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Damn those 'Prosecutors'

To the editor:

Who are those mythical "Prosecutors" that Doug Shorzman so tearfully decries in his editorial, Don't prosecute — etc. (Daily Barometer, 1/21/92)? They must be you and I, the "holders of the King memory" who do not "take the fear that he will be forgotten — to outrageous lengths." Mr. Shorzman lets out all the stops in his characterization of the "holders of King's memory." He likens us to the early colonists and their witch hunts; we "try to enforce his message of love and acceptance with threats and moral judgments," even with a likeness to the Spanish inquisitors. I repeat; who are those "Prosecutors"? Is one of them Coretta Scott King? Or the Reverend Jesse Jackson? Or the leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference? Accusations without names are just so much smoke screen to obscure the realities of continued minority discrimination and the failure of the "American dream" to include African Americans and Hispanics and the current efforts to ostracize homosexuals and lesbians.

Isadore Wolf

Corvallis resident

Don't unfairly label callers

To the editor:

Innocent or guilty? With the recent death threats which After 8 has received, it seems increasingly true that Oregon Citizens' Alliance is being stigmatized as being a bunch of bigots and homosexual haters who are creating a climate which threatens the very lives of homosexuals. The death-threat callers expressed support for OCA but they did not identify themselves and no evidence can be found that even links them to OCA. Let us not be so naive so as to label others as being guilty of some offence simply through another's accusations. Many a court and legislature battle has been won by using the press to manipulate its readers in order to push the ideas and beliefs of an organization. Let's stick to what has been proven and not to what rumors are saying.

Rob Becklin

Senior in biochemistry

OCA has misconceptions of homosexuals

By Ervin Crimsley

I've just spent 45 minutes "discussing" the belief systems of homosexuals with the petition gatherers from the Oregon Citizen's Alliance in the quad. In talking with them and others who walked by, I was struck by the severity of their misconceptions of gays and lesbians. Most disturbing to me was that they believe homosexuals "choose" their orientation and behavior, therefore homosexuals should not be granted minority status. (Let me point out that, despite the OCA claims, homosexuals want equal human status, not minority status. The Corvallis city proposal grants equal status.)

Op-Ed

First, I contend that, if homosexuals choose their orientation, then heterosexuals must necessarily make the same choice. Now, there is a world of difference between orientation and behavior, a concept which the OCA petition gatherers could not grasp. "Orientation" is your attraction to one sex or the other; "behavior" concerns the sexually-specific actions which one pursues. It is possible, indeed quite common, for people who are attracted to one sex to have sexual relations with people of the other sex, regardless of orientation. I know many "closeted" homosexuals who keep secret their orientation because they live in fear of losing their jobs; these same people feel they are forced to take up a heterosexual lifestyle and hence marry and raise children. In this case their orientation is homosexual, while their behavior represents a heterosexual proclivity. They choose to participate in a heterosexual lifestyle, but they do not choose to have a homosexual orientation. Of the gays with whom I'm acquainted, I estimate 15-20 percent have been or are married and raising children.

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At this point you're probably saying, "If they're living a heterosexual lifestyle, then they're not really gay. They must be straight." Dead wrong! Even though their behavior speaks of heterosexuality, inside they're being eaten alive by their desires for a same-sex relationship. Such relationships often end up in divorce because the homosexual partner is unable or unwilling to mask his/her true orientation. The gay or lesbian "goes through the motions" of a heterosexual life, all the time remaining unfulfilled as a person and feeling untrue to his/her true identity. Think about it. If you claimed to be straight and were forced by the standards of a gay society into a homosexual relationship, you no doubt would feel very uncomfortable and most likely would try to find another heterosexual with whom you could live in secrecy (assuming you're closeted.)

Consider another angle. Let's assume you're one of the straight 90 percent. When did you first realize you were attracted to people of the opposite sex? When you reached puberty? When you were eight, seeing "sexy" calendars in the Hallmark store? When you were five, watching the Brady Bunch? Remember the crushes you developed as a youngster? You didn't make a conscious decision as to whether you paid more attention to Greg or Marcia; it just sort of happens: you start becoming attracted to one sex or the other. The same thing happens with homosexuals — they don't make a decision as to what sex stimulates them. Researchers aren't sure, but evidence strongly suggests that a combination of genetics and early childhood environment form the basis of sexual orientation. There is no choice in the matter. Gays don't choose to be gay. They choose whether or not to adopt society's stigmas and chastisements.

There always have been and always will be homosexuals, people who are forced to live with their heredity and the sexual orientation it imposes — like Tchaikovsky, DaVinci, Alan Turing, Virginia Woolf, Andy Warhol, and millions of others. Should society refuse to allow homosexuals to be themselves and live life fully, then the world suffers from a lack of diversity and creativity.

Contemplate your sexual nature. Be honest about its origins. And I urge you not to sign the OCA petition.

Crimsley is a graduate student in computer science.

AIDS Awareness Week to educate OSU students

By BEN DANLEY

of the Daily Barometer

Every day, 15 people die from AIDS.

AIDS is the second-leading cause of death among men aged 25 to 44 and is the fifth-leading cause of death among women.

Jon Berliner, president of the Valley AIDS Information Network, said there is a need to "bombard people with information."

That is the purpose of the first OSU AIDS Awareness Week. The week's activities, sponsored by the ASOSU International and National Affairs Task Force, include a week-long art exhibit, AIDS-related movies on Tuesday and Wednesday, and daily lectures.

Jaimee Menely, task force director, said, "In September, when I first started talking about doing the week, I got a lot of enthusiasm from the ASOSU senators, but a lot of other people on campus were not very interested."

She said she was surprised at the lack of interest.

"People don't realize what a big problem it is. It's so real. I mean it's really there," she said.

Menely, the week's main organizer, said, "For the most part, people on this campus have been helpful, but sometimes people wouldn't let me hang posters in their building and other things like that."

"This week we're not (just) saying 'Wear a condom, wear a condom, wear a condom.' We're trying to get at it from all different

angles," she said.

Dr. Richard Keeling, president of the American College Health Association, will speak on AIDS awareness and safer sex Thursday night in Milam Auditorium. He will be introduced by Dr. Jayne Ackerman, director of the Student Health Center.

"Dr. Keeling is one of the biggest names in AIDS research," Menely said.

On Tuesday night, the film *Longtime Companion* will be shown at Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Finley Hall. The film addresses AIDS in the gay world. *Common Threads*, which shows the history of the AIDS quilt, will be shown at Phi Beta Phi sorority and West Hall on Wednesday night.

Menely said she hopes people won't be nervous about going to the fraternity and the sorority because "the disease affects everyone."

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be two lectures a day dealing with topics from AIDS as an international problem to AIDS on the OSU campus.

On Thursday there will be a panel discussion at the Black Cultural Center titled "Magic's Message to Us." On Thursday there will also be a lecture by Cheryl Graham called "AIDS in a Bottle: The Boozie Connection," and a panel discussion featuring Berliner.

Menely said ASOSU voted last term to make the week an annual event and put the funding for it on the budget.

AIDS Awareness Week calendar

Monday: "International AIDS Day"

8:00-5:00 AIDS Art Exhibit, Fairbanks Hall

1:30-2:30 Dr. Reese House, MU Room 208
"AIDS as an International Issue"

2:30-3:30 Dr. Kelly Scott, MU Room 208
"Drugs in Use and in Hope, for AIDS"

Tuesday: "AIDS in Our Community"

8:00-5:00 AIDS Art Exhibit, Fairbanks Hall

1:30-2:30 Dr. Liz Gray, MU Room 208
"OSU Students, Attitudes and Knowledge"

2:30-3:30 Dr. Jan Hare, MU Room 208
"Families of People with AIDS"

7:00 Film: *Longtime Companion*, Living Groups

Wednesday: "Women and AIDS"

8:00-5:00 AIDS Art Exhibit, Fairbanks Hall

1:30-2:30 Laura Mentch, MU Room 208

"Women and AIDS"

2:30-3:30 Tamina Toray, MU Room 208

"Communication about Sexuality"

7:00 Film: *Common Threads*, Living Groups

Thursday: "AIDS Awareness Day"

8:00-5:00 AIDS Art Exhibit, Fairbanks Hall

3:00-5:00 Panel Discussion, Black Cultural Center

"Magic's Message to Us."

3:30-4:30 Cheryl Graham, MU Room 208

"AIDS in a Bottle: The Boozie Connection"

6:00-7:00 Jon Berliner and panel, Milam Auditorium

"Living with AIDS"

7:30-9:00 Dr. Richard Keeling, Milam Auditorium

"AIDS Awareness and Safer Sex"

Educate yourself on AIDS

To the editor:

Wednesday's focus for AIDS Awareness Week is Women and AIDS.

Conventional wisdom says that AIDS is solely a problem of gay men, and that it is a punishment for their "deviance" from "normal" heterosexual behavior. Apart from the subjectivity and homophobic value judgments rife in this common misconception, this information is wrong. Everyone is at risk for contracting the human immune deficiency (HIV) virus and AIDS, and for women in this country, especially, it is a growing health concern that is not taken as seriously as it needs to be by the U.S. public, the government, and even by the medical profession. Because the first members of the U.S. population in which the disease was manifested were homosexual men, most of the knowledge applied to all AIDS patients comes from research done on men's bodies. As in other areas of traditional medicine, women have frequently been left out of AIDS research until recently, so it is a reality that symptoms of AIDS experienced by women alone may be dismissed because they do not fit the male model for the disease.

Five years ago, over 2200 women in the U.S. had been diagnosed with full-blown AIDS; this number is increasing, and so is the number of women with ARC (AIDS-related complex) and HIV. Women contract AIDS through infection by their male or female sex partners, through sharing intravenous needles, and even through the poorly-screened artificially inseminated sperm of an infected donor. Pregnant women with AIDS almost always pass the disease to the fetuses.

We need to responsibly educate ourselves about our bodies and about AIDS; it is too easily disregarded as an issue unless it affects someone close to us (like ourselves). Women need to know exactly what is being learned about AIDS and women, and to activate for increased funding for research. Attending Laura Mentch's and Tamina Toray's presentations today on Women and AIDS is a good start. Get tested and get informed!

Laurie K. Pearce

Women's Affairs Task Force

Quit linking homosexuals

To the editor:

Last week someone wrote a message on the MLK "Dream Board" in the MU, stating to the effect that his/her "dream" for the future was the elimination of homosexuals and/or homosexuality, resulting in a healthy society free of disease. I chose to interpret these remarks literally as the author's intentions to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS rather than characterize homosexuality as a disease. As we are entering AIDS Awareness Week, I want to focus only on the first interpretation, leaving the second to other modes of discourse.

What ignorance. Read scientific journals, health and public policy papers, newspapers, anything. But read. And learn that AIDS is not a disease that discriminates, as the writer above believes, against people based on sexual orientation. Nor does it discriminate based on age, sex, race, creed, national origin, political beliefs, or handicap. Statistics from the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control show that HIV is spreading more quickly now among heterosexuals than homosexuals; gays, for the most part, have heeded experts' warnings and have taken appropriate actions to protect themselves. But straights haven't, and if surveys on sexual behavior and attitudes are correct, this especially includes college students. Like the one who wrote the remark on the Dream Board. Face it, if you've had (or are having) sexual relations with more than one person, and you're not using a condom, and you don't know your HIV status, you're quite possibly guilty of murder AND suicide. HIV is much more prevalent on this campus than you think, because you probably think it's not here at all. But it is. And it's spreading through our community via the thoughtless actions of people who think they're immune. This includes many, many heterosexuals.

Remember. AIDS doesn't discriminate. It just kills. So whether you're gay or straight, do the right thing. Getting rid of homosexuals won't get rid of AIDS. Having safer sex will.

Ervin Calmskey

Graduate student in computer science

Avoid AIDS in other ways

To the editor:

The popular dictum "AIDS is a disease that anyone can get" really isn't accurate. In regard to HIV and AIDS, we must not confuse vulnerability with susceptibility. As evidenced by those who have received a transfusion with blood contaminated with HIV, all of us are equally vulnerable once infected. However, all of us are not equally susceptible to infection. Some viruses, e.g. those that cause influenza, measles, polio, or the common cold, are spread by little more than human

proximity. In contrast, HIV is generally spread by specific behaviors. These include intravenous injection of drugs, promiscuity, and anal intercourse.

Therefore, people who do not behave in these ways are not at great risk of HIV infection. So rather than clamoring for "greater awareness," free condoms, and "safe" sex, shouldn't we be encouraging people to: a) break free from drug addiction, b) avoid pre-marital as well as extra-marital sex, and c) avoid anal intercourse? Until there is a vaccine, the primary means of avoiding infection with HIV will be to avoid certain behaviors. We've been told that the condom is the answer — a veritable prophylactic helicopter that will lift us from the rice paddy of life's sexual difficulties. I'm sort of a skeptic on this point because condoms are not 100% effective in preventing pregnancy, and virus particles are much smaller than sperm cells. In summary, AIDS and diseases associated with tobacco have some striking similarities. The diseases are highly publicized, the probability of getting such a disease is linked to what one chooses to do, and yet the blame seems to fall elsewhere, e.g. the "tobacco industry" or a lack of free condoms for teenagers, the existence of a gay community, a homophobic administration in Washington, D.C., etc. Is it time for a nationwide reality check?

David P. Froman

Associate professor

Needing to scout new values

A Boy Scout troop that made a resolution to allow homosexual members is in danger of losing its charter because the decision violates national Boy Scout policy.

Members of the 26-member troop say they won't back down because they feel the national organization is wrong, and if they cower from standing up for what's right, then they're part of the problem. Blake Lewis, Boy Scouts of America spokesman, said the organization can't allow "some little troop to go off on its own and make its own rules."

Perhaps the Dallas-based organization should listen to its "little troop." Opening the doors to homosexual members should be viewed as a posi-

tive act, not a policy violation. It's time to rewrite Scout law to reflect the goals of American society. Teaching and enforcing anti-homosexual beliefs to children and young adults promotes discrimination that will last a lifetime if not curbed.

A 17-year-old pack member said that if the Constitution says all men are created equal, then there isn't reason to discriminate. Such simple logic is often forgotten in bureaucratic organizations filled with out-of-touch values.

Get with the times and teach our youth to be accepting. It will save society lots of time and pain in the future if our young people don't have to re-learn proper values as adults.

Anti-gay petition not valid enough

Associated Press

PORTLAND — A group that opposes gay rights has failed in its effort to overturn a city ordinance that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

A second sampling of the 22,934 signatures submitted by the No Special Rights Committee showed that not enough were valid to allow its initiative to be placed on the May ballot, City Auditor Barbara Clark said Monday.

"The second check of the No Special Rights petition once again showed that the signatures submitted by petition contained an unusually high percentage of names of individuals not registered to vote in Multnomah County or the city of Portland," Clark said.

Based on the second sampling, an estimated 15,909 signatures were valid, Clark said, about 1,600 fewer than necessary to qualify the measure for the ballot.

Clark said the sampling procedure is statistically valid and conforms to the requirement of state law.

The Oregon Citizens Alliance, which formed the No Special Rights Committee, still is circulating a statewide petition to place a measure on the Oregon ballot this fall declaring homosexuality abnormal behavior.

Alliance spokesman Scott Lively said he was stunned by the failure. He said his organization intends to check the signatures to see if it comes up with different results.

He said the OCA blames the "militant homosexual community" and Fred Meyer Inc. for the failure to get the measure on the ballot. Fred Meyer fought successfully in court to bar petition gatherers from its Portland stores.

Lively said his organization plans to make sure it has far more than the necessary number of signatures for the statewide measure.

Ellen Lowe, spokeswoman for the Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon, congratulated the citizens of Portland for failing to endorse the initiative in numbers great enough to get it on the ballot.

"Portlanders have rejected a measure that would have permitted the city to discriminate solely on the basis of sexual orientation," she said. "In so doing, Portlanders have sent a strong message to the OCA: We affirm tolerance and diversity. We abhor prejudice-related political maneuverings."

Big Sibling returns

To the editor:

Big Sibling watches you still.

Perhaps you did not understand him/her (it?) the first time. To explain it to those remaining thoughtcriminals out there, Big Sibling's doctrine is sensitivity for others' feelings. Such mundane considerations as free speech cannot be allowed to interfere with this important a social goal. Bigots such as the Oregon Citizens Alliance try to destroy this end, by attempting to "disenfranchise" homosexual males and females. Thus, we must fight fire with fire. The OCA tries to sunder the homosexual community from its means of speaking for themselves, therefore it makes perfect sense to do the same for the OCA. Do not think about whether this may be stooping to the OCA's level, or whether there is really a distinction between their *de jure* censorship and Big Sibling's *de facto* censorship.

Speak out, comrades. Show the OCA your hate for bigotry and racism. Show them what stamping out people's opinions is all about. In the words of Isadore Wolf, "the right of people to express their opinions ... is precisely what the problem is." Watch out, comrades. Your neighbor may be a thoughtcriminal. Your roommate may be a thoughtcriminal. You, yourself, may be a thoughtcriminal. Incorrect thought cannot be allowed to influence impressionable young minds. The students of OSU cannot think for themselves. Therefore, Big Sibling must do it for them.

Remember. Big Sibling is watching you.

— SARCASM MODE OFF —

I would like to extend my thanks to Isadore Wolf for bringing up the issue of the OCA in conjunction with my earlier article. It gives me a chance to point out that I'm not just another liberal lasher. In fact, I am a liberal myself. As a liberal, I have the following to say.

Whether you like it; or whether you don't like it, learn to love it: freedom of speech is everyone's freedom. Neither Big Sibling's "sensitivity" nor the OCA's "morality" stands above it. Both claims sound equally noble to the untrained ear, and ring equally hollow upon closer listening. The only difference is the euphemisms.

Eric Foley

Sophomore in computer science

Just buy American

To the editor:

I would like to respond to the editorial titled "Verbal Sparring Won't Cut It" printed on February 5.

It seems to me that Ken Hile (or whoever wrote the article) is missing an important point in his logic. He says we (America and Japan need to "... shut up and get down to the business of cooperation...". I think it's great that Americans are upset and that that anger is causing "buy American" campaigns. Didn't you stop and think that if everyone bought American products that it would help the economy? We it would. Buying our own products would start pulling us out of the recession, which should be our main priority right now. Besides Japan.

Boy Scouts sort of reverse decision on gays

Following up on the Daily Barometer editorial that criticized Boy Scouts of America for pulling a troop's charter after it decided to allow gay members, there appears to be a compromise in the matter — sort of.

No, the Boy Scouts of America didn't change its national policy, and no, the troop didn't back down. But yes, the troop's charter was renewed. "Say what?" you ask.

Ken Hile

This is a classic example of fine-line public relations accomplished through curious wording and little action. Boy Scouts of America says it hasn't backed down on its policy. The troop does not have any admitted gays and has agreed not to seek "known or avowed homosexuals." If the troop has gays, it cannot be Boy Scout affiliated.

San Jose Troop 260 Scoutmaster Michael Cahn said their resolution (to accept gays) is unchanging, but they would never try to actively recruit them. So you see, nothing has been accomplished. The issue will no doubt resurface if, and only if, the national organization discovers policy violations. I'm glad this organization is teaching our children divine ways of solving problems. The bigoted policy will stand, seemingly unenforced.

The whole issue has U.S. military written all over it. The only difference is they

enforce it.

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It's nice to see a Third World government making progress toward solving overpopulation problems. Morocco's government and some private special-interest groups there have embarked on a very successful campaign. It involves delivering contraceptives and family planning advice to millions of women in that country. Check out the results.

