programs in the United States, programs which help those who have spent years doing unpaid work in the home move into the paid market place of work.

It is ironic that at the same time others are following Oregon's lead in helping those who lose their family income

because of death, divorce or the disability of a spouse that the Governor's budget contains this sentence:

"Funding for displaced homemaker programs is not continued."

The Governor's recommendation to terminate displaced homemaker programs in Oregon doesn't fit with the recommendation of his own administrators in the Department of Human Resources. They recommended continued funding for these programs that have, at only a fraction of the cost of traditional social programs, helped formerly dependent persons become self-sufficient taxpayers.

The woman who made a commitment to home and family in her youth and who has spent many unpaid years caring for others is at a tremendous disadvantage when she tries to get a paying job. The modest funding which the state has provided for displaced homemaker programs has facilitated that job finding for hundreds of women.

Let's hope that the legislature will reverse the Governor's recommendation.

**Sincerely,  
Nancie Fadeley  
House of Representatives  
Salem, Oregon**



## Returning women's course an exhilarating experience

**To The Editor:**

With dry mouth and pounding heart I listened eagerly to the women at the front of the classroom. The depth of my emotions amazed me. What a beautiful group of women! No one would guess by watching them on campus, the wide range of experience and degree of determination these women represented. We had shared a class the whole fall term and I never really knew them. Only now, on finals day, as each one shared her dreams and goals; some with tears of deep emotion as they bared their souls, others with laughter and boundless joy, yes, now I know them!

The class was called "Returning Women." It was taught by Bernie Nolan and Bernice Evans. No, that's not true! Bernice and Bernice were only the catalysts. They sparked our imaginations and challenged us to find the best that lay within. We taught ourselves—and one another. We learned together in an atmosphere of mutual love and support. I saw far horizons of life in a panoramic view through the lives of my sisters. Raw courage and determination as great as that of any skydiver or mountain climber was an everyday occurrence. The courage to return to school after many years of keeping house and/or raising kids, along with the determination to learn for themselves what they are capable of. Often, this in spite of opposition from family and friends.

My heart has reached the bursting point! This article is the result of the spill over. For these women represent all that is warm and human, joyous and tragic. They are proving

possible what once was thought impossible. To each of you who made up the class, I say, "Thank you!" And to those women on the campus who have need of an enriching experience, one that may even be the turning point of your life, there is another class of "Returning Women" scheduled for winter term. Give yourself a gift that will warm your heart all year long—there's still time to enroll.

**Lela Cloer  
Oregon City**

## New cafeteria worth the wait

**To The Editor:**

"Fantastic!" is what I have to say about the new cafeteria. The waiting was worth getting better and more efficient service. The prices have not changed, which is a pleasant surprise, and I hope it stays that way. There is only one gripe I have which I think will settle itself once all the customers are used to it. That is that one can skip one line and go on to the next, but I guess that students were just conditioned to waiting in line. There are no more large lines at the cash register, which is a plus. The only problem, I think, was why wasn't this built early when the student flow was projected early? Perhaps if the contract was given early to the construction company, the cost would have been less, but what's important is that now we have a better, efficient and more appealing cafeteria.

**Matt Johnson  
Student**

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