Forty percent of Moroccans now use contraceptives. The average woman has 4.5 children today instead of 7 in 1980. Other nations are opening their once-close-minded bureaucracies to this concept. In Thailand, the same kind of family planning success is being reported. The average woman had 6.2 children in 1970, compared to 2.2 in 1991. Close-minded bureaucracies aren't the only obstacle standing in the way of this compounding problem. Countries like Saudi Arabia actually support high levels of fertility. Others have religious opposition, personal economic demands or political turmoil, which is nothing a condom or a pill can conquer. Their political, personal or religious visions obviously don't see poverty, unemployment, famine and disease on the horizon. Exponential population growth is everyone's problem.

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Speaking of too many people, apparently China's most-favored-nation status doesn't cover illegal immigration into the United States. A Taiwanese fishing boat loaded with

51 supposed illegal aliens from China was stopped just short of Honolulu Saturday. The captain of the boat, aptly named the *Discoverer*, said he rescued them in the China Sea. In a way, maybe, but immigration officials didn't buy it. All were either jailed or barged to Coast Guard headquarters.

Five days earlier, 93 Chinese nationals on yet another Taiwanese vessel were intercepted before entering Honolulu Harbor. All were charged with attempting to enter the country illegally. The captain was charged with smuggling illegal aliens for profit. Of all the places to go, why Hawaii? Tourists can't even afford it.

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The Winter Olympics have ended, and so have many Olympic traditions. No longer will there be a unified Soviet team. The next time you see them wallowing in ice or snow, each republic will undoubtedly field their own team, if they can afford it. Who knows about Yugoslavia. After 1992, no longer will Winter and Summer Olympics occur in the same year. The next winter Olympics are in 1994 in Norway. The next Summer Olympics, after this year, will be in 1996. The U.S. had a pathetic display this year, and now professionals will be playing in their respective sports. Indeed, so much for tradition.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Ken Hile, editorial-page editor for the *Daily Barometer*.

Springfield puts anti-gay measure to vote

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. — An anti-gay rights measure promoted by the Oregon Citizens Alliance has qualified for the May 19 ballot in Springfield, backers of the proposal say.

Alliance members collected 3,200 petition signatures and the Lane County elections office verified 2,228 of them — 300 more than required — as belonging to registered voters, said measure

sponsor Lorretta Neet.

If it becomes law, the measure would prohibit the Springfield city government from "promoting, encouraging or facilitating homosexuality."

"I believe it will pass," Neet said at a news conference. "Few residents I met as I went door-to-door with petitions opposed what we were attempting to do."

Carol Berg, representing the Lane County chapter of No on Hate, a statewide group formed to oppose the OCA, said she believes the narrow margin of valid signatures proves Neet wrong.

"If it was so easy to get people to agree with (the OCA) position, why did they have so few extra signatures, and why did it take them weeks and weeks and weeks to get enough?" she asked. "I believe that if the people of Springfield get the facts about the OCA and this initiative, they'll defeat it. We will do everything we can to see that happen."

Mayor Bill Morrisette said he deplores the OCA initiative because it "divides the citizens of Springfield unnecessarily and distracts us from the really important issues that deserve our attention."

Lane County OCA spokesman Larry Allwander, who accompanied Neet on Tuesday, said the group has not devised a strategy yet for promoting the initiative but that state OCA funds will be used to finance the anti-gay rights campaign in Springfield.

The OCA succeeded in putting a similar measure on the May ballot in Corvallis but failed to secure enough signatures in Portland. The OCA has until July to collect signatures to put an anti-gay rights initiative on the statewide ballot in November.

If the Springfield initiative passes, it will amend the city charter to prohibit the city from extending legal protection against discrimination to homosexuals, pedophiles or people who practice sadism or masochism.

City laws currently prohibit discrimination in housing, employment or public accommodation on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, age or disability.

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Colleges caught in debate over PC

College Press Service

The chairman of a black studies department, a university football coach, a gay campus minister and a philosophy professor — these four have more in common than most would think.

On the increasingly politically correct campuses of the 1990s, Leonard Jeffries, Bill McCartney, Rev. Peter John Gomes and professor Michael Levin have found themselves in the middle of an academic Freedom Fight that has more faces and sides than possibly imagined.

Jeffries was the latest to feel the heat — again — when the City College Board of Trustees voted March 23 to have Edmund Gordon, a retired Yale University professor who served as the chairman of Yale's black studies department, replace Jeffries as chairman of City College's black studies program.

Although Jeffries will remain at the school as a tenured professor, he has told *The New York Times* he will file a lawsuit against the school over the violation of his academic freedom.

Jeffries' removal as chairman was the result of a speech he gave in July at a black arts festival. "You can't trust the white boy," he told the largely black audience. He added that Jews and the Mafia conspired in Hollywood to portray blacks unfavorably in the movies and that Jews helped finance the slave trade.

Immediately following the speech, city and state government officials as well as members of New York City's large Jewish and Italian communities urged City College officials to take some kind of action against him.

Many of today's scholars who believe in political correctness argue that blatantly racist and inflammatory statements like the ones they say Jeffries made should not be protected as an academic freedom.

Others in the academic community argue that the concept of academic freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution protects the freedom of all speech, ideas and thoughts in the academic world — a place that needs to be completely free of censors to allow for intellectual growth.

"If a college or university is not a forum for the exchange of ideas, then our understanding of the First Amendment in the

U.S. is jeopardized," said Iris Molotsky, spokesperson for the American Association of University Professors.

"That's not to mean that there aren't some things we object to, but we don't want to restrict free speech or ideas. What we need is more free speech to say, 'Hey, we don't agree with this,'" she said. In one of the first rulings dealing with the head-on collision between Political Correctness (PC) movement supporters and academic Freedom Fighters, a U.S. District Court judge ruled in favor of Michael Levin, a philosophy professor at City College who studies race differences and who has said that blacks are "significantly less intelligent than whites."

That sentiment got Levin into trouble with City College officials who formed a panel that reviewed his research and monitored his classes. Levin sued and won.

U.S. District Court Judge Kenneth Conboy said the case pointed out the dangers of the PC movement.

"This case raises serious constitutional questions that go to the heart of the current national debate on what has come to be denominated as 'political correctness' in speech and thought on the campuses of the nation's colleges and universities," Conboy said.

The judge prohibited City College officials from conducting any further inquiries into Levin's writings or views and told the school it could not establish separate class sections in certain areas solely because of Levin's opinions.

"My court case shows that the roof won't come crumbling down on (others who conduct similar research)," Levin told the College Press Service at the time.

But the roof has crumbled down on others openly fighting the PC tide.

A coach who became a hero for turning a losing football team into a winning one has been the center of controversy at the University of Colorado for years making comments that have split the campus and embarrassed administrators.

Bill McCartney, known as "Coach Mac" has frequently been accused of using his position to further his Christian views against homosexuality.

The latest flap occurred in January when he called homosexuality "an abomination of Almighty God."

Author speaks out against OCA

By TERI PLAGMANN

of the Daily Barometer

An equal rights activist and author spoke at LaSells Stewart Center on Wednesday night in protest of the Oregon Citizen's Alliance state-wide initiative to ban homosexual behavior.

The initiative states that, "state, regional, local governments and their departments, agencies and other entities including specifically the state department of higher education and the public schools, shall assist in setting the standards for Oregon's youth that recognizes homosexuality, pedofilial, sadisms and masochisms as abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse and that these behaviors are to be discouraged and avoided," said Suzanne Pharr, author of the book "Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism."

Pharr's speech, titled "The OCA and the Challenge to Democracy," focused on the elimination of racism, sexism and homophobia.

"In 1957 I was wildly in love with playing basketball and I was wildly in love with a girl, and I was trying to figure out what was wrong with me," Pharr said.

"A true democracy requires the participation of everyone, it requires justice and it requires freedom," she said.

This definition of democracy is being challenged by the OCA in their initiative, she said.

Shortly after the civil rights movement began, a movement in reaction to the civil rights followed. "Both of those movements are on-going in this country," Pharr said. "One, a movement of liberation and the other, a movement of repression. For years we didn't take the second movement as seriously as we might have ..."

"Meanwhile they created a so-called army of God that marched forward and pounded on dismantling the gains of the civil rights movement, piece by piece, and working to infiltrate the institutions of this country, to recreate and reform them in the name of Christian authoritarianism," she said. Members of the "Christian-movement" want people to remember the nostalgia of the 1940's, when people were working and there was more stability, she said.

"They're asking us to look back to a time when the traditional family was filled with secrets of battering and rape and homophobia," she said.

"We are at a time when we have to decide what we want for us and our children and our friends."

Pharr has been in Portland since January giving her support and guidance in defeating the OCA initiative.

Her visit to OSU was sponsored by the Affirmative Action office. After 8, the Gay and Lesbian Student Association, the Lesbian Student Group, the Women's Center and the Women's Studies program.



In memory of those who suffered and died in the Holocaust, and in connection with **Holocaust Memorial Week**, Corvallis NOW, the Lesbian Student Group, the ASOSU Women's Affairs Task Force, and the OSU Gay & Lesbian Association present

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6,000,000 Jews were tortured and murdered by the Nazi's in the name of racial purity. 6,000,000 **Others** were imprisoned and died in the same concentration camps. Among them were gay men who were forced to wear the Pink Triangle.

Love isn't immoral

To the editor:

In response to the letter "Article reflects attitudes" by Dennis Greenman.

How anyone can call love perverted or immoral is beyond me. Who cares whether the people in love are of opposite genders or the same? Or if they express their love physically? That is the couple's choice to make, not their next door neighbors', not society's, and not yours. And if selling dental dams or condoms at the student health center will help preserve a couple's love, I say bravo.

For your information, homosexuals pay for their "lifestyle" every day. Beatings, verbal harassment, rapes, etc. are commonplace. Anyone may face such attacks, but homosexuals (and other minorities) face them much more often. And the attackers are often viewed as heroes by people with attitudes and morals similar to your own. So, tell me, which is more immoral? Love or hatred?

Finally, the concept of AIDS as a morality indicator is ridiculous. By your logic, newborns diagnosed HIV+ are the most immoral people on earth. Wake up, Mr. Greenman. AIDS is not a morality indicator. It is a devastating disease that kills regardless of sexual orientation, race, or moral superiority. This disease needs to be stopped, not used as an excuse to promote hatred and prejudice.

Nancy Osterbauer

Graduate student, botany and plant pathology

Corvallis creates hate/bias task force

Mayor appoints committee to work with police on prejudice incidents

By MICHELE LADD
of the Daily Barometer

A task force has been created in the city of Corvallis to address the problem of hate/bias violence based on race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or sex.

Appointed by the mayor, the task force members will recommend to the city council specific actions that should be taken to ensure three things: that all citizens are safe and free from acts of hate/bias violence; that laws regarding this violence are enforced and offenders prosecuted; and that acts of hate/bias are treated as criminal acts.

"We are a sensitive and caring community," District Attorney Pete Sandrock said. "We will not turn our back on prejudice or discrimination."

The task force is a committee of Corvallis citizens who represent a cross section of the community, Sandrock said. This includes input from businesses, OSU, public schools, Benton County, neighborhood groups, landlords, property managers and all other organizations concerned with the problem of hate/bias violence.

The task force is working with police to investigate the number of such incidents in Corvallis. Since 1990, police agencies have been required to identify and report criminal and noncriminal incidents that are motivated by prejudice. The task force can evaluate this information and decide on possible actions to diminish the number of these crimes.

Because 14 hate/bias incidents were reported last year in Corvallis, some citizens wonder whether new laws should be created.

"New laws would not be effective to remedy the kinds of incidents that have been reported in Corvallis," Sandrock said.

This is due to the fact that out of the 14 incidents reported, only two cases had enough information to prosecute the suspects and only one other case may still be prosecuted, after further investigation.

The remaining incidents included actions protected under the right to free speech and/or no suspects could be identified in them.

Another goal of the task force will be to sponsor efforts to promote tolerance, justice and equal rights.

It will issue an interim report on its findings at the Monday meeting of the Corvallis City Council.

OSU student h

Oregon State Police Officer Eric Davinport takes pictures of the area where Patrica Bartley, freshman in science, collided with a truck driven by Rosalind Harold Monday afternoon while riding her bike across walk on Washington Way.

Bartley was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital. She was treated for minor injuries and released.



Tough transit decisions

To the editor:

April 21 the author of a front page article on the proposed \$150 student fee for transit failed to include an important viewpoint: the students'.

Ordinary students and ASOSU leaders felt the bus system provided something unique for students and was not receiving enough financial support from the university. The city never pressured or suggested students should pay for Corvallis' budget woes.

This isn't an unusual idea. Students in Eugene set an example and are currently contributing \$5 per term. You know the saying "you get what you pay for"?

Last year 150,000 took advantage of the free ride deal. Reductions in pollution, traffic and parking congestion benefit even those who never set foot on a bus. Buses are safe, reliable forms of transportation for people of all ages and abilities.

On a local level, the city will be voting May 19 to renew the transit property tax levy. That's nothing new, but it's the main support for city buses. Curiously enough, because OSU doesn't pay property taxes, they don't contribute a dime. However, if Benton County were to go to what is called a "transit district" OSU might end up paying roughly \$600,000 for transit.

You decide. Register before April 28 for the May elections.

Lisa Seter

Senior in geology

Why such harsh feelings?

To the editor:

Is it just me, or do groups like the OCA have no life?

I just don't understand why there are so many anti-gay feelings here in Corvallis. Don't people have anything better to do than try to make laws promoting discrimination against people based on sexual orientation? In case you don't know what I'm referring to, there's a new measure going on the Corvallis ballot by the name of 02-06. What it will do is allow businesses to refuse service to people, allow the city to fire employees, and allow censorship of public library materials, all on the basis of presumed sexual orientation. Yes, that's right, I said presumed.

Guess what it will also do? It will cost taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars to defend the city of Corvallis against lawsuits regarding this law, if it passes. It will prevent groups supportive of gay rights from using city-owned meeting rooms, parks, and other facilities. It will protect and legalize discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Does this bother anyone else but me? I don't see any homosexuals putting out ballot measures prohibiting heterosexuality. Why is it that political groups, like the OCA, must attack a group of individuals because they aren't exactly like everyone else? This nation is never going to turn around unless we can quit fighting among ourselves about what is morally right and wrong. Each individual must make the decision for themselves what is right for them, and not be told who or what to be.

So, to everyone who supports ballot measure 02-06, I have this to say. GET A LIFE! Let people live their lives in peace and find something more constructive to do with your time,

like helping the homeless instead of gay bashing.
Kim Gentry
Freshman, speech communications

Why is the U.S. still asleep?

To the editor:

This letter is being written just minutes after the rally, in response to the verdict on the four LAPD officers, took place on April 30, '92 on the OSU campus. The size of the crowd was nominal but everyone can't be expected to know what's going on all the time. That's why I think it's important that this letter be written so that there is more public denunciation of the court verdict concerning Rodney King and the officers who beat him.

Many of us are angry and we have the right to be. The court systems of this country are supposed to uphold justice. The finding that the officers are not guilty on most counts is a travesty, it is a slap in the face to myself and anyone else who believes that justice rendered is of paramount importance.

We are all members of the human family and therefore it is a heavy weight on my heart to know that Rodney King was treated inhumanely not only by the LAPD but also by the court. It is my earnest hope that the majority of OSU would agree with these points. Do you? Well make yourselves known and let your voices be heard.

Someone who spoke at the rally mentioned that there shouldn't have even been a court case. That person was referring to the fact that action should have been taken against those officers the moment that it was known what happened. There wouldn't have been a court case if the LAPD commissioner had his eye on fairness. The truth of the matter is people are daily abused by the police and you don't always hear about it. The actions taken by those officers are undoubtedly a reflection of the attitudes of the people in charge, namely the LAPD police commissioner.

If the recent verdict and the following irate reactions to it across the country are not enough for you to realize that the U.S. suffers from institutional racism, what needs to happen before America wakes up?

Dempsey Haupt

Senior, public health

Please monitor columns

To the editor:

Although City Councilor David D. Klierer's response (The Daily Barometer, 4/30/92) to Special Projects Editor Mike Kelley's 4/29/92 Op-Ed piece about the City's request for an increase in the OSU subsidy to the Corvallis Transit System was adequate in explaining the logistical and financial aspects of the problem, I think that additional comments are in order about another aspect of Mr. Kelley's piece. I refer to the no-so-thinly-veiled, and occasionally vicious, remarks about the City Manager. In the short piece, there were five direct references to the City Manager, some of them, in my opinion, bordering on slander. One would expect that kind of personal attacks from "Skip" Hamilton's not-so-underground newspaper, the Observer. Although the usual disclaimer about "opinions expressed" is adequate in terms of personal responsibility, I suggest that the City Attorney may see a need for a greater responsibility on the

part of the Daily Barometer Editor to monitor that aspect of staff contributions.
Isadore Wolf
Corvallis resident

Vote no for special rights

To the editor:

Come on! Wait a minute here. I resent what all the signs around the Corvallis area (especially near the OSU campus) are implying, namely that anyone who opposes "Minority Rights" for Gays and Lesbians are discriminating against them. That could not be farther from the truth. This is what "They" would have you believe. "We" are saying, "If you are Black, Hispanic, Asian, Woman, or Handicapped you are already covered by 'Minority Rights'. If you are a Caucasian Gay or Lesbian 'we' are saying 'No Special Rights' to you. Why should a Caucasian Gay or Lesbian have more rights than a straight person. I don't believe that your sexual orientation should qualify you for 'Special Minority Rights.' I also resent the use of state funded buildings being used to promote this propaganda, namely the LaSells Stewart Center for Suzanne Pharr to espouse her beliefs and the fact that the Affirmative Action Office gave her a \$1,000.00 honorarium. This turned out to be a state sponsored campaign event to stop passage of 02-06. I encourage all voters to vote yes on 02-06.

Melinda Goss

Lebanon resident

Letters Policy

The Daily Barometer welcomes letters to the editor. Letters will be edited only for spelling.

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PALMER, from page 4

only Oregon's ability to attain long term economic strength but will also destroy social services, education, and services for the needy. While the injustices and tragedies of Los Angeles may seem to be far away, take another look and you will see that the same problems are alive and well in Oregon, and here in Corvallis.

Education may be used as a "cure all" by some, but right here and right now, education may be the only thing that could prevent another tragedy like the one that began in L.A. and has burned it's way across the country. Demand your rights as a human being, as a student, and as a citizen. Stop the destruction of Ballot Measure Five.

Scott Palmer

President, SOURCE

02-06 equals true prejudice

To the editor:

Although some people have religious reasons for taking a position on ballot measure 02-06, the measure is at its heart a civil rights and justice issue. Targeting a specific group of people to be denied equal protection is prejudice and discrimination pure and simple. We have seen in the Rodney King incident how difficult it can be to receive justice when equal protection is supposedly guaranteed. Imagine how difficult justice will be for homosexuals when a law specifically forbids city officials from acting on their behalf.

Recent scientific studies increasingly indicate that sexual orientation is something people cannot choose. However, each of us CAN choose not to discriminate. Vote no on 02-06.

Steven J. Sprecher

Westminster House

United Campus Ministry

Response to misinformed

To the editor:

This is in response to Melinda Gross' letter supporting Ballot Measure 02-06.

She is misguided in her belief that gays and lesbians will receive special rights if Ballot Measure 02-06 is defeated. This is entirely untrue.

If Ballot Measure 02-06 is defeated it will protect the basic rights we have as citizens of the United States: the right to keep our jobs if our performance is adequate, the right to use public facilities that our tax dollars have paid for, the right to be served in a business establishment, the right to read books of our choice (i.e. works by Walt Whitman, Willa Carter, W. Somerset Maugham, Gertrude Stein, Leonardo Da Vinci, and Socrates), and the right to live our lives without fear of discrimination.

Does Ms. Gross realize that if Ballot Measure 02-06 passes and she and a female friend go to a restaurant and they "look" lesbian, they can be asked to leave? What does a lesbian "look" like anyway? Or if she or her husband happened to be a city employee and another employee could accuse her or him of being homosexual and they would lose their job? No proof is needed. But, then, who decides what is proof?

So, to you at OSU, no matter what your sexual orientation is, you are all endangered if Ballot Measure 02-06 passes. Please, vote no on 02-06!!

Lisa A. Swanson

Sophomore in sociology

Amy K. Larsen

Sophomore in human development

Geoffrey P. Walker

Sophomore in construction engineering management

Refer to Mr. Dodge's letter for the exact wording of the measure.

Subsection (a) forbids any protections based on sexual orientation. Many people don't realize that those protections (which for the most part don't exist legally in Corvallis, except as O.S.U. policy) also apply to straight people. If 02-06 passes it would be legal for a landlord to charge non-gays extra rent, or for an employer to pay all gay people higher salaries. Admittedly this is not likely, but it would be legal. Despite what Mr. Dodge and the OCA say in public, if 02-06 passes it will encourage discrimination.

A much greater concern is the vague wording in Subsection (a) that forbids the city, its agencies and money from promoting, encouraging and facilitating homosexuality. If 02-06 passes someone will surely sue the Corvallis Library (a city agency) to force it to remove certain books (which cost money) that do not condemn homosexuality (if they don't condemn it they must be encouraging it). The city parks could be forced to reject picnic space requests from any gay supportive organization. Believe me, there are bigots out there that can hardly wait to go to such extremes.

Subsection (b) sounds good, but is essentially meaningless. There is no legal way a city ordinance, like 02-06, could nullify any state or federal laws or rules, even it wanted to.

Subsection (c) contains what amounts to a quadruple negative "...shall not...forbid...provisions prohibiting employment decisions...not...related to employment." Does this subsection not forbid (permit??) employment discrimination? Even lawyers aren't sure what it means. Like parts of other OCA initiatives this subsection seems to be purposely written to confuse.

Subsection (d) is a clause the OCA always throws in to make court challenges difficult and costly, including costs to the city which would have to defend the ordinance if it passes.

Ballot measure 02-06 is not good law. It sends a message

that bigotry and discrimination are approved of in Corvallis. Please join our mayor, school board president, state representative, state senator, U.S. representative, and seven of our city councilors in voting NO on 02-06.

Thom Whittier

Corvallis resident

Thanks to PGDs for help

To the editor:

I want to express my appreciation to the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Last Thursday, April 30, 1992, two of their members (one may have been John Kelso?) attended the weekly meeting of the Native American Students Association. In the past, this fraternity has had an annual function with a beach theme and their members have worn grass skirts and painted their bodies. These two members attended the meeting with the intent of finding out if their practice of body painting would offend the Native American community and if it would be acceptable with the Native Americans to continue with this practice. We offered them some general guidelines on what colors or symbols to avoid, guidelines which were acceptable to these two members.

I want to commend these two gentlemen, and Phi Gamma Delta, for their sensitivity and for their efforts to make sure that their activities would not be offensive to the Native American community.

Deanna Kingston

NASA member, Graduate student in anthropology

Christianity teaches love

To the editor:

As I read John Oelke's article in the May 7 issue of the

After 8: OCA equates homosexuals, criminals

Group's ballot measure would outlaw gay aid

By CYNTHIA ZANETTI

of the Daily Barometer

The clear intention of Ballot Measure 02-06 is to associate homosexuals with criminals, said Karuna Neustadt, member of After 8.

After 8 is a lesbian, gay and bisexual education and advocacy group that was formed about three-and-a-half years ago.

Neustadt is also a member of the NO on 02-06 Committee that is opposing the ballot measure initiated by the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

The focus of the measure is to amend the Corvallis City Charter. The amendment would prohibit the city from recognizing homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism and masochism in the term "sexual orientation." It would also prohibit the city government from promoting, encouraging or facilitating homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism and masochism.

What needs to be understood is that homosexuality is not criminal behavior. People need to realize who and what homosexuals are; people need to realize that homosexuals are their friends, neighbors, co-workers, sons and daughters, Neustadt said.

Ballot Measure 02-06 is a problem for everyone, not just for lesbians and gay men, she said. There is a potential for discrimination against everyone.

One purpose of the NO on 02-06 Committee

is to provide people with information about the ballot measure since the OCA isn't making available material explaining what the ballot measure text means, she said.

Neustadt believes that the OCA interprets the word "promote" to mean any action that is not negative toward homosexuals, even neutrality. According to a pamphlet produced by the NO on 02-06 Committee, the ballot measure would legalize discrimination based on sexual orientation, prevent groups that support gay rights from using city-owned facilities, cost tax-payers thousands of dollars to defend the city from lawsuits, censor public library materials about or by lesbians or gay men, prohibit the city council from banning or punishing such sexual discrimination and allow the firing of city employees based on "presumed" sexual orientation.

The freedom to fire employees based on "presumed" sexual orientation is a potential for witch hunts, Neustadt said.

According to a special supplement produced by the Corvallis chapter of the National Organization for Women, Ballot Measure 02-06 would also prevent the collection of hate crime statistics that are mandated by the state and pair homosexuality with child molestation.

The city charter is a place for governing government activities — it is not a place for moral issues, Neustadt said.

Neustadt presented the information Thursday evening at a meeting of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance at OSU.

Don't be misled by 02-06

To the editor:

How comforting to read Mr. Dodge's "An Explanation of 02-06" (Baro. 5-7-92) of Corvallis Ballot Measure 02-06. It's nice to know that no one could possibly be discriminated against

under this innocent measure. Of course, the actual results of ballot measures don't always show up until after they are passed and enforced. For instance, no Measure 5 promoter said anything about \$23 million cuts at OSU when we were reassured about the results of that ballot measure. In the same way, 02-06 sponsor, the Oregon Citizen's Alliance is presenting 02-06 as not encouraging discrimination.

The key words from 02-06 are "promote" and "encourage" as defined by the OCA. Lawyers for the ACLU and other groups fighting the measure tell us that if it passes, hiring by the City of Corvallis of someone known (or suspected) to be homosexual could reasonably be considered to be "promoting" homosexuality. Regardless of Section C (prohibiting "... employment decisions based on factors not directly related to employment..."), if a City of Corvallis manager were to fire someone solely because he or she were (or were suspected to be) a gay man or lesbian, the city charter would forbid the city from taking any action against the manager because the city would be forbidden to "recognize any categorical provisions such as "sexual orientation" "sexual preference..." And further: "...nor shall...monies be used to promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality..." The person would be fired and the city would be forbidden from doing anything about it.

As for Mr. Dodge's reassurance about the City library — think again. If 02-06 were to pass, what right thinking, upstanding OCA member could see a book in the City library, purchased, maintained and circulated with "everyone's tax money" which was written by a known homosexual or written about a known homosexual or was a story about homosexuals — without accusing the city of promoting and encouraging homosexuality? Such books would include books by or about Oscar Wilde, Benjamin Britten, Martina Navratilova, Walt Whitman, Willa Cather, Tchaikovsky and Billie Holiday and titles such as *The Color Purple*, *The Glass Menagerie* and *A Passage to India*.

Lest you think "they would never do that," look at some books which have been banned here, in this country by similarly well-meaning people: *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Ulysses*.

Let us not be misled again by promoters of ballot measures with hidden agendas. Ballot Measure 02-06 promotes and encourages discrimination. I urge you to vote NO on 02-06.

Judy Fortmiller

Music department staff

Editorial

02-06 denies rights to homosexuals, is not within Constitutional limits

Proposed Ballot Measure 02-06, sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, will be voted on Tuesday for inclusion in the upcoming ballot. A major problem with the measure is its complex language. The OCA has made little attempt to educate voters on the measure's effects, so people must interpret the measure for themselves. Many groups have their own interpretations, but some of the measure's intentions are obvious.

One interpretation is that the measure would label homosexuality as a deviant behavior and lump it with masochism, sadism and pedophilia in the city charter. Homosexuality could not be promoted within the city limits and discrimination based on homosexuality would be legal.

02-06 has a lot of information to take in, and something with so much ambiguous language should be rewritten before being put on the ballot. However, the measure's message is clear: homosexuality is wrong and homosexuals don't

have rights.

Because Corvallis is in the United States, people in Corvallis have Constitutional rights to do certain things without harming others. If someone is a homosexual, let them be a homosexual. If After 8 wants to be a gay, lesbian, bisexual organization, then let it. The OCA has no right to condemn people for sexual preferences.

Granted, members of the OCA do have these same Constitutional rights to believe homosexuality is bad. If the OCA believes homosexuals are deviants, let it. However, if the OCA denies people their civil rights, as they would be doing if 02-06 is passed, then the OCA is no longer within its rights.

Proposed Ballot Measure 02-06 is potentially harmful to people who already deal with discrimination. Corvallis doesn't need civil rights taken away, it needs more understanding and education about people's differences.



Lon Mabon
and the OCA

OCA discriminates

To the editor:

Throughout history many groups, under the guise of some noble cause, have attempted to abolish or erode human rights and freedom of choice.

The Roman emperors after Augustus did away with the senate and proclaimed themselves rulers by divine right. They persecuted Christians and anyone else they could think of.

Christians, under the Catholic church, persecuted Jews and Moslems during the crusades under the noble venture to free the Holy land.

Again under the Catholic church's auspices Torquemada (the grand inquisitor) tortured and killed thousands upon thousands of Jews, Protestants, Moslems and other non-believers in order to save their souls during the Spanish Inquisition.

The slaughter of the Native American peoples by the Spanish and Portuguese under the false pretenses of conversion to Christianity.

The torture of alleged witches by Cotton Mather and the Puritans again under saving their souls.

Slaughter of the Native American peoples in America because they were barbarians.

Hitler's torture and slaughter of 12 million people (6 million Jews) under the guise of keeping the Aryan race free from contamination.

The Ayatolla Khomeini's killing of people of other faiths and condoning terrorism because they were infidels.

Now another organization joins the fray in attempting to eliminate human rights and personal freedoms under some other noble cause. They've tried to take away women's rights to their own bodies and now they're trying to take away rights of consenting adults with their anti-homosexual referendum. You know who I'm speaking about. I'm speaking about the Oregon Citizens Alliance. The hate group that's as bad as any of the others mentioned before. They're even trying to have the noble cause that they're trying to keep families safe from sickos. How many supposedly good heterosexual families beat or sexually abuse their kids, cheat on their spouses or have some other sick habit. You're singling out homosexuality because of pure prejudice. Wake up and smell the roses you hate mongers! America was supposedly built on personal freedom and you people are trying to take it away. Who cares what people do in the privacy of their own homes. To place homosexuality in the same

Defeat 02-06, OCA

To the editor:

Jonathon Dodge's "explanation" of ballot measure 02-06 (The Daily Barometer, 5/7/92) is a convincing argument that this pernicious measure must be defeated, although his plea is not intended that way. By lumping homosexuality with such obviously abhorrent practices as pedophilia, etc., the intentions of the OCA are clearly revealed as being aimed at the gay and lesbian community. Having been soundly defeated in the 1990 elections when ballot measures 8 and 10 to criminalize abortion were turned down by Oregon voters and their candidate for governor, Al Mobley, was decisively defeated, OCA seeks to regain a measure of influence with their confused and confusing injection into State issues of the totally irrelevant one of sexual preference. How many times must the electorate be deflected from the vital task of managing the State economy, preserving the eco-system, housing the working poor, etc., by these narrow-minded and mean-spirited diversions? Defeat 02-06; send the OCA back to the wood-work from which they periodically crawl.

Isadore Wolf

Corvallis resident

Clarifying 02-06 for you

To the editor:

I think a few more things about ballot measure 02-06 need to be clarified.

The first section of this ballot is read as follows:

a) The City of Corvallis shall not recognize any categorical provisions such as "sexual orientations," "sexual preference," and similar phrases that includes homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism, and masochism, nor shall the City of Corvallis, its agencies, departments, bureaus, properties, and monies be used to promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism, or masochism.

I believe the thing about this ballot measure that everyone is opposed to is the lumping of homosexuality, pedophilia, and "perverted" behaviors. Being a homosexual does not automatically make you a child molester. In fact, national statistics show that heterosexual men are involved in more than 90 percent of child sex-abuse cases.

Think about this as well. There are over 25 million gay men and lesbians in the United States. 25 million. That's a lot of people. Chances are someone you work with, are friends with, or live next door to is gay. Would you consider that person "sick" or "abnormal"? What ballot measure 02-06 is doing, among other things, is stereotyping homosexuals, which is wrong.

I've heard a lot of people saying lately that because a person is gay, they don't deserve "special rights." I can agree with that. Nobody deserves special rights. But, everyone deserves equal rights, and if this ballot measure passes, people who are homosexual or perceived to be homosexual, will not receive equal rights. People who are homosexual in this city will only receive harassment and hatred, based on something about them that isn't the business of the city in the first place.

I am not gay, but I am female, and I can understand what discrimination feels like. I've had to deal with it my entire life. Granted, women do have more rights now than in the past, but stereotypes and discrimination based on sex still exist. This is why I feel so strongly about this issue. Discrimination in any form is wrong, and ballot measure 02-06 only helps to make it legal.

I urge everyone to vote no on ballot measure 02-06

Kim Gentry

Freshman in speech communication

Stand Up To Discrimination!

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Join with other concerned citizens of Oregon. Stop the Oregon Citizens Alliance's latest efforts to impose its morality on all Oregonians!

Corvallis Ballot Measure 02-06 would not only allow discrimination, it is so extreme that it would require discrimination by the City of Corvallis.

This is not a gay and lesbian issue; it is not a Corvallis issue. It is an issue that will affect every Oregonian.

Americans are free to dislike lesbians and gay men; however the OCA must not be allowed to take away basic rights from anyone. Our Constitution guarantees that one's religious views will not be imposed upon others; however, if the OCA ballot measures pass, the views of a minority will become law.

The OCA would have us believe that we are dealing with a question of morality, but this is not a moral issue, it is a political issue. The OCA seeks through the ballot box to destroy democracy. In its place they would establish a theocracy in which a few individuals would replace education with indoctrination, decide who could have access to more than menial jobs, and dictate what is right and wrong.

Ray Verzasconi

Don't be misled again by this group of punitive Peeping Toms, this is hatred and discrimination, pure and simple. Today homosexuals, tomorrow who?.... Ignore this pathetic effort and let the Oregon Citizens Alliance know that in Oregon "gay bashing" isn't condoned or encouraged.

Scappoose Spotlight

5/29/91

The Oregon Citizens Alliance's crusade of intolerance and prejudice must be stopped...in all of Oregon. If we don't stop it now, who will be the next target of bigotry? Hate and fear, which become particularly popular in times of economic stress, will never make our country strong. We can't afford to be silent, to let the Oregon Citizens Alliance's campaign of prejudice and discrimination infect our cities and our state.

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Anger, Action and Hope



Corvallis residents join people in 200 other cities around the world in a candlelight march against AIDS in Central Park Monday evening.

Corvallis joins the worldwide march to keep the AIDS battle going strong

By LEIGH ANN JONES
of the Daily Barometer

A worldwide movement of solidarity for people with AIDS was joined by 50 people Sunday night during a candlelight march downtown.

The group marched from Central Park, along Jefferson and Fourth streets to the courthouse, where speakers offered their tears and encouragement to the fight against the deadly disease.

Similar events took place in 200 cities around the world Sunday.

Those who spoke in Corvallis include Corvallis Mayor

Charles Vars, city council member Helen Berg and Tom Engle of the Benton County Health Department.

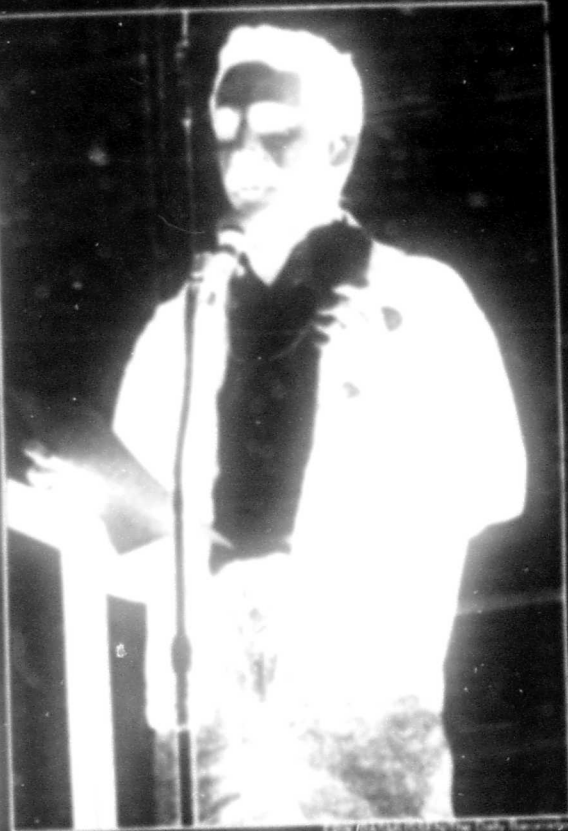
The Valley AIDS Information Network (VAIN) sponsored the event, called the AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization.

VAIN provides local educational forums, a 24-hour information hot line and support groups for those infected with and affected by the HIV virus, said VAIN President Jon Berliner.

"We all are really living with (AIDS)," Berliner said. He said he hopes that the ceremony of "community, anger, action and hope" will make people aware that AIDS affects everyone.

"The truth is, people get AIDS from their friends, their sex partners, and those they share needles with," Margo Denison, an officer for VAIN said.

She said AIDS has killed more people than the Korean and Vietnam wars combined and that more money should be spent



ERIC HAYASHITA/The Daily Barometer

"AIDS is political.... When people are fighting for their lives, it's hard to see people fighting for funding."

—JON BERLINER

on funding for AIDS research.

"AIDS is political," Berliner said. "When people are fighting for their lives, it's hard to see people fighting for funding."

We need to lobby for increased funding of health care for AIDS patients, he said, because current funding isn't keeping up with the pace of inflation.

He said he wants to see a greater cross-section of people fighting in the interest of AIDS patients.

"Science has produced remarkable results when we give priority to particular problems," said Bob Bruce, assistant vice president for university relations at OSU.

"It's no question that AIDS is a problem," he said. It's crucial to have OSU students, administration and faculty aware of AIDS and the damage it is causing in our society, he said.

"AIDS is something that can be prevented, and will ultimately be cured," said Vars. "We can all be touched, we will be touched, unless we come together."

OSU has a federal grant

Benton voters say 'No' on 02-06, yes on transit

The Daily Barometer

Benton County voters rejected Ballot Measure 02-06 Tuesday in Oregon's primary elections. The measure would have amended the Corvallis city charter to prohibit the city from encouraging homosexuality.

By 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, the NO on 02-06 Committee had broken out the champagne and cut a ceremonial cake to celebrate the measure's defeat. At that time, the measure was losing 63 percent to 33 percent with half the precincts reporting.

"The voters of Corvallis have shown that they don't like discrimination," said Harry Demarest, chair of the Benton County Democratic Party.

A variety of local groups came together to oppose the measure, introduced by the Oregon Citizen's Alliance.

"We put together a very, very effective grassroots campaign," said Annabelle Jaramillo, NO on 02-06 campaign director. "With half the precincts reporting, it looks really good that the measure will go down."

Measure 02-05 was passing nearly three-to-one at midnight, with 30 precincts reporting. This measure would levy 20.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to partially fund the Corvallis transit system through June 30, 1995.

The current levy is scheduled to expire next month.

The Barley Hill annexation measure, 02-04, was passing by a narrow margin at midnight. This measure would allow the creation of a residential subdivision on the south side of Philomath Blvd. near 53rd Street.

Dan Burk, Benton County director of records and elections said that this year's voter turnout was lower than usual; 50 percent of Benton County's registered voters were expected to cast ballots.

"It's surprising — if the numbers continue to hold — that we'll have such a poor turnout," the 13-year elections veteran said.

A large number of those who did vote gathered at the Old World Deli in downtown Corval-

lis. A combined primary elections party there between the NO on 02-06 campaign and the Benton County Democratic Party was the largest such gathering in recent years, Demarest said.

Area Republicans did not gather Tuesday night, said Dave Bucy, chair of the Benton County Republican Committee.

"This is sort of a preliminary event. The central committee isn't supposed to be siding one way or another in the primary. We've got a lot of better things to do than waste our time on a meeting," he said.

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DAVID SHROEDER/The Daily Barometer

Nan Dudek, a member of the Human Rights Coalition, cuts an anti-02-06 cake at the Old World Deli Tuesday evening. Oregon citizens cast their votes in the primaries Tuesday.

FDA approves new, faster AIDS test

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration approved a new AIDS test that can be done in a doctor's office and produce results in 10 minutes, the agency said Tuesday.

The test, developed by Murex Corp., is to be used on individuals rather than for large-scale, repetitive testing, said Karen Malone, an FDA spokeswoman.

"It is not to be used for the blood supply," she said.

The company said clinical trials showed the test's accuracy ratings were above 99 percent.

Current tests, which detect the presence of HIV antibodies, take hours and often have to be sent away to a lab for processing. The company said this test can be run in a doctor's office, clinic or hospital by people who have had minimal training. It requires no special equipment.

Presence of the antibody is a sign of the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS.

The test involves mixing some of the patient's blood with a chemical substance and then running it through a couple of other steps. In the end, if the result is positive, the solution at the bottom of the test tube should turn blue.

OCA: Libraries and schools to be 'bad' book-free

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. — The conservative Oregon Citizens Alliance plans to rid schools and libraries of what it considers objectionable books now that voters here have approved an anti-gay rights measure.

"If we find that a book about homosexual lifestyle like 'Heather Has Two Mommies' is in a library, we will do everything we can to get it out of there," OCA spokesperson Scott Lively said.

Springfield voters on May 19 approved the city charter amendment, which forbids the city to "encourage, promote or facilitate homosexuality."

Voter approval indicates the community does not support the public availability of materials that promote homosexuality, Lively said.

"I'm a professional librarian, not an interpreter of election

returns," Springfield librarian Arlo Giles said. "We have had specific selection policies for our books for many years, and they will be continued until I'm told differently by the city manager or the city attorney."

Books are selected on the basis of reviews by experts in the appropriate field and the perceived interests of local readers, Giles said. Anyone who objects to a book can file a complaint, he said.

"In the past 20 years, we've had three complaints, the last one was in '76 — not exactly a trend," he said. "If I get a complaint, I'll look at the book and make a decision about it."

Opponents had expressed fear that the measure could allow the banning of books either written by homosexuals or portraying homosexual lifestyles.

"At this point, without a great deal of litigation at a very high cost to the community, we don't know the answer to that question," said Dave Fidanque, head of the Springfield

chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Oregon Library Association approved a resolution in April against a similar measure the OCA is attempting to place on the statewide ballot in November.

A measure that declares homosexuality "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse" would "pose a threat of censorship of library collections, eliminating literature by gay or lesbian writers, or about homosexuality," the library group said.

A check at the Springfield Public Library last week showed 43 card catalog entries under "homosexual," six under "lesbian" and 13 under "gay."

Giles said he hasn't any idea whether "any of our 110,000 books run contrary to the OCA initiative."

"I don't know all the titles in the library; I can't say there aren't any I wouldn't remove if someone complained about them, but I'm not going to worry about it," he said.

Apology not vail

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Mark Price's "apology" in the May 20th Barometer.

We do not feel Price's apology is valid. He does not seem to understand why marijuana is legal in Oregon and the rest of the U.S. He says that he lost his vehicle and implies that his loss is why possession of marijuana is wrong. Is that why drugs are wrong? Because you will be punished? Is that not circular reasoning? If we have nothing to lose, does that mean drugs are less wrong? He seems to regret the loss of his material possessions more than his breach of public trust.

We would like Mr. Price to explain why it is illegal to possess marijuana, and why those that sentenced him felt that a public apology should be made.

Seth Barry

Freshman at Linn Benton Community College

Erik West

Senior in fine arts

learn, by taking in information from all angles and piecing it together into a complete and personal vision.

In Springfield, many people are going to have to confront just what it means to have an option eliminated. They will see how one subject which offends a majority of voters twists itself into realms of expression and choice they might never have thought of it reaching into. Because removing a single choice demands consideration of the subject's boundary. In the world or literature, the authors life, aesthetics, and surroundings are woven together in a web of expressive information. how can a library full of writing possibly be unangled so as to remove every offensive book? Do we remove just books about homosexuality, or tomes by homosexual authors too? What about books published in San Francisco or Paris? These questions are endless and so are their repercussions. While we watch our neighbors struggle with the issues of free speech and press, let's remember how vital and precious those rights are, in Corvallis and everywhere.

Laura June Melton

Graduate Student in Anthropology

Rights important

To the editor:

This morning, as I came across an article about the OCA's action at the Springfield Public Library, I couldn't help remembering an important episode from my childhood.

The small town I grew up in, in California's Sierra Nevadas, is named for two writers who lived and worked there in the 1800's, Mark Twain and Bret Harte. As a sort of tribute to the town's literary past, school children grew up reading the works of our namesakes. I can't remember the first time I read *Huckleberry Finn*, but I know I read it again in high school. The second time around I took the book seriously, due in large part to the strong political conscience of my high school's English teachers. They told us the book had once been banned, incredulous we asked why. Our clever instructors gave us assignments which forced us to scrutinize the racist nature of some of the passages. And I have to admit, when I woke up to what was going on, I understood why this book had been banned, I might even have supported a ban. But I thought twice about it and stopped myself. Confronting the racism of an author I grew up appreciating was both a shocking and a growing experience. Because I read the book critically, I can view other 'classics' with equal criticism. The offensive passages in the book show their worth in this way. Naivete can grow into opinion with information, even information supporting an issue we don't agree with.

In this country of diverse backgrounds and beliefs any random subject is sure to equally offend and please particular groups of people, but we cannot deny those topics. In Corvallis we have maintained our freedom of choice, to walk into the library and explore literature on any topic we wish. Because that is how we enrich ourselves, develop our opinions, and

Trust must happen

To the editor:

America takes pride as the most powerful military force in the world. Greater pride can be made by being a leader of peace. This requires transforming war to peace as a dominant theme in our culture.

The culture determines the individual and the individual in turn determines the culture. This is sort of a bio-feedback loop. The challenge is to change ourselves in order to change the culture.

Immersed in a culture, individuals don't often see solutions to conflicts. Looking for solutions requires both detachment and observation on a profound level of insight.

This requires an absolute trust in humanity. A belief that people can change for the better. With persistent patience and showing respect toward others, people will change. Regardless of countless betrayals, the trust must be unshakable.

In order to trust, individuals must communicate.

First start with ourselves, then the immediate people in our lives. This will effect things reach far unseen.

Glenn Kirkindall

Albany resident

Column offended

To the editor:

Ken Hile's attack on Title IX and equitable athletic programs was disgusting. Particularly his analogy of sports to cars. Let's see - cars are like a Porsche and women are like Yuppies. He then goes on to refer to women as "qualified employees" when it comes to athletics.

AIRES counsels men about AIDS

To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to Leigh Ann Jones' May 19, 1992 article on the recent candlelight march and vigil in Corvallis ("Anger, Action and Hope"). I would like to commend your community on its commitment to providing public education and support and services to people affected by HIV/AIDS. I would also like to let you know about a program that addresses another crucial aspect of the response to AIDS: prevention.

Project AIRES provides telephone counseling for men who have sex with other men and who are continuing to engage in sexual behaviors that place them and their partners at high risk of AIDS transmission. The program consists of group counseling delivered entirely by telephone, using teleconferencing equipment. Services are provided free of charge, and men may choose to participate confidentially (i.e., providing their names), or completely anonymously.

It is our hope that by offering services over the telephone we will be able to reach men who are hesitant to seek in-per-

can services and those who may not have the services readily available in their areas. Those who would like more information should call Project ARIES toll free, at 1-800-999-7511.

Thank you for letting men in your community know where they can find support in becoming sexually safer.

Candace K. Conte

Research consultant, Project ARIES

OCA is sign of U.S. shift rightward

By David Jarman and Jason W. Moore

No matter how much joy liberals may feel at the impending schism within the Oregon Republican Party, progressives more than ever need to look closely at Oregon's political future. The likelihood that the Democratic Party will benefit from the new electoral math is trivial compared to the fact that the emergence of the Oregon Citizens Alliance as a new political party will serve only to strengthen, not weaken, conservatism.

The OCA's current pet project, the Abnormal Behaviors Initiative (Measure 9), seeks to, in effect, legalize homophobia by prohibiting government from "promoting, encouraging, or facilitating homosexuality," which the OCA kindly equates with pedophilia. Yet, the OCA is interested in more than queer-bashing these days.

Op - Ed

The origins of the OCA lay in Joe Lutz's 1986 Republican primary challenge against Sen. Bob Packwood as a protest against the Republican Senator's pro-choice record. The next year, Lutz, Lion Mabon, Dick Younts, and then chair of the Oregon Republican Party T.J. Bailey, founded the OCA in Klamath Falls primarily as a support network for anti-choice and "family values" activists. It quickly established itself as a fiercely ideological movement with a strong grass-roots base, quickly winning support from the increasingly threatened resource-dependent working class in Oregon.

With the impending establishment of its American Heritage Party, the OCA seeks to build on its successes in the 1988 election, where it sponsored an initiative that struck down then-Governor Neil Goldschmidt's executive order banning discrimination against lesbian and gay state workers, and Al Mobley's 1990 independent gubernatorial candidacy which successfully "punished" the supposedly "far left" David Frohnmayer. The OCA's transformation from the narrowly based single issue politics of the late 1980s to an independent electoral force capable of winning broad-based support is at

the vanguard of a nation-wide ultra-right Christian grab for political power, a process which has been in motion since the mid-1970s.

At stake in Oregon, and across the country, is more than protecting under law (laws which currently provide only minimal guarantees) the rights of lesbians and gays. The OCA and its Christian Right brethren across the country do not just want their views on homosexuality, or abortion, or some other single issue, enacted into law — they desire a massive reconstruction of society. As ultra-right fundraiser Paul Weyrich articulated in the early 1980s — "We are different from previous generations of radicals. We are no longer working to preserve the status quo. We are radicals [sic], working to overturn the present power structure of the country." Weyrich, though not affiliated with the OCA, represents one of the extreme right's dominant ideological currents, and certainly the views of a majority of OCA members.

Often posing as anti-establishment, the pseudo-populism of the Christian Right sets its cross-hairs not on big business but on the remnants of the liberal welfare state and on weakened progressive movements seeking to preserve such radical ideas as public education, job training, and basic civil and reproductive rights. Using racist, sexist, and homophobic themes not only captures significant support for a broader ultra-right program, but serves to destabilize progressive and Left movements by pushing them on the defensive and dividing their base of support.

This strategy has evolved beyond the crude racism of, say, a George Wallace or even a David Duke, in delivering what appears to be an empowering political message which serves to cripple the long-term ability of these same people to control their lives. For instance, earlier this year the OCA attempted to place a measure on the ballot mandating voter approval for all state tax and fee increases. At first glance, this appears to expand democracy. In reality, it further centralizes power in the federal government — which even the Christian Right says is out of touch with the average citizen — by depriving local governments of the ability to raise revenue.

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In pushing a political program which addresses, if even superficially, the real concerns of middle and working class Americans, the Christian Right successfully pushes the political "center" dramatically to the right. In pushing a political program, which seeks to tap widespread disillusion and dissatisfaction with government, they are no longer perceived as single-issue cranks, but as a force to be taken seriously. This development allows the Christian Right to pass off its own extremist agenda as acceptable, even humane; at the same time the mainstream right (George Bush, even Pat Buchanan) becomes more "normal" and "moderate."

This right-wing dynamic allows the ruling class to have it both ways — "mainstream" conservatives can call for compromise and moderation while their junior partners on the far right serve as the establishment's action arm. OCA-style movements throughout the country, and even the world, have been mobilized to accelerate the erosion of the welfare state through attacks on taxation, public assistance, public education, and health care. This in turn benefits the ultra-right when workers find themselves without jobs, and then without social services. Disheartened citizens, anxious for some kind of solution, understandably turn to what is usually the only political voice they can hear speaking to their experience — that of right-wing movements.

While Weyrich's and much of the Christian Right's talk about fundamentally altering the power structure is only so much empty rhetoric, it does resonate with an increasingly impoverished working class and an increasingly frightened middle class — both eager for explanations of today's social crises. These are the people who the Democrats and "moderate" Republicans have abandoned in their mad scramble for the votes of white suburbanites. As media pundits trumpet the "suburban century," everyone from the rural poor to the fall-out from the shrinking middle class to the residents of the decaying inner cities are left without a role in the new political era.

The right sees the danger in allowing workers to think too much about the set-backs of recent decades and views right-wing populism as a means of preventing the working class from drifting back to the populism of the Left. Their job is made that much easier by the virtual absence of any Left voices.

The OCA's restlessness and the ascendancy of the Christian Right raises the question of a schism occurring at a national level in the Republican Party. This is always a possibility, though unlikely — and it is just as unlikely that if it did happen, the two would rarely be at loggerheads. The Oregon split occurs in a state with both a Republican party that is comparatively liberal on social issues, and an ongoing debate over management of dwindling resources that the right has constructed to win the support of workers, pitting them against the "liberal

establishment." Certainly, the national Republican Party is not perceived by the Christian Right as either socially liberal or anti-worker. Chances for a split would most likely arise from a potential Republican strategy which would favor a more "moderate" social and economic package capable of wooing back the middle-class suburbanites that Bill Clinton and Ross Perot have eagerly courted this year.

More likely is that the rightward shift of the center will only push the Republican Party further right, with the Democratic Party in tow. As George Bush moves to placate his party's right wing, and as Clinton shuns the Democrats' traditional constituencies, the power of the Christian Right to frame mainstream political debate will continue to grow.

As long as the Left remains essentially defensive and reactive, we can expect at best stop-gap victories. Even if Measure 9 goes down to defeat, Oregon will not be any more just. A proactive stance against right-wing strides toward seizing political turf must be taken. While the Portland-based Coalition for Human Dignity (Box 40344, Portland OR 97240, 232-5070; Corvallis Human Rights Coalition, PO Box 1828, Corvallis OR, 97339, 757-1532) has made significant efforts towards defeating Measure 9, they have yet to propose any initiatives which go beyond beating back OCA-led attacks on human rights.

Progressive movements need to deal with the OCA's political program as much as their particular cause of the day. Only by seeking to grapple with and alter the social relations which provide fertile ground for fascist-minded Christian Right movements like the OCA can the Left seize the high ground. Only then can there be any hope of reversing the political climate's ominous rightward march.

An active approach must include more than just ballot initiatives, though — the Left must learn a lesson from the OCA's ability to connect with the dislocated worker and dissatisfied suburbanites. Measure 9 will not be defeated if activists continue to focus on urban populations, this struggle will be won or lost in resource-dependent, working class communities like Springfield, Albany, Roseburg, and Medford. As the citizens of these towns desperately seek alternatives to the populism they are constantly fed by the two parties and the mass media, the only alternative voice they hear is that of the OCA's ultra-right demagogic manipulations. Until progressives and radicals actively organize these communities, and counterpose a populism of the Left to the pseudo-populist proto-fascism of the Christian Right, we can only expect the insidious rightward shift to continue.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of David Jarman, former managing editor of the *Amherst Student* at Amherst College, and Jason W. Moore, Editor of the *Student Insurgent* at the University of Oregon. They serve as co-directors for the Center for Contemporary Activism.

Gay rights measure stirs trouble

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — The battle between Ralf Walters and the Springfield gay community rages on.

The Springfield city councilman, who is an outspoken proponent of the anti-gay rights initiative, Measure 9, contends he has become a target for harassment by "militant homosexual activists."

Walters points to a large pink triangle painted on the sidewalk outside his house Monday night.

"They're focusing all their hate and venom on me," Walters said. "But I will not be bullied to change my views or my position."

Pink triangles have been used as an identification symbol in the gay rights movement.

Critics used the triangle as a symbol of an anti-gay rights charter amendment approved by Springfield voters May 19.

Measure 9, a similar proposal, is on the statewide ballot Nov. 3. It would prohibit the government from promoting or facilitating homosexuality. The measure would require schools to teach that homosexuality is abnormal and perverse behavior.

A pink triangle also was painted near the home of conser-

vative activist Loretta Neet.

Walters stormed out of a City Council meeting Monday night after an angry confrontation with local gay rights supporters.

He said afterward he feared for his safety but that he would not be bullied into resigning.

The council had to postpone its appointments to the city's Human Rights Commission after Walters' abrupt departure.

The gay rights supporters said they came to the meeting to express disgust over Walters' support of the local charter amendment last week on the "Donahue" television show.

Springfield gay rights activist Sandy Shirley, who also appeared on the show, said she had no idea who painted the pink triangles. But she said she assumed the painting was done by "somebody who had reached the end of their rope" in dealing with Walters.

She said she doesn't believe anyone should be harassed, but she understands the anger and frustration that could lead someone to such an act.

"They are fed up with Walters saying hateful, hurtful things and unfortunately they don't know a better way to respond," Shirley said.

Anti-Measure 9 office burglarized

Associated Press.

EUGENE — A group campaigning against Measure 9 says its office has been burglarized two weekends in a row, and that a threatening note was taped to the front door yesterday.

Scott Seibert, of the Oregonians United Together Political Action Committee, told police that weekend burglars took about \$1,000 in cash and checks from his home, where the committee office is located.

The burglary occurred sometime between 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 a.m. Sunday, he said. Police listed the break-in as a bias crime.

The committee is campaigning against Measure 9, the statewide anti-gay rights initiative that is on the Nov. 3 general-election ballot.

On Sept. 20, Seibert reported burglars had taken phone numbers, lists of contributors, Seibert's personal schedule, cash, checks and other items.

On the issues

Candidates disagree on military gays

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Here are the views of the presidential nominees on the question: Should homosexuals be allowed to serve in the military?

Bush: "On this issue, I have followed the advice of our nation's top military leaders and

will continue to do so." (The current policy of the armed forces is to exclude homosexuals.)

Clinton: "Yes. I support repeal of the ban on gays and lesbians serving in the United States armed forces, in accord with the Pentagon study which stated that allowing gays and lesbians to serve would have no detrimental impact on our military strength."

No on 9 ad says state will have to rob freedoms

The commercial never uses 'gay' or 'lesbian'

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The first television commercial in the campaign against Measure 9 portrays backers of the anti-gay rights measure as right-wing extremists out to curtail constitutional rights.

"If Measure 9 passes, we'd take away citizens' rights," the ad declares. "No state's ever done that."

The 30-second ad scheduled to air statewide later this week claims that Measure 9 would force the state to discriminate. But the ad does not use the words "gay," "lesbian" or "homosexual."

"This measure is really not about gay and lesbian rights. This is a measure about Oregon and

which direction we will go," Peggy Norman, director of the No on 9 campaign, said at a Monday news conference introducing the ad.

Measure 9 was sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, headed by Lon Mabon. He challenged the ad's claim that Measure 9 would deny equal rights. "It's just that minority classification rights won't extend to those that practice sodomy or lesbianism," Mabon said.

The ad opens with a camera panning the yellowed parchment of the Oregon Constitution as two hands slice the bill of rights with scissors. The hands then edit the constitution in red and black marker.

The word "equality" and the phrase "freedom of speech" are crossed out. The words "state must discriminate" are added, along with phrases from the language of the anti-gay initiative: "abnormal, perverse and unnatural." The title is changed to read "Constitution of the state of the OCA."

The ad was written and produced by Pacey Markman, a partner in the California political advertising firm of Zimmerman & Markman.

The ad was produced largely with volunteer labor, said Markham, whose firm has done political advertising for Harold Washington, the late Chicago mayor, and former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

Hate speech ban repealed

Stop using homophobia

To the Editor:

Why is it that homosexuals are forcibly discharged (often "dishonorably") from the Navy, while misogynist pigs are promoted to high ranks? It seems safe to assume that those sent home because of the Tailhook incident are going to retain the fat pensions enjoyed by retired officers. They can hang out with old buddies and chuckle over martinis about the joys of early retirement, and the good old days.

In these crazy days of Measure 9 in Oregon, this is a good time to look around and get real about who is dangerous and stop using homophobia to divert attention from the societal deterioration due to the poverty, apathy, and violence of ReagaBushanomics.

And maybe at the same time, we should look into the possibility of promoting humanity rather than so-called "virility" and homophobia in our military.

Dawn Lesley

Graduate student in bioresource engineering

Walk-a-thon will show unity against Ballot Measure 9

No on 9 Mid-Valley is sponsoring a five kilometer (three mile) Walk-A-Thon Saturday. The walk will begin and end at Riverfront Park, at First and Madison, in Corvallis.

Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., with a kickoff rally from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. and will follow a route through downtown Corvallis and part of Ninth Street.

An entertainment rally will follow the walk at 11:30 a.m. If it is raining on the day of the walk, registration and the rally will be held at Oddfellows Hall, 223 S.W. Second St. in Corvallis.

The walk is organized to attract people from Linn, Benton, Polk and Lincoln counties. City, state and federal elected officials will be

on hand to kick off the event.

Organizers want to attract over 300 walkers to participate in the show of solidarity against the Oregon Citizens Alliance-sponsored state Ballot Measure 9.

Officials already committed to attend include U.S. Reps. Mike Kopetski and Peter DeFazio, state Sen. Cliff Trow, Corvallis Mayor Charles Vars, and Corvallis City Council members.

Individual and team walkers are encouraged and groups are free to carry placards or banners about their organization.

Pledge packets and walk information can be picked up at the No on 9 Mid-Valley office at 960 NW Circle Blvd. in Corvallis. Additional information is available by phone at 757-1532.

3 police suspended after pulling gay newspapers

SAN FRANCISCO — Three veteran police officers who removed copies of a gay newspaper from public racks at the recommendation of former Police Chief Richard Hongisto have been suspended without pay.

At a Police Commission hearing Wednesday, the officers pleaded no contest in the May incident that led to the firing of Hongisto only six weeks after he took office.

The officers confiscated copies of the Bay Times because of a front page photo lampooning the chief.

Taking measure: Gay rights issue put to test in Oregon

By DOUGLAS SCHORZMAN
of the Daily Barometer

Amy Millward is worried about her future. She's a sophomore at OSU, and she relies on a president's scholarship to pay for her tuition. But she's afraid that if Ballot Measure 9 passes in the upcoming general election, classifying homosexuality as a perversion in Oregon, the scholarship could be taken away from her. "All they'd have to do is see that I'm active in LGBA (Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance), and they could revoke my scholarship. I couldn't go to school without it. ... I feel really vulnerable," Millward says.

Corvallis already isn't the easiest place to be homosexual, she says. If Measure 9 passes, she believes hostility toward her will become more overt — that she could be harassed and have no legal protection.

Jeff Kubler is worried about his children's futures.

He has three children — all preschool age. And he's concerned that there's a growing movement in the schools to present homosexuality as a normal lifestyle.

"Society needs to have equal rights for all, special rights for none. I think to elevate homosexuality to ... protected status is wrong — especially in the education of our children," Kubler says.

He and his family have lived in Corvallis for about 5 years, and he's been active in the Oregon Citizens Alliance for three to four years. He supports Measure 9.

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Measure 9 is a proposed state constitutional amendment that would require the government to recognize homosexuality as "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse."

With that classification, the measure would also keep the government from using state money to "promote, encourage or facilitate" homosexuality. Sexual preference could not be recognized or protected in state law or public institutions.

The language of the measure is a major source of disagreement between campaigning groups. The problem lies in the definition of "promote, encourage and facilitate." Where would the government have to draw the line if the proposal passes?

Those opposing Measure 9 say it would present a major abridgement of civil rights. Groups like LGBA wouldn't be able to meet on campus, scholarships and other aid to openly homosexual students would be taken away, and homosexuals would have no legal recourse

in case of harassment, said Ridge McCoy, director of the NO on 9 Campus Coalition.

OCA member John B. King, of Corvallis, says the language would only keep government from giving homosexuals special status

as a minority group. "It doesn't criminalize their behavior, it just prevents public promotion of their lifestyle," King says.

Both arguments have already been evaluated by some Oregon voters. Corvallis failed a city-wide ordinance similar to Measure 9 by a 2 to 1 ratio in May. The city of Springfield passed a similar ordinance in that month. As indicators of the way the vote on Measure 9 will go on Nov. 3, the city results cancel each other out — representatives on both sides say the vote will be too close to estimate.

Groups from both sides have organized locally to sway voters before the crucial general elections. NO on 9, a statewide organization, has county offices in Corvallis, and a meeting to form a campus coalition chapter at OSU was held last night. The OCA has distributed literature in town.

OCA representatives say the fight for Benton County is all but decided — the wide

margin — that the Corvallis ordinance was failed by put the writing on the wall.

"You kind of take your wins where you can find them. The state is a big checkerboard — some areas liberal, some conservative. The thing is to try to put it all together in your favor," King said.

Members of NO on 9 realize that things are going their way locally, and have campaign tactics to suit.

"Most of our effort locally is in voter registration and voter education," said Andrea Wolff, field director for the local NO on 9 office.

"We're trying to get more voters out there. We're also focussing efforts on areas of Linn and Polk counties that are more conservative," she said.

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Both Millward and Kubler are dedicated to seeing their respective causes through — and both realize that the fight, win or lose, will go on beyond Nov. 3.

"I'll remain involved, see what's there to do," Kubler said. "It's certainly an important vote, but even if we lose I would stay and keep working."

"If I lived in another state and heard this thing passed, there's no way I'd come here, except to fight it," Millward said. "But I'm already here, and the only hope is to appeal to people's sensibilities, to show that (Measure 9) is unjust."

"My life is basically on hold until Nov. 3."



Amy Millward



Jeff Kubler

Vote for freedom, No on Measure 9

Measure 9 may just end up kicking itself in the rear — that is, if it passes.

Perhaps the biggest reason this would happen is that Measure 9 is a pretty decent idea turned really bad. The way things look now, if Measure 9 passes, Oregon will face some serious consequences.

In the first place, Measure 9 ties down a bunch of civil liberties in one blow. Homosexuals will be labeled as deviants and will find discrimination against them legal. Proponents of the measure think that by forcing teachers to discuss homosexuality (and other "abnormal" behaviors) in health and sex education courses, they will discourage the behavior. In reality, children will be exposed to the subject at an earlier age.

Also, subtle consequences may arise, such as loss of scholarships and jobs, book banning, and a general atmosphere of mistrust toward homosexuals. Anything financially supported by Oregon having any relationship to homosexuality will be cut, and sexual orientation could even become a question on state job applications.

The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) may have had good intentions when the measure was initially drafted. Sexual orientation is not a reason for special rights. However, denying someone equal rights as a human isn't the same thing.

It is perfectly legitimate for OCA members and anyone else to have their own feelings about homosexuals. However, when those feelings are put into action and may actually harm someone, things have gone too far.

If Measure 9 passes, it will take away certain liberties held by everyone, not just homosexuals. Vote no on Measure 9.

Church blames Measure 9 battle for break in, theft of member list

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Leaders of a church that serves the city's gay community believe the state's battle over gay rights has led to a break in at church offices and theft of its membership list.

"I feel that this is clearly a reflection of the environment that is being created around Measure 9," said Gary Wilson, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church.

The measure would amend the state's constitution to prevent civil rights protections based on sexual orientation. If passed by voters this November, it would forbid government from using funds to "promote" or "facilitate" homosexuality.

Wilson says vandals forced their way into the church Monday morning, threw files around and took a mailing list of hundreds of names.

The police report indicates 37 index cards listing active members were taken, said Police Bureau spokesman Henry Groepper.

Police have classified the crime as a bias crime because they suspect the burglary is connected to the church's political views, Groepper said.

Wilson said he has told members of the congregation about the theft. "They're frightened, but they won't be intimidated," he said.

Officials for the No on 9 campaign were alarmed.

"What concerns us is that this break-in moves the Measure 9 struggle to a whole new level," said Suzanne Pharr, a campaign spokeswoman. "This isn't a political organization, it's a place of worship."

No on 9 campaign offices in Portland and Eugene also have been broken into and membership lists have been stolen.

In Portland, vandals threw files on the floor and sprinkled copy machine toner over them in June. They also stole office membership lists and equipment, including a fax and computers.

Last month, the Eugene office was broken into twice and files were stolen.

The conservative Oregon Citizens Alliance, which sponsored the measure, has also reported vandalism.

OCA members say they have found glue in keyholes at the Wilsonville office and cars spray painted with the insignia of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Debate brings out sides on Ballot Measure 9

Al Mobley faces off with lawyer for No on 9

By ERIK VAN EATON
of the Daily Barometer

Homosexuals are trying to force their agenda into state government and upon children, said former gubernatorial candidate Al Mobley in a Ballot Measure 9 debate Tuesday.

Opposing him was Jeanne Smith, local attorney and co-counsel for No on 9. She said Ballot Measure 9 would deny homosexuals equal human rights under state law.

Flanked by a half-dozen private security guards, a crowd of about 500 remained orderly throughout the debate, which Scott Palmer moderated. The audience seemed split in its support for the two sides.

Smith, designedly citing outside sources in her arguments, said the American Bar Association passed a resolution urging that sexual orientation be placed among age, race and gender in equal-opportunity notices.

Mobley said homosexuals should not seek government protection of their lifestyle because they are primarily to blame for the persecution and discrimination they receive.

"When you do something in your bedroom and then go scream on street corners and in newspapers what you've done, you are not looking for privacy," he said.

Smith said the state, under Measure 9, would be forbidden from helping gay and lesbian citizens. She called Measure 9 a referendum on whether one group of citizens shall be legally discriminated against.

"When you deny one group of citizens rights accorded all other citizens, that is the definition of discrimination."

The American Bar Association has already declared that homosexuals do not enjoy the same rights as heterosexuals. The association urged that sexual orientation be included in non-discrimination statutes.

Mobley said Oregonians must remember to separate the behavior from the person. He drew parallels to prostitution; Oregon does not discriminate against the activities of prostitutes because of who they are but because of what they practice.

He gave a brief description of the kinds of sexual behavior he attributed to homosexuals, but Smith remarked that the sexual acts he described are not limited to homosexuals — they are practiced by heterosexuals as well.

Heterosexuals who do engage in such acts are not trying to obtain minority status, Mobley said.

"It is the bedroom trying to get into the government, not the government trying to get into the bedroom," he said.

Smith said Measure 9 would take the issue beyond sexual practice to issues of censorship. It could require state libraries to remove literature about or by homosexual persons from their shelves.

"Once you open the door to censorship, where does it stop?"

In a hypothetical example, she said an OSU counselor would be forced by Measure 9 to tell "John," the son of a lesbian, that his mother was a pervert. The counselor would be forced by law to refrain from discussing homosexuality in any other light.

Mobley asked, "What would that counselor say if John asked about his mom being an alcoholic or a prostitute? ... What particular behavior would you have us promote with our taxes?"

Throughout the debate, Smith referred to her numerous citations of "mainstream sources."



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Former gubernatorial candidate Al Mobley (left) and Jeanne A. Smith, a local attorney and co-counsel for No on 9, debated issues relating to Ballot Measure 9 Tuesday morning in the MU Ballroom. The crowd seemed split in their support for the two sides.

OSU insurance will cover abortion costs, won't cover prevention costs

By JODI HOLCOMBE
of the Daily Barometer

Up to 80 percent of the cost of an abortion is covered by Mega Life, the OSU student health insurance plan, but none of the cost of preventive medicine such as birth control.

"Insurance should cover preventative medicine," said Els Lofgren, manager of the Student Health Center's gynecology and sexual health clinic. "This is our first year with this insurance company, and we are trying to work together with the company."

Lofgren says it is not possible to cover birth control because it is often very expen-

sive. Birth control pills, for example, cost approximately \$15 a month. "We need to weigh the cost and make sure it is a benefit that would serve the majority because it would raise the premiums," he said. "If we were to add birth control to our coverage, it would add about \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year. The number of people needing abortions are much lower than the number of people using birth control."

Abortion is covered by most insurance companies in the United States.

The Student Health Center will be trying to work with students so medical needs can be met.

"We were trying to look for a plan that did cover preventive medicine," said Susan Longerbeam. "We are now trying to fill in the gaps between the health center and the Mega Life insurance plan," said Susan Longerbeam, associate director of the Student Health Center.

Debbie O'Hare, account executive of Mega Life, said, "We are responsive to all students' needs."

Mega Life insurance handles 300 universities across the country and is the only company with a student division. Mega Life serves 50 percent of the student health insurance market.

Not everyone believes birth control pills are a legitimate expense for insurance to cover. Judy Ladd, deputy administrator at the Benton County Health Department said, "I have worked here for 15 years and have never met a woman who had gotten pregnant because she could not afford birth control. Usually she just thought it could not happen to her or it was a mistake."

"Part of the benefit of having student health insurance is the only qualification is that you have to be a student. ... Title IX mandates any university must offer student insurance for pregnancy and it must be treated as an illness. If not, then federal funding can be cut."

Pregnancy can be considered a pre-existing condition if insurance coverage began before the date of conception. If it is a pre-existing condition, insurance companies will not cover the cost of a pregnancy or an abortion. Doctors can usually determine the date of conception accurate to within two or three days.

Abortion debate hot issue across nation's campuses

College Press Service

If a single issue has deeply divided the country, split campuses, threatened friendships and fractured political parties, it is the issue of abortion rights.

"Pro-life" or "pro-choice," have become buzzwords this election year, peppering campaign speeches and churning up frenzied debate.

Some college students will be voting for the first time, many of them attracted to the polls because of personal convictions about abortion.

President Bush is the pro-life candidate, while Bill Clinton represents the pro-choice movement. Because more college-age women

are affected by abortion than any other age group, both candidates have strong support on campuses throughout the nation.

President Bush supports a constitutional amendment that would outlaw abortion except in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is endangered.

"President Bush supports the right to life and believes it is a precious gift," said Darcey Campbell, assistant press secretary of the Bush-Quayle campaign. "He believes all humans have intrinsic dignity and worth. He is opposed to abortion except when the life of the wife or mother is threatened."

"The president clearly understands it is a

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and challenged Mobley to cite one such source. She said he couldn't because none support his position.

Many mainstream religions consider homosexuality a sin, yet still oppose Measure 9, she said. Businesses in Oregon oppose the measure also, she said, and cited a case where a Red Lion Inn in Springfield lost convention business specifically because the city passed a local Measure similar to Measure 9.

Mobley said that all the sources Smith cited were among the groups that overturned former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's 1988 executive order granting special rights to homosexuals.

He blamed institutional thinking for dictating a point of view to the voters. He said common citizens would understand the intent of Measure 9, and would vote for it if left to think for themselves.

"Measure 9 is merely an issue that is going before the state for the people to decide."

He warned the audience that if it is defeated, the generation now in college would spend the rest its life rooting homosexual behavior out of the political system.

Smith reminded the audience that Measure 9 was not about

special rights but about human rights.

"Throughout the debate I have cited numerous mainstream sources, Mobley cited none because there are none. ... Don't fall for it (Measure 9). Make them justify their position before you vote for it."

After the debate, Mobley dispelled rumors that he will run for office this November. While he said he would accept write-in status, he said "I will not aggressively launch a write-in campaign."

The debate was organized by ASOSU and Palmer, who contracted Creative Security from Salem to ensure it did not get out of hand.

The crowd was "very orderly and very professional — they did exactly what they were here to do," a security official said.

Scott Ballo, ASOSU vice president for senate, said he thought the crowd was "too mellow." The debate was held in the MU Ballroom, instead of the MU Lounge as Ballo planned, where more students would be attracted by the event and increase the audience participation.

Words deceiving

To the Editor:

As a proponent of Measure 9 and proud resident of Springfield, Ore., I feel compelled to respond to the Oct. 2 issue of the *Barometer*. I say that Amy Millward's statements in that article were deceiving. Measure 9 would indeed see that she did not receive a presidential scholarship merely because of the fact that she is gay. No where on that scholarship does it ask if you are gay, correct? She earned that scholarship fair and square, and there is nothing wrong with that. My problem is if state schools give out scholarships to people merely because they are gay, or if state institutions spend money to cram down my throat that homosexuality is an accepted and normal lifestyle. I have no significant problem with gay people in society, but I do have a problem with giving them minority status. If such status was granted to such a group, a certain amount of scholarships, jobs, and promotions would have to be reserved for gay individuals. Don't let bleeding heart liberals sway the words which are stated clearly in Measure 9. Let's get back to the merit system of what can you do, not the biased system of what can you stand for.

Adam Rutherford
Junior in mechanical engineering

Parking complaints

To the Editor:

As a new student you may believe that OSU is a place where intelligence is universally distributed. Make no mistake: this may be valid for professors and staff, but there is also an institution called Administration. This institution has a special role at the university: it has to maintain the law of compensations (the one that keeps things in equilibrium). Consequently, for all those smart ideas generated by the faculty, staff, and students there must be at least a very foolish one developed by Administration. Unfortunately, this law works only partially in the years that I have been here no intelligent proposition was ever generated by Administration. Last year it was BANNER (Can anybody forget those incredible bills and class schedules?) I thought that BANNER would compensate for several years given its magnitude. But no: too much wishful thinking. This year I received a separate bill for my parking permit, which I asked for during the registration process in May (several months ago). I paid it by sending a check through the mail (as requested). Since they know my address, here in Corvallis, I innocently expected to receive the stickers by mail. What's the point in having to lose time making a line at the Traffic Office? I even thought it was a small miracle: finally a good idea. I know what old students are thinking: How could I be so naive? Yes, I agree: I should have known better. Of course I should have suspected something: the bill said nothing about having to pick up the stickers at the Traffic Office before some well-defined date.

I also must concede that my faith in human nature has become weaker after what happened to me yesterday, Oct. 5. There I was, ready to get into my car, when I saw that ugly yellow envelope containing a traffic ticket. How could it be? I had already paid \$62 (a 19 percent increase from last year - far higher than inflation). While I was filling a discharge (complaint) form at the Traffic Office, a very unpleasant moment, a clerk tells me that I was not being treated

different than anybody else (what a consolation). I just expected a basic level of understanding, not a special treatment. Then she tells me that all was announced in The *Barometer*. Way to go: from now on should I assume that all carefully planned official notifications will be published in the students' newspaper instead of the direct approach? (It surely is cheaper.) I usually enjoy reading The *Barometer* but it just happened that last week I was working on my preliminary examination. What do you think should I pay or sue the university?

Finally, I have a few questions for all those students that bought a parking permit. Have you seen or know about any actual or planned improvement in the current parking lots? Is there any new parking lot? Is there any new service provided by the Traffic Office (e.g., a first-time warning)? Anything that justifies the price increase? At least I am aware of nothing in such respects. New student be alert: the wolf will try to bite your pockets whenever it's possible.

Andre Larue
Ph.D. student in forest resources

OLA votes no on 9

To the Editor:

The Oregon Library Association urges Oregonians to vote no on Ballot Measure 9.

If the measure were to pass, it is clear the Oregon Citizens Alliance would demand that certain books be removed from library shelves, presumably those written by or about homosexuals.

If that were the criterion the OCA used, many of this nation's favorite writers would be purged. Among them surely would be Walt Whitman, often called "the poet of America," just to cite one example.

The notion of evaluating literature on the basis of the writer's sexual orientation would be laughable if it were not so dangerous.

Intellectual freedom has always been the cornerstone of libraries in our country. Discrimination against any one group or segment of Oregonians has no place in our society. Or in our libraries.

Deborah L. Jacobs
President, Oregon Library Association

Will you vote no?

To the Editor:

Members and supporters of the Oregon Citizen's Alliance have fallen prey to the mistaken notion that America's right to freedom of religious expression grants them license to curtail and/or abort the civil liberties of an entire class of human beings. Measure 9, based as it is upon deliberate misinformation, constitutes the worst abuse of religious freedom ever witnessed in this country.

For example, the OCA defines equal employment and housing rights for homosexuals as being "special rights." Having a job is not a special right, having a place of shelter, likewise, is not a special right. These rights are, in America, the guaranteed rights of everyone, homosexuals included, who is willing to work for them. Unfortunately, without civil rights laws which specifically ban discrimination based on sexual orientation, gay people can lose both their homes and their jobs, and be left with no legal recourse to reclaim them, regardless of Constitutional guarantees.

The OCA contends that homosexuals are not a legitimate minority as compared, categorically, to race, religion, or ethnic creed.

Each of these categories is, of course, separate and distinct, one from the other. The issue, however, is not one of categorical difference, but rather one of discrimination, which Measure 9 would legalize. (For the record, Webster's dictionary defines minority as "less than half").

Contrary to another OCA mistruth, homosexuality is not the same as pedophilia, sadism, or masochism. By incorrectly lumping these phenomenon together, the OCA fosters the illusion that overt prejudice against homosexuals is necessary, in some inexplicable fashion, to the maintenance of traditional American values. Since when, one wonders, has the socially destructive institution of prejudice been a boon to this or any other nation?

Additionally, it would well suit the OCA to have us believe the falsehood that homosexuality is a matter of choice. Given the abuse that homosexuals are subjected to in our society (witness Measure 9), who would "choose" to be gay? Please reflect back to the time when you first became aware of your own sexual orientation. Did this awakening require, on your part, a conscious, sitting-down decision making process, as is necessary to the making of a choice, or was this awakening rather, for you, a matter of discovery?

Finally, we come to the cruel OCA argument that the inclusion of the category sexual-orientation in hate crime laws "promotes" homosexuality. Statistically, homosexuals are the most frequent victims of such crimes. Their exclusion from hate crime laws, as mandated by Measure 9, promotes the sinful idea that it is "okay" to verbally and physically assault a gay man or lesbian woman. Existing laws, however strict, are not strict enough, at any level, to act as an effective deterrent to the ever-growing number of often violent gay-bashing incidents.

In a recent letter to *Newsweek* magazine, one Washington state resident made the astute and honest observation that the OCA is "like the Ku Klux Klan without the robes." Given that fact, and those above, there is really only one question left to ask of Oregon voters: How will you be voting "NO" on Measure 9?

Steven M. Moore
Pomona, Calif.

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Half of Ore. voters oppose Measure 9, according to random telephone survey

PORTLAND — More than half of Oregon voters oppose Measure 9, and two-thirds of Oregon women would vote against it, according to a poll conducted for a group of newspapers and television stations.

The random telephone survey, conducted Sept. 28-29, showed 57 percent of the 806 registered voters polled would vote against the anti-homosexual ballot measure, while 67 percent of all women respondents oppose it.

The proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit government from facilitating, promoting or encouraging homosexuality, which it includes on a list of "unnatural and perverse" behaviors.

Twenty-eight percent of all voters polled favor the measure, 15 percent were undecided.

Measure asks people to define

By James J. Tarbox

Students who take classes in rhetorical theory and communication theory often ask about the relevance of what they study to their everyday lives. In class, I provide examples that illustrate basic tenets of theory and tell students that the world in which we live constantly provides experiences that theory can help to explain. I would like to discuss one such instance and consider how communication studies can help to clarify a decision that we will be asked to make on Nov. 3, 1992.

Op - Ed

I will address Measure 9 - a measure that needs no introduction given the attention it receives in local mass media. Specifically, I would like to discuss how the rhetorical technique of naming helps explain the political consequence of constituting a public identity. I offer this insight not to defend or denounce Measure 9, but to display that your vote literally has the power to define others.

Let's first talk about naming. Naming serves a rhetorical strategy: it places boundaries around those ideas we associate with a name, while simultaneously excluding others. A precisely defined name sets specific limits on how we perceive persons, events, and concepts. Often precisely defined names serve as parts of a working vocabulary that dictates how controlled activity, such as scientific inquiry, will occur.

In the case of Measure 9, proponents seek to place a precise definition of homosexuals within the working vocabulary that forms the basis of state government. They propose that the name homosexual represents a set of specific ideas about a group of people. Under an acceptance of Measure 9, the name homosexual would denote a group of people who choose to be sexually deviant and who, as a result of their choice, promote morally incorrect lifestyles. Conscious choice, deviant behavior, and moral corruption would become the bases for the state to work with in framing public policy that might influence this group.

As with all measures offered to voters, several groups of people challenge Measure 9. These various groups oppose Measure 9 largely because they disagree with those ideas that would be officially associated with this name. What opponents offer in their discussions are alternative ideas to associate with the name homosexual. They tend to describe homosexuals not as moral agents who make a conscious decision to go against society's norms, but as a diverse collection of people who are what they are because they are born that way. Biological determinism (for lack of a better phrase), diversity, and respect surface as central ideas opponents of Measure 9 used in defining homosexuals. These groups also differentiate their efforts by offering up other names to describe homosexuals, such as gays and lesbians. These other names function rhetorically to call into question the narrow limits that shape homosexuality under Measure 9.

Now that we have a sense of what naming does as a rhetorical technique, let's examine a political consequence of naming - that of establishing identity. Names establish identity by serving as a container for those ideas that we tend to think of when we speak a given name. Let's take the name "liberal" as an example. In 1988, the Bush campaign successfully equated this name with radical change, destruction, and senseless uses

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of resources. Liberals became a questionable group as this name came to inscribe more tightly those efforts that worked against good government.

In this election year of 1992, Oregon voters will decide if as a state they want to accept and instantiate those ideas about homosexuality that Measure 9 contains. This last sentence may seem obvious enough, but read it again. The vote addresses the construction of a public identity that will serve as a basis for guiding state policy. The implicit question then that this measure asks each voter is not what definition do you as an individual hold of homosexuals, but what definition should the state use in determining policy where this group of people is concerned?

Measure 9 presents a definitive question. It asks the people if the state should work from a specific understanding of the name homosexual. It asks the people to assess the import of names in developing codes for common existence. The debate over Measure 9 also poses an implicit question and that is, how would our states (and national) governments change if we placed such definite restrictions on what we could mean by terms such as freedom, religion, democracy, and citizenship? Would there be room enough for everyone to peacefully coexist within that political space that we create with our language?

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of James J. Tarbox, assistant professor of speech communication.

Measure 9 poses unique discrimination problems for Oregon

To the Editor:

Measure 9 is not just about homosexuals qualifying for minority status, Affirmative Action and hiring quotas, despite what the OCA would have you believe. If the initiative stopped there, most people would support it to preserve these rights for ethnic minorities.

Homosexuals, however, face a unique type of discriminatory problem. Unlike a closet gay, a man is rarely fired because it suddenly "comes to light" that he is black, Or Asian, Or Jewish. An individual's sexual orientation in no way affects his/her job performance and should never be addressed in consideration for employment. In a recent OCA publication, however, they printed a letter from Bruce Fein, former Associate Deputy General of the United States and "America's Leading Constitutional Scholar", claiming the amendment to be constitutionally sound. In the letter, he states: "Subsection (1) of the proposal would prohibit the state from making classifications based on sexual preferences or behavior in its laws. Thus, for instance, the state *could not outlaw* private employment practices that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or homosexuality" (emphasis added).

The No on 9 Coalition need not even print any supporting materials for their cause. The thinly disguised hatred and ridiculous implications of the OCA's propaganda, speak the truth plainly to any intelligent reader.

Their attempt to classify and stereotype all homosexuals as militant child abusers is abhorrent. If this is the kind of ignorance, intolerance and self-righteous garbage the people of Oregon stand for, I think I'll head back north

where I came from — and so will a number of businesses and industries which help buoy Oregon's floundering economy.

If we want to label this state as completely ignorant and intolerant, on top of placing no value on higher education — so be it. But at least think for yourselves, first. Don't be swayed from a belief in love and tolerance by a group of judgemental propagandists throwing a twisted version of the truth in your faces. I may be accused of selective editing or quoting out of context, but space is limited and I can assure you the writers for the OCA are more guilty of that than I.

The OCA defends removing "sexual orientation" from hate crimes legislation by claiming it "will simply make the judicial system treat an assault against a homosexual the same as an assault on anyone else."

I assume that means even if the attacker is a Neo-Nazi Skinhead shouting homosexu-

al slurs while kicking the victims face in. I guess we should also treat a black man being whipped by Klansmen just the same as if it were two middle class whites involved in the incident.

The OCA is also fond of citing AIDS statistics among homosexuals. What exactly are they trying to imply? I thought blaming famine, disease and curses on the "infidels" among us died out in the Middle Ages.

A primary goal of the OCA is to reach the classrooms of Oregon and teach that homosexuality is "abnormal,

wrong, unnatural and perverse," purportedly in the interest of the children's "emotional and mental health." Let's try to imagine how it would affect their health to learn from a teacher they trust and respect, that their gay parent, aunt, uncle, sibling or, even, that the feelings which they themselves are experiencing, are "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse."

It is interesting that their propaganda insists "no child should be subjected to manipulation by a political special interest group in the class-

room," considering that is exactly what this measure would allow the OCA to do.

I wrote this letter because we all need to step into the shoes of someone being treated this way. Reading through the OCA's materials, I'm thankful I'm not gay. Not because I think there's anything wrong with it, but because we are so busy trying to make their daily lives a living hell.

Just say no to intolerance, discrimination and hate. Vote no on 9.

Amy Cutting
Junior in biology

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Proponents have no case

To the Editor:

I attended the Measure 9 debate hoping to obtain facts (both sides) on which to base my decision in November. Jeanne Smith presented the opposition's case very well, citing respectable sources and studies in a logical fashion. Al Mobley, however, led me to believe that he is not a very good spokesperson for the measure, or that in fact its proponents have no case.

The facts as I saw them were as follows. A 1988 American Bar Association study concluded that discrimination against gays is pervasive. This seems to be grounds for legislation to combat such discrimination. For almost 20 years homosexuality has not been classified as a mental disease, as has alcoholism and other disorders that the proponents of Measure 9 are trying to associate with it.

Al Mobley said that pro-homosexual lobbyists are attempting to force their "bedroom into our government," yet sighted no such examples. Again, I wonder if this demonstrates Mr. Mobley's incompetence or simply the lack of justification for Measure 9. I am fairly current on governmental issues and tend to believe the latter is true.

For these reasons I will vote NO on 9.

Robert DeVaney

Junior in Civil Engineering

ALL people created equal

To the Editor:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Hopefully we all recognize these words, taken from our own Declaration of Independence. Unfortunately, there seems to be a large number among us who do not really hold to them, but instead to a thought from George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, that all are equal, but that some are more equal than others—which implies that some are less equal.

A few years ago, the people of Oregon voted on a ballot measure, Number 8 then, intended to restrain a certain group of citizens in an advance toward special rights. Now we are faced with another ballot measure, Number 9, which targets that same group, with the intent of restricting their rights. Clearly, this group of citizens is not one that arouses apathy; that two measures concerning them have made it to the ballot in our state indicates that there are large numbers of people fairly fired up about this group, one way or the other—either trying to advance their position, or to harm it. The emotional content of the debate on this year's Measure 9 is another indication of the intensity with which many, if not most, of us react to this certain group of our fellow citizens.

My first reaction is also an emotional one. My initial gut reaction to Measure 9 was this: go for it! Get these perverts out of our state!

But then I began to reckon with my own beliefs. "We hold these truths to be self-evident." I first memorized those words in fourth grade. I have never forgotten that the very foundation of these United States of America was the proposition that ALL men are created EQUAL. Nor have I forgotten that the document which epitomized the birth of a new nation appealed to our Creator, who grants the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And so I conclude that, if I am an American, I must judge Measure 9 by the first rule of America: equal treatment for all. On no account, because of any personal feelings, may I deny to a fellow human being the status of an equal. On no account may I attempt to restrict my fellow human's rights to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, or any of the other rights we have built up in our two centuries as a nation.

And even more: I am a Christian, who fervently holds to my Creator. That Creator became human for us, before all else to rescue us, but also to give us an example of how to live. So I remember that He said such things as: "Love your neighbor as yourself." And if my fellow citizen is not my neighbor, who is?

So where am I left? First of all, because of other words of our Creator, I believe that homosexuality, the subject of Measure 9, is a perversion. Among God's people of ancient times it was punishable by death. Yet, secondly, I am bound by the constraint of loving my neighbor, a thing often measured by doing to my neighbor that which I would have that neighbor do to me. Since I would not have my neighbors passing laws against any of my preferences, I should not try to pass

laws against theirs—especially laws that could allow their persecution. Finally, as an American, I cannot support any attempts to make any of my fellow citizens either more or less equal than myself. Thus, for the same reasons I supported the old Measure 8—opposing special rights for any group—I must oppose Measure 9, that no group might have lesser rights.

Ray Wilson

Post-Baccalaureate in Earth Sciences

Tired of the complaints

To the Editor:

I know I'm not alone in saying that I am sick and tired of hearing homosexuals whine about their lack of rights, the discrimination they face, and their inability to express themselves because of fear. Gay and Lesbian activities, ideals, and opinions get front page exposure every day in *The Oregonian*, *The Gazette Times*, and *The Barometer*. One of Tuesday's evening news programs carried stories about homosexuals for its first three segments! What is going on here? The press and the homosexual community need to realize something about the average American. We don't care!

We are concerned with the issues that are important to Americans, the economy, education, and the family, not those important for the gay lobby's advertising. Gays have equal rights, but what do they want from us? To tell you it's ok? That it is normal? Well, I for one, am sure that God, science, or Mother Nature, whichever you choose, did not intend for people to be homosexual. (Basically, it disgusts most of us.)

It is the continued complaining and the attempts to become too vocal that has fostered backlash legislation such as Measure 9. Homosexuality a perfectly fine alternative lifestyle? No way!

So please, keep the whining to a minimum, and let me eat my breakfast with the morning paper.

Jeff Winkler

Senior in Finance

Pro-choice spills blood

To the Editor:

I've only known one perfect speller, he lived at the Johnson Chapel store near DesArc, Arkansas. And I don't believe, he could've fell back line and sinker for pro-choice. Pro-choice causes innocent blood to be shed.

"At 17 days, the new life has developed its own blood cells, the placenta is a part of the new life and not of the mother."

God hates, "Hands that shed innocent blood." (Proverbs 6:17)

If pro-choice, "Be of men, it will come to nought." (Acts 5:38)

Isaac Colvin

Harrodsburg, KY

Longhouse incident hurt

To the Editor:

I was very saddened when my friend Carol Brunoe related the incidents that occurred at the Native American Longhouse on Saturday. Not only were she and Tom verbally attacked as our signs were being destroyed, but no one was willing to come to their defense. Unfortunately, many were in support of this criminal action and cheered it on.

I have a message to the man who was arrested for criminal mischief, whether you realize it or not, your actions are a reflection on the white community at Oregon State University.

It is now time for that community to re-evaluate their feelings about racism. The Native American students will be looking for a sign that indicates where your concerns lie. Being a college student is difficult by itself, now we must attend classes with the shadow of this incident hanging over us. While being victimized is nothing new to Native Americans, it would really help if those of you who deplore such treatment would come forth and show your support for O.S.U.'s small Indian community.

MEET the AUTHOR!

Jon Lewis

Frightened by 9

To the Editor:

While reading *Hitler and Stalin, Parallel Lives*, (page 307), I came across the following passage:

"The national government will preserve and defend the foundations on which the strength of our nation rests. It will take under its firm protection Christianity as the basis of our morality and the family as the nucleus of our nation."

This was Adolf Hitler's "Appeal To The German Nation" broadcast on February 1, 1933. Innocent enough, not a bit threatening. Twelve years later, 1945, my father gave his life at The Battle of The Bulge to save his children and the world from Hitler and the horrors of the Third Reich.

Now, in 1992, we had a national political convention that shouted family values (theirs), moral righteousness and allowed, even encouraged a leader of the Christian right to preach of the need of a "Religious war" in America. This was one of

their keynote speakers. We also have Measure 9 on the ballot in Oregon. Innocent enough, not a bit threatening. I think not. It frightens me and chills my soul!

NO ON 9.

Milo Angel

Residence Hall Office Coordinator

9 is not homophobic

To the Editor:

With the coming 1992 election, Oregon has drawn the attention of the entire nation with its anti-gay rights bill, Measure 9. I am sure by now that most Oregonians have grown quite tired of hearing about it. However, I would like to reiterate in order to help clarify the position.

OCA and its supporters are not "homophobic." They are merely responding to the menacing threats of a militant gay community. It is the radical homosexuals who have thrust this issue to the

forefront of the political agenda. After reviewing much literature about and by homosexuals it is easy to see that their main goal, simply put, is to gratify their sexual desires at all costs including having sex with our children. Think I'm kidding? Twenty years ago one of the most prominent planks in the platform of the National Coalition of Gay Organizations was to "Repeal all laws governing the age of sexual consent." They've never rescinded on that point. Additionally the North American Man/Boy Love Association, a radical and militant gay group, has as its motto, "Sex before eight or it's too late!"

Without taking further space on your editorial page let me just say that the homosexual agenda includes all the hate-filled, intolerant activities it accuses its opponents of.

For the sake of our families, our children and our future, vote YES on Measure 9!

Keith W. Cantrell

Sweet Home resident

Yes on 9 has consequences

To the Editor:

We're being faced with a big decision on Nov. 3. We must decide whether or not we will become a state whose public policy is based on intolerance and hatred or one that is based on providing equal rights to all of its citizens.

If you vote no on Ballot Measure 9, not a whole lot would change, except the fact that Oregon's image would be redeemed in the eyes of the rest of the world.

If you vote yes on Ballot Measure 9, things in this state would be turned upside down. The vague language of this measure makes it impossible to determine all the possible implications. We believe that, at best, men and women would be forced to lead lives based on secrets and filled with the fear of losing their job or their apartment or their house.

At worst, men and women would be faced with violence from people who felt that it was their duty to enforce the "law" against homosexuals. They would be faced with losing their place of residence because a landlord feels that they can evict them because they have no "special" rights. The same can be said about employment. Is it a special right to live a life free from violence,

Push toward NO

To the Editor:

After months of campaigning by both sides on the issue, many Oregonians are still confused about how to vote on Measure 9. This is understandable, it is hard to make an informed decision when both sides are stating completely opposite facts. The purpose of my letter is to try to give the "undecided" vote a little push in the NO on 9 direction.

Measure 9 would change the Oregon Constitution to read that the State of Oregon could not facilitate, promote or encourage homosexuality and other behaviors. This statement is very ambiguous, what exactly qualifies as facilitate, promote or encourage? I suppose if this measure passed it would be up to the OCA to determine what these terms mean. The Oregon Library Association has come out against this measure, stating their fear of a book banning craze in Oregon.

The OCA claims to be a Christian organization. I'm sure they are; I'm certainly not one to refute anyone's religion. They also claim that this measure is the Christian way to deal with homosexuality. If this is true, why are individual Christians and Christian organizations around Oregon and yes, the United States (Jesse Jackson for one), coming out against this measure?

The measure is not supposed to have any economic effect on the State of Oregon, however, it will. The City of Springfield passed a similar measure in May 1992 by a very narrow margin. Already this city is feeling the economic effects of enforcing discrimination against another human being. Several conferences are waiting to schedule their meetings in Portland until after the Nov. 3 election. Can Oregon, in the days of Measure 5, afford to lose more money? Look at Arizona, they have lost conventions and the chance to host a Super Bowl thanks to their refusal to honor Martin Luther King Day.

As a closing thought I must comment on the news tonight (10/11/92). There was a segment about a Catholic church being vandalized in Beaverton for the second time this week. Normally this wouldn't have caught my eye, but this was different. The vandals spray-painted among others, the following phrases:

- * Kill gays and Catholics
- * Yes on 9

Can this just be a coincidence or is this measure going to inspire even more hate and violence?

When you go to the polls on Nov. 3, 1992 please keep in mind the arguments of the NO on 9 Committee. They seem to have the only rational argument out there. Remember, the Oregon Constitution is not the place to mandate morality for the citizens of Oregon, no constitution is.

VOTE NO ON 9

Christopher D. Paton
Senior in Psychology

sure every day in *The Oregonian*, the *The Gazette-Times*, and *The Barometer*. What is going on here? The press and the heterosexual community need to realize something about the average American — We don't care!

We are concerned with the issues that are important to all Americans; the economy, education, and the family, not those important for the heterosexual lobby's advertising. Heterosexuals have equal rights, but what do they want from us? To tell you it's OK? That it is normal? Well, I for one, am sure that God, science, or Mother Nature, whichever you choose, did not intend for people to be heterosexual. (Basically it disgusts most of us.)

So, tell me, Jeff, how do your words sound now?

I don't need your permission to live my life as I choose and I most certainly am not asking for special rights. What I want is to be left alone, to be treated like anyone else! But, because of my sexual orientation, that most likely will never happen. Jeff, you will not lose your job just because you're heterosexual. A homosexual could. You won't be evicted from your apartment/house just because you're heterosexual. A homosexual could be. You don't get the s---t beat out of you for kissing your significant other in public. Homosexuals do everyday. Do you understand yet or are your ascribing this to more whining? All we really want is to be left alone and treated no differently from anyone else. Leave us alone, Jeff. Vote no on Measure 9.

Nancy Osterbauer

Graduate Student — Botany and Plant Pathology

Plans don't cover

To the Editor:

In response to Jodi Holcombe's article on the ASOSU student health insurance plan, I concur that preventative care, including birth control, should be a covered medical expense. Unfortunately, the majority of insurance plans in this country do not cover preventative care. The concern is that preventative is not covered, not that abortion is. Abortion services are covered under most plans (and were covered under the previous plan, PHA).

Student Health Services makes every effort to keep the cost of birth control low. Oral contraceptives are available at low cost in the pharmacy, and condoms are available at no charge from nurse practitioners in gynecology and sexual health.

One correction to the article: Pregnancy can be considered a pre-existing condition if insurance coverage began after the date of conception, not before as stated in the article.

Susan Longerbeam

Associate Director of Student Health Services

Response to letter

To the Editor:

"American" is somewhat ambiguous because we live in a very diverse country. Secondly, how does Winkler know that God, science or Mother Nature is opposed to being homosexual? How did he become so enlightened? We are not put on this planet to judge other people, that job belongs to a higher power, whatever it might be. Finally, Mr. Winkler believes that the continued "complaining" about homosexual rights is the reason we have Measure 9. I believed the recent views expressed (or whining as Mr. Winkler would call it) by everyone, not just homosexuals, is because of the idiots backing Measure 9.

Mr. Winkler, I won't speak for the "average American" like you, but what I got out of your article was that of bigotry, ignorance and a fear of an alternative lifestyle. We have way too many relevant issues facing our country that need our attention and complaints about one's right to "whine" is very petty.

Mike Antrim

Senior in Speech Communication

Incident frightened

To the Editor:

After reading David M. Liberty, Douglas Nelson, and Wanda Watkins' letter in the 13 October edition of *The Barometer*, I was deeply disappointed. What an outrage it is that the event that prompted their letter occurred at OSU. How right they were when they wrote that the actions of those who committed the criminal acts were a reflection on the white community at OSU.

I see racial discrimination every day of my life. How depressing it is that such acts have happened since the day that the Native Americans discovered Columbus. I had hope that my campus would be free of such hateful behavior.

Regardless of my own heritage I condemn the actions of all who participated in the criminal acts against the Native American community at OSU. I regret that the white community, of which I am a part, can not show intelligence in responding to diversity; it's what life is all about, especially student life!

I have a message for my fellow student. Aren't you tired of spending so much energy hating? Don't you realize that you are on hurting yourselves? In the long run you are the poorer for your actions. This is a university full of education and rich with diversity. Take advantage of it. Spend your time here for which you have paid dearly, ponder ideas — not pounding heads!

Catlin M. Adamski

Junior in Horticulture

Shameful policies

To the Editor:

We are all witnesses through television the ghastly civil war taking place in Yugoslavia and especially in the State of Bosnia. Yet so far we in the world

On the issues

Candidates differ on needle swaps

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The views of the presidential candidates on the question: Do you support needle exchange programs designed to combat AIDS by providing clean hypodermic needles to intravenous drug users?

Bush: "I don't believe that government funding of needle exchange programs for drug users is the solution to stopping the spread of AIDS. Instead, we need to focus our prevention efforts on providing AIDS education in schools and to the general public, as well as supporting counseling and testing for Americans who believe they have AIDS."

Clinton: "We are in the midst of an AIDS and drug epidemic which the current administration has avoided. My administration will demand that drug addicts be treated, and will support local communities in their efforts to develop and implement innovative AIDS and drug prevention programs."

Perot: Perot told gay activists in July, according to participants in the meeting, that he would be supportive of needle exchange programs, safe sex promotions, more funding for AIDS research and would be willing to have a homosexual in his cabinet. He does not discuss AIDS or sex education in his book or public statements.

Congressman lobbies for Measure 9

Dannemeyer appears in 3 cities

Associated Press

PORTLAND — A conservative congressman from California came to Oregon Saturday to lobby for the anti-gay rights initiative, Measure 9, while Washington state politicians were here to oppose the controversial proposal.

Rep. William E. Dannemeyer, a Republican, appeared in Medford, Eugene and Portland, saying the nation was watching to see how Oregonians will vote on the measure on Nov. 3.

"How we define the family unit is an important battleground in this cultural war," he said at an afternoon news conference in Portland. "That's the essence of the fight over Measure 9."

Washington Gov. Booth Gardner and most of the Seattle City Council condemned the measure in their own Portland news conference.

The Oregon Citizens Alliance, which invited Dannemeyer to Oregon, is sponsoring the initiative, which would require government agencies and school districts to discourage homosexuality.

It would amend the state Constitution to define homosexuality as abnormal and perverse.

Dannemeyer disputed gay rights advocates' claims that they seek only protection from discrimination. "They want to solicit people to their lifestyle," he said. "That's their

game plan."

He accused his opponents of "family bashing" and said the battle encompassed abortion rights, school prayer and secular humanism.

Opponents of Measure 9 from Washington state gathered Saturday to denounce the initiative. Gardner joined eight of the nine members of the Seattle City Council at the news conference in Portland.

Gardner, a Democrat, predicted that Oregon would lose substantial international trade if it passes.

"There are serious economic consequences to this passing," Gardner said. "I think it would have a very negative

effect. The people with whom we trade are very sensitive to discrimination."

He said overseas trade partners would watch carefully for the social and legal instability that opponents predict the measure would bring.

Seattle City Attorney Mark Sidran, a prosecutor

for 15 years, sees the measure as a law and order issue that could spawn more hate crimes.

The wording, he said, does not make homosexuality illegal but gives it the appearance of a crime because it's placed alongside pedophilia, which is illegal. Placing homosexuality in this gray area, he said, could encourage hate crimes.

"Make no mistake," he said, "if this passes, a message of hate will unleash physical violence against gays and lesbians solely because of that status. It will be terrible."

"How we define the family unit is an important battleground in this cultural war."

— REP. WILLIAM DANNEMEYER, R-CALIF.

Measure 9 is homophobic

To the Editor:

Yes, Keith Cantrell, Measure 9 is homophobic, and your letter proves it (*Barometer*, 10/14/92). You base your judgement of the character of all gay and lesbian Oregonians on the sleaze the OCA has fed you about the actions of a few weirdos, who are, of course, as weird as some of the heterosexuals we both know of! Your thought processes are not those of a reasonable person who wants to understand the facts and then make a fair decision about an issue.

You are right, the OCA leadership is not homophobic. They do, however, believe they can gain credibility and further the agenda of ultra-right extremism by demonizing a vulnerable group of people. They know that some people who are uncomfortable with homosexuality will do as you have done: gleefully devour the slime rather than search out the facts. Most of us know, fortunately, that a crock of sensationalism never describes an entire class of people.

The dull and boring truth is that most gays and lesbians are well-adjusted, intelligent people, who contribute a great deal to their communities. Most live in monogamous relationships with their partners and have loving families. Their sexual orientation is but one aspect of their complete personhood. They ask to be protected from losing their jobs or their homes because of their homosexuality. Is this militancy? Being judged on our worth as individuals should be a guaranteed right for everyone in our country.

Susan Christie

Corvallis resident

Measure 9 will violate laws

To the Editor:

Even though I am not majoring in Law, I feel that Oregon Measure 9 should be rejected by the Oregon Supreme Court for the following reasons. The way it is written it seems that it could violate the 1st, 6th, 9th, and 14th amendments of the United States Constitution.

Measure 9 prevents the government from recognizing, or giving any money to anything that could promote homosexuality, pedophilia, masochism.

The First amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably assemble, and to petition for a redress of grievances."

Measure 9 violates this amendment by trying to enforce a religion on all the people of Oregon. The OCA has a certain set of values and morals. You can bet that if this measure passes they will try to make their beliefs part of the Oregon Constitution. Another part of the first amendment also conflicts with this measure. Freedom of the press. The OCA has already tried to get books banned in another Oregon city where their measure passed in May. Banning books violates this part of the first amendment.

The Sixth Amendment states that: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and the cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense."

In 1963 in the case of Gideon vs. Wainwright the Supreme Court ruled that if a defendant was unable to pay for a lawyer then the state is obligated to supply him a lawyer for his defense free of charge.

If Measure 9 passes, it would supersede this part of the Constitution. Because, the state cannot give any money to sponsor homosexuality in any way whatsoever, which they would be doing if they were to provide a lawyer for a poor person accused of a crime and thought to be homosexual.

The Ninth Amendment states "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." The Ninth Amendment includes the right to privacy. The measure sponsored by the OCA would severely restrict the right to privacy.

Section One of the Fourteenth Amendment states "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State

wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The aforementioned reasons are why I think Measure 9 does not even deserve to be on the ballot for November 3. Vote NO on Measure 9.

Andrew Goodemoot
Junior in pre-education

Packwood defines slimy

To the Editor:

Most people expect politicians to be kinda slimy, but Bob Packwood has transcended slime: his outrageous attack ads against Les AuCoin not only border on slander, they insult the intelligence of every Oregonian. He's avoiding the issues as studiously as he can, and the media seems content to let him get away with it.

For starters, Sen. Packwood is the last person to be accusing anyone of hypocrisy! In 1986 Packwood opposed a capital gains tax cut as "one of the biggest loopholes for the rich"; three years later he was fighting for them. Again in 1986 he wanted to save more wilderness, saying "anything we save now will be half enough 50 years from now"; now he's a timber industry advocate, yelling about "jobs vs. owls." His only proposal answer to the most disruptive issue in the Northwest is some vague proposal about changing the Endangered Species Act.

How do Packwood and AuCoin really compare on the issues? AuCoin voted for family leave, for motor-voter registration, for limits to campaign spending and honoraria, against a free trade agreement which would put Oregonians in competition with low wages and unsafe workplaces in Mexico, and against further cuts in capital gains taxes. Packwood voted the opposite on all of these, just like Bush wanted. AuCoin has fought to stop ridiculous military projects like the MX and "Star Wars," and worked for meaningful health care reform.

Packwood is trying to paint AuCoin as being a creature of special interests, yet PACKwood has a \$7 million campaign fund, most of which came from non-Oregonians! Ever Packwood's sleazy campaign defies logic! He keeps harping on his support for term limits, but he says the main reason we should vote for him is that he has seniority on Senate committees, since he's been there since 1968! It's time we stop putting up with sleazy misinformation and demand precise answers.

Andrew Gray
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Skit about homosexuality shown to Astoria seventh-graders angers parents

ASTORIA, Ore.— A skit about homosexuality has outraged the parents of some seventh-graders as the state nears a vote on an anti-gay rights initiative.

The response prompted Warrenton Middle School Principal Catherine Gach to send a letter of apology to all the parents of seventh-graders at her school, including some members of the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

The conservative group sponsored Measure 9, which would amend the state constitution to declare homosexuality "abnormal" and "perverse," and require schools to teach that it is wrong.

Fear of Ballot Measure 9 is reality for Seattle resident

Ken, by nature, isn't a loud person. It takes quite a bit to get him to raise his voice.

That's not to say that he won't tell you what's on his mind. But generally he listens first — an intense kind of listening. Eyes locked on your eyes and mind locked on your words. Then he'll quietly say what needs to be said, and he'll go on listening.

Douglas Schorzman

So when he told me he was going to take part in a Queer Nation protest at OCA headquarters in Wilsonville, I was a little taken aback. Queer Nation, by nature, is much louder than Ken. His preferred method of action is writing — his outrage usually takes the sound of fingers flying across a word processor keyboard. But this time he's found something that requires speaking up.

"With Measure 9, I pretty much stick to the line that we can't let it happen anywhere. It just can't be tolerated."

Ken didn't really figure out he was gay until he became a

student at the University of Washington. He had confused feelings in high school, but was more involved in writing.

"For a while there I tried pretty hard to convince myself that I was straight. I mean, from third to eighth grade I had Catholic school pounding in my ear, so that was a factor," he said.

His home town, Aberdeen, Wash., wouldn't have been the most supportive place to discover his sexuality anyway. Not every town west of the Cascade Mountains is as liberal as Seattle is.

"There's a gay subculture there (Aberdeen), but it's a true sub-culture. If you're homosexual, you're best advised to keep it under wraps for your own good."

Ken leads a fairly open lifestyle, but, as in all things, he leads it quietly — if you ask him, he'll tell you. He hasn't told his parents about his homosexuality yet, but he says he'll bring it up soon, and he's confident that they'll be supportive.

Ken is lucky — he hasn't been physically attacked or publicly shunned for his lifestyle. More and more people can't boast that anymore.

In three months this year, police received 27 reports of hate crimes against homosexuals in the state of Oregon. That's

more than double the number reported in a similar time frame in 1991. And since Oct. 1 this year, the number of attacks has jumped sharply, according to a Portland Police spokesman quoted in the *Oregonian*.

The climate that is fostering Measure 9 is fostering hatred, and the hatred isn't respecting state borders. Ken isn't afraid of being gay, but Measure 9 has put him on edge.

"There are times when it's worse. One day I was working a table for GBLC (the Gay, Bisexual and Lesbian Commission at UW), and I was out there alone. It's a pretty vulnerable feeling. I kept expecting OCA commandos to drop out of the cherry trees and start pelting me with stones, or something."

"Measure 9 is the closest approach to tangible hatred I've ever seen. I mean, you read about Nazi Germany or the Ku Klux Klan, but this isn't 'out there,' it's right here. And I think the OCA is much more mainstream. It's scary when you think of people across the nation pumping hundreds of thousands of dollars into hatred — into hating me."

So he attends rallies now — he goes quietly, but he goes. "I think it's important to show solidarity," he said. And that's why he drove down I-5 last weekend to protest with a group he doesn't belong to, in a state he doesn't live in, at the headquarters of a group that hates him.

About 50 people came to stand outside the OCA offices. As far as Queer Nation protests go, it was a very quiet one — several wore black gags to symbolize Measure 9's attack on freedom, others stood silently. Ken approved.

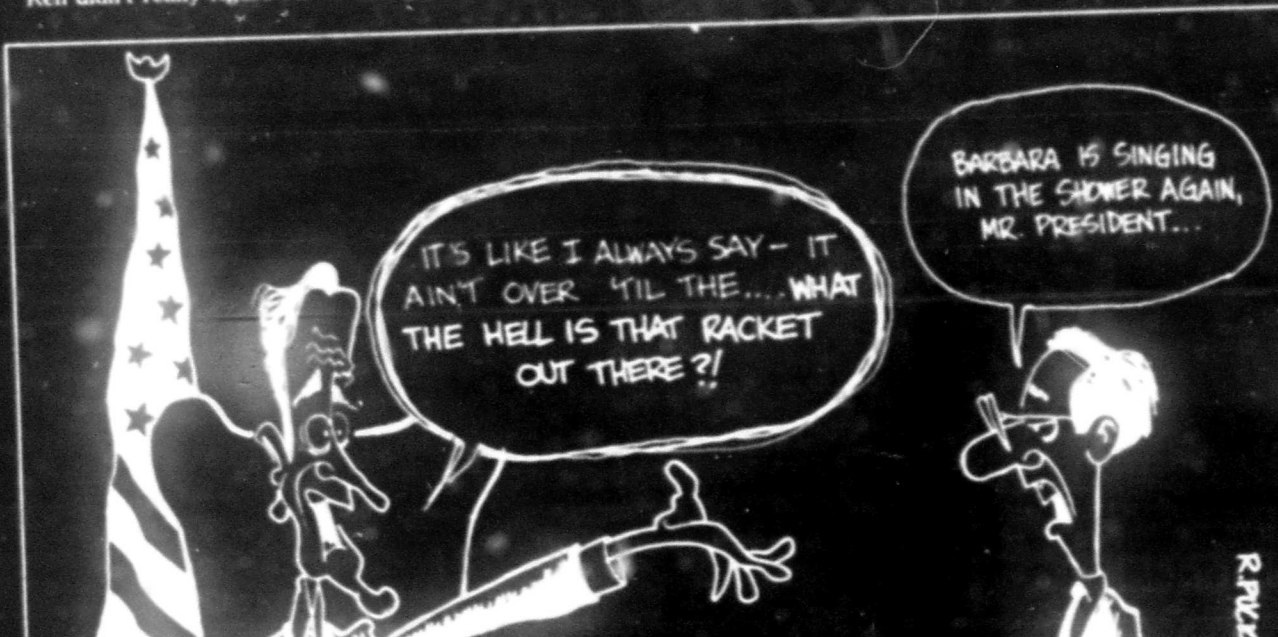
"It was very non-confrontational. The whole idea was to put faces on the people the OCA is discriminating against."

The event at Wilsonville was part of a day-long action. The group stood on the steps outside the courthouse in Portland, and outside on the Capitol steps in Salem. A featured part of each protest was a public reading of a quotation by Pastor Martin Niemöller, who lived in Germany while the Nazis were in control.

In Germany, the quotation goes, they first came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me — and by that time no one was left to speak up.

Ken is speaking up now.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Douglas Schorzman, columnist for *The Daily Barometer*.



Gay/Lesbian event planned

A week of speeches, films and panel discussions begins Oct. 26 for "Breaking Down Walls: Scholarship and Activism Among Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and Friends."

Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. a panel will address "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Issues at OSU" in MU 206. At 7 p.m. Bill Wassmuth, executive director of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harrassment, will speak about "Hate Crimes in

the Northwest — Problems and Progress. The speech will be at LaSells Stewart Center. "The Life and Times of Harvey Milk" will be shown at 9 p.m. in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Hall, Rm. 102.

The film "Before Stonewall" will be presented at noon Oct. 27 at the Women's Center. At 3 p.m. the second panel will discuss "Lesbian and Gay Studies at OSU" in MU 206.

Ore. plus Measure 9 equals book banning

Books are on my mind again.

I keep reading about, hearing about and generally running into talk about books and how they can be banned.

In an editorial board meeting, we debated the snatching off the shelves of one of the *Where's Waldo?* books. In one of the illustrations, at a beach, a woman stood in the water with an arm across half of her chest. Only half. The problem here is that she wasn't wearing a bathing suit, and so, if you squinted hard enough, you could see her other breast. If you've ever seen a *Where's Waldo?* illustration, you know how small that breast had to have been. And yet stores are yanking the evil book from the shelves right and left.

Cynthia Douglas

In Japan, I read on the Associated Press wire, there stirs a great debate over Madonna's new book *Sex*. Pictures of genitalia or pubic hair are not allowed to be published in Japan.

In my short story writing class last week, we read two stories that, if Measure 9 passes, students wouldn't be able to read again. And this week, someone wrote a story that would no doubt get herself, and possibly our teacher, in deep trouble.

The first two examples are not my main concern, however. They seem a little silly to me. Strike that — a lot silly. But what really bothers me is the problems that will come into being if Measure 9 is passed. Let's step back from the very emotional debate over whether homosexuality is "unnatural," "perverse," "abnormal" and so on, and look at another aspect of the measure. One which hasn't gotten as much press.

Because of the broad wording of the measure, it is unclear how much censorship will actually take place. But, according to an AP story on the subject, OCA leader Lon Mabon has said that Measure 9 would require schools to deny children access to books that clearly "promote" homosexuality as an acceptable and normal lifestyle.

As with most of the OCA's language, that is hardly clear. It is safe to assume that books like *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *When Someone You Know is Gay* will be hidden away from children. Those books, in explaining that homosexuals are people too, seems to fit into that "promoting" category. But I can think of a few more books, less obviously promoting alternate lifestyles, that will be in trouble too, if the lines get any fuzzier.

If you stretch, lots of children's books can be pushed into that category. In the second book of the *Wizard of Oz* series, *The Marvelous Land of Oz*, the main character spends the whole book as a little boy. At the end, though, it is revealed that he was put under a spell by a witch, and is actually the princess Ozma. Sounds like transsexuality to me — ban it.

And what to do with those high school classes? In my high school, we had to read Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, which is not about homosexuality. But Wilde was a homosexual. Ban that one, too. And what about Shakespeare? We all had to read *Julius Caesar*, right? Well, historians have reason to believe he had homosexual tendencies. Nix that one as well. Same deal with *Richard III*. How long until adult books are swept from libraries and bookstores? I just read *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*. That one would be gone for sure. Why, that little town hardly even blinked an eye at two women falling in love, living together and happily raising a son. Imagine.

Some people will tell me I'm exaggerating. That Measure 9 won't do any of these things. But it will make it possible for these things to happen.

Measure 9 wants to put restraints on our minds, as well as our bodies.

The OCA and its backers seem to think that if they can just get people to stop thinking about homosexuality, it will go away. They are like small children who raid the cookie jar and, hearing their mothers coming into the kitchen, sit with eyes clenched shut hoping that if they can't see her, she can't see them.

As we all found out as children, that is not the case.

We must show the OCA and its supporters that there is a better way to solve Oregon's intolerance problems than stubbornly pretending, and teaching our children to pretend, that homosexuality doesn't exist. What they don't see is that homosexuality is not the problem.

The problem is, and always has been, that people are afraid of things they don't understand. They are afraid of people who are different. Who don't fit the "traditional" mold.

Well, get used to it. Hardly anyone fits that mold. Everyone is different. That is what makes our species sort of neat.

What makes it not so neat are people who can't make it out of the Dark Ages and want to get rid of everyone who isn't exactly like themselves.

I like being different, being myself. And though I haven't done anything yet to make myself a target of hatred and censorship, keep in mind that if Measure 9 passes, the *Barometer* could print neither this column nor any of the pro-homosexuality letters it may generate.

Scratch that one, too.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of Cynthia Douglas, editor of the *Daily Barometer*.

Please don't speak for me

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to a letter submitted by Jeff Winkler which was printed in *The Barometer* on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1992.

Mr. Winkler stated he is "tired of hearing homosexuals whine about their lack of rights, the discrimination they face, and the inability to expose themselves because of fear." He also stated that "We are concerned with the issues that are important to Americans; the economy, education, and the family, not those important for the gay lobby's advertising." "The press and the homosexual community need to realize something about the average American — We don't care!"

I consider myself an average American. I vote. I too am concerned with the economy, education, and the "family" (as long as the definition of family includes all people, including homosexuals.) If these characteristics label me as the average American, then I would like to ask Mr. Winkler, please do not ever speak for me. We may share many common concerns, but one thing we do not have in common is a love for all people, and a concern for fundamental human rights.

The OCA has clouded Measure 9 with the label "special rights." Well, at this point in time, all Oregonians have equal rights. If Ballot Measure 9 is passed, those rights will be taken away from tax-paying citizens who are entitled to them. The Oregon Constitution will require discrimination.

This is a quote contained in the '92 Oregon Voters Pamphlet (p. 95). It is an argument in favor of Measure 9 printed by "The Special Righteousness Committee." It reads: "If the OCA

can have the special rights to make their personal, moral agenda into public policy, then anyone else should be able to amend the State Bill of Rights to eliminate basic human rights for people who they don't like. AGREE WITH US OR BURN IN HELL!"

Well Mr. Winkler, if you practice what you preach, and are tired of the "whining" of homosexuals, then take it upon yourself (and your conscience) to vote yes on 9. But you better watch your back, and make sure that you are well liked by all, because one day "The Special Righteousness Committee" may decide that they don't like you for some particular reason. It may be your religious affiliation, or your race ... but please don't start "whining" for your fundamental rights. You kissed them good-bye when you voted yes on 9.

Don't blame the homosexual community for bringing their so-called "special rights" into the spotlight. Blame the OCA for the front page exposure that should not be an issue at all.

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Where are the morals?

To the Editor:

Where has the decency in human beings gone? Do we no longer have any morals with which we go about our day to day activities?

With so many events going on in this time I have to stop and ask myself these questions. The incident at the Native American Longhouse, Measure 9, and the one that woke me from a great dream, the television from our hall was stolen. As student leader in the Residence Halls I am outraged that anyone thinks that they have the right to come into my home and take whatever they want. **TAKING WHAT IS NOT YOURS IS WRONG!!!** Didn't anyone ever tell you that. The television served around 350 people that live in our hall and the worst part of the whole situation is that a different television was stolen over Christmas vacation last year and this one was brand new! In times like this where everyone is trying to cut back spending because of Measure 5, this is a fatal blow to our hall's sense of community.

As for the incident at the Native American Longhouse, with everything that has already been said about it all I can say is that I'm very disappointed in my fellow-mankind that such an incident could even occur. Where is your decency? No one has the right to oppress another human being, whether it be about their race, religion, age, size, sex, social class, etc.

Now to Measure 9. When I say morals I'm referring to one's own morals, not those of some group who are trying to push their twisted, unaccepting ones onto everyone in our state. Measure 9 is a bad thing! The implications are tremendous, but the OCA wants you to think that they are slim. Rather than rambling on about Measure 9 let me just say one thing. If you're unsure about how you feel about the issue or about how to vote, vote NO. A vote of NO will leave our wonderful state in the exact shape that it is in now, and increase the respect from the rest of the nation which is all looking at us and wondering how such a measure could even make it this far.

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Senior in liberal arts

Hatred breeding in Ore.

To the Editor:

Recently there have been letters in this forum accusing lesbian, gay, and bisexual people of "whinning," grabbing media attention over Measure 9, and being menacing and militant. An examination of history shows that gay activists do not launch offensive rights campaigns, but rather *defensive* efforts as a response to blatant persecution. This was true with the Stonewall riots of 1969 (the inception of the gay rights movement in our country), and it is true today with the struggle against Measure Nine.

There has also been concern that if homosexual people are granted minority status then businesses and state agencies will require quotas. This simply is not true. Since there is no way to prove that one is homosexual, trying to establish quotas is impossible. The real issue is whether we can safely claim our orientation or must keep it closeted.

Measure Nine is an attempt to breed hatred and fear of lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, at the same time adding a discriminatory and unjust amendment to Oregon's constitution. Oppose prejudice. Vote NO on 9.

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Sophomore in Forestry

Measure 9 is ignorant

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to a letter written by Jeff Winkler, printed in the Tuesday, October 13 issue of the *Barometer* with regard to Measure 9. I would like to disagree with Mr. Winkler on two points. First, the Average American does care about this issue, as does the average Oregonian. Second, homosexuality does not disgust most of us, even those of us who are heterosexual. I'm not surprised to see many letters to the editor in the *Gazette-Times* in favor of Measure 9. The paper serves our whole community. I am surprised however, to find such letters in the *Barometer*. An institution of higher education is supposed to allow for open discussion and to allow individuals to become more aware and more tolerant of the differences among us. An education is supposed to provide you with the tools to make an educated decision regarding issues such as this one.

A significant amount of the population is homosexual. A significant amount of your classmates and/or professors may be homosexual. A significant amount of the people you encounter daily may be homosexual. These are individuals that you respect as people. They may be your friends or members of your family. Homosexuals do not "choose" to be homosexual as the OCA would like you to believe nor do they convert to heterosexuality. They may be forced to appear heterosexual, remaining "in the closet" because of fear of rejection as a result of bigoted, prejudiced attitudes such as those exhibited by the OCA and their supporters.

To avoid referring to homosexuality as perverse or abnormal, educators may avoid discussing homosexuality or answering students' questions. Many adolescents and young adults need help and guidance in understanding their sexuality, especially if they are homosexual. Educators and counselors will be "gagged," prohibited from helping these students adjust.

Sex is something you do. It is a behavior. Sexuality, as in homosexuality or heterosexuality, is something that you are. It encompasses your whole being. You don't have to be homosexual to understand homosexuality. Ignorance breeds contempt. Please have a clear understanding of the ramifications of Measure 9 and realize the actions that will result from its passing. This is not an issue of morality or even politics. This is an issue of humanity. Mr. Winkler, if you want to read your morning paper without reading about homosexuality and the prejudice homosexuals experience, I suggest you stick to the classifieds. It's the only part of the paper that isn't "news."

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Debate has no end

To the Editor:

I am deeply saddened over the rift in this state being caused over the homosexual issue. I was grieved last fall when elements of the gay community attempted to foist upon Corvallis, Ordinance 91. According to the 32 page purposed ordinance, nothing could be said to a homosexual that would cause him or her "mental distress" (a poorly defined term) at the risk of property loss at the hands of a city ordained committee. The initial version was so radical that even the ACLU, which consistently sides with the gay lobby, was at least initially against it. Likewise at OSU, there are resolutions that will not tolerate any criticism of homosexuality that one Christian campus group (that has some negative things to say about the practice of homosexuality in its mother church's constitution) had to practically threaten to sue just to get a meeting room.

Because of this radical push by the homosexual lobby, many people are reacting. To understand why the OCA, some Christians, some Mormons, and other traditional moralists are pushing for some sort of restraint on these new laws and policies, you have to understand that Ordinance 91, Portland's gay ordinance, and OSU's resolutions are as much or more of a threat to freedoms of some, than Measure 9 is potentially to others. In an article in Friday's Barometer, Doug Schorzman quoted Martin Neimoller. Neimoller, who stood up to Hitler, was what would now be called an evangelical, possibly even a fundamentalist pastor. People like him, who take the Bible seriously, believe that homosexuality or for that matter any sex outside of heterosexual marriage is wrong. Not that we shouldn't love and interact with people doing

wrong things (we all do wrong things), but Christians have a responsibility to be honest and say something is wrong. Under some of the "equal rights for gay laws" the Christian or moralist can now have his property confiscated, be harassed, or even be imprisoned (under interpretations of some ordinances) just for simply stating his or her religious beliefs. This all begs for the question: who is the real sensor and the real bigot?

I have been less than thrilled with the way OCA has reacted to all this. I have been sympathetic to OCA in the past especially on abortion issues, but I have had an increasing problem with the tactics used in this election. The strategy is simple, shock the average person in to voting for measure 9 by exposing the most perverse practices of the most radical homosexuals. However, while being critical of OCA on this, I also see them as being victims of the same tactics. I know many people who belong to the OCA. They are non-violent people who (like me) are tired of the growing influence of militant homosexuals threatening to take away their free-speech rights as well as to program their children, through the schools, into thinking that the traditional moral belief system is evil. My stomach literally turned when I saw the latest NO on 9 commercial linking the OCA with violence and skin-heads. The lies and faulty reasoning of the commercial are inexcusable. The press had rightfully condemned some of the shock tactics used by the OCA, however they are strangely silent when the same tactics are used by the No on 9 side. One idiom of traditional morals is this: "the ends do not justify the means." It would be nice if the homosexual lobby would not chuck this moral with the others. I wish I could end this optimistically talking about some middle ground, however, this debate, like the abortion debate, seems to have no end in sight.

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Measure 9 hurts, hates Oregonians

On Nov. 3, we will be going to the polls, among other things, to vote on Measure 9 promoted by the Oregon Citizens Alliance. Its passage would subject our gay and lesbian citizens to an unprecedented level of state mandated bigotry, sending a signal to the rest of the country that Oregon is willing to sell its soul to the devil by selling out to a hate organization.

Would it be impertinent to suggest that the thousands upon thousands of dollars spent on this campaign might have been better spent helping the thousands of children who are physically and sexually abused by their heterosexual parents?

As the father of four grown heterosexual children (and just recently a grandfather) I came to terms with my homosexuality after a divorce and then continued, along with my male partner, raising our young children after their mother passed away. The notion that heterosexuals can be "converted" to homosexuality by some sort of osmosis is utter nonsense and has not been confirmed by any scientific or social research. Our children had at least a dozen gay and lesbian teachers during their schooling and they were among their best teachers.

Op - Ed

And so homosexuality is not something we choose nor can we be converted to it. After all, who in their right mind would choose to be hated, feared and discriminated against in employment and housing and live under the constant threat of being attacked by angry mobs, gay-bashing macho street toughs or neo-nazi skinheads simply because they have a different sexual orientation than the majority. Measure 9 would give carte blanche to such hate groups because it removes governmental protection based on sexual orientation.

Homosexuality was not unknown 200 years ago when our founding fathers, mindful of the potential for government tyranny, left such matters, including religion, up to individual conscience. They believed then, as we should now, in the power of the individual, informed by reason, to decide things for him — or her — self.

We do know that gay and lesbian people comprise about 10 percent of the population — about the same percentage as left-handed people who don't, by the way, choose left-handedness. Further, we know that over 90 percent of all child molesting is done by heterosexuals — usually fathers, uncles, brothers, even grandfathers and "friends of the family." That leaves us with the blame for less than 10 percent of it and that's too much. Child molesting is sick whether gay or straight.

So we've been getting a bad rap, totally disproportionate to

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our involvement. And now the OCA is lumping us in with pedophilia and sadism/masochism — all of which are overwhelmingly heterosexual crimes.

And now that the OCA wants gay teachers thrown out of the schools and along with the rest of us denied both employment and housing as well as the loss of our constitutional rights there is a serious question raised as to the state's ability to afford the tremendous costs involved in taking care of us. As taxpayers who fund services for members of the OCA as well as all Oregonians, we object.

Then for the state, under Measure 9, to ban available books, information and counseling in the schools not only smacks of Hitler's Germany but dooms both straight and gay children to unconscionable ignorance. With a suicide rate among gay children three times that of their straight counterparts the social costs involved are totally unacceptable in a modern society. Teaching children about responsible sexuality, respect for sexual diversity and the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases which can kill them is not asking them to go out and experiment.

And so we must ask the question why does the OCA believe that the state is presently "promoting, encouraging and facilitating" the spread of homosexuality? Why is it that certain people in society have this irrational fear and even hate for those who are different?

The answer revolves around the fact that most people who are strongly prejudiced against homosexuals are also most likely not to support broad civil rights for women, blacks and other minorities. They share a belief in the importance of rigid, irrational rules for the continuation and "protection" of society, and they believe in the acceptability of authoritarian techniques to enforce their social beliefs. And then, of course, there are those of the religious right who play on people's ignorance and fears using bigotry and the Bible as weapons for their own political and, of course, economic gain.

The phenomenon of homophobia demonstrated by the OCA is just another tool in the arsenal of those who believe in the maintenance by men of a society where men control power through regulating sex roles. It is interesting that many such men who are obsessively critical of male homosexuality find

lesbian love sexually stimulating. It must have something to do with believing that "all they need is a REAL man" but sadly it is also a sign of their basic contempt for women in general.

Homophobia has great potential for abuse as an instrument for social control because it tends to distract well-meaning people from the real problems of society.

Poverty, homelessness, family violence, political corruption, institutionalized greed and a rapidly deteriorating environment are just a few of society's ills which we suggest are more deserving of the OCA's considerable energies and fund-raising capabilities than fag bashing.

A healthy state is one strong enough in its commitment to ethical principles to tolerate those whose adult, private sexual activities differ from the majority.

A healthy person knows that if you have pride in yourself you can appreciate and respect differences in others.

It is important to understand that we are not billing homosexuality as a substitute for family life. After all, we are the products of heterosexual unions. Most of us grew up in a typical family situation. If anything, we are saddened by often being excluded from the life of our own individual families and not being allowed to share in the family life of many people with whom we come in daily contact. Our desire is that the quality of family life continue to improve so each individual can grow up to fully realize and express his or her own uniqueness.

May it gently be observed that if the public does not wish to confront gay and lesbian people as an angry, persecuted and rebellious minority then it should simply cease treating them like one and get on with solving the real problems of our beleaguered society and the planet on which we live.

And finally I leave you with this thought from Robert Louis Stevenson's *A Christmas Memory* which I commend to the members of the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

"If thy morals make thee dreary, depend upon it, they are wrong. I do not say give them up for they may be all thou hast. But guard them like a vice lest they spoil the lives of better and simpler people."

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of Gray N. Hess, Bend resident.

Police chief: Many hate crimes not reported; homosexual victims fear identification

Associated Press

SALEM — Many hate crimes against homosexuals aren't reported because victims fear being publicly identified, Portland Police Chief Tom Potter told a legislative panel Monday.

Potter said he might ask the Legislature to exempt victims' names from public records laws to encourage more crime reporting.

The Senate Interim Judiciary Committee heard from police authorities on trends in incidents of hate crimes. Those generally are crimes motivated by prejudice based on race, color, national origin, religion or sexual orientation.

Potter told lawmakers when his agency set up a "homophobic hot line" by which people could informally give reports about crimes against homosexuals, the line received more calls than regular police lines.

People reporting sexual orientation crimes fear being victimized twice by possibly losing a job or other repercussions if they are identified as being gay, he said.

"I think you would see reports skyrocket" if victims were

assured their names couldn't be publicly disclosed, Potter said.

Potter and other police officials told the committee the Measure 9 anti-homosexual proposition on next Tuesday's general election ballot has raised anxiety levels.

"It has created a real climate of fear in our community," he said. "I have really felt a tremendous increase in tension."

Ron Louie, Hillsboro police chief, said police agencies for several years have predicted more crime based on racial and ethnic prejudice as non-white populations increase.

He noted some hate groups are painting with a broad brush.

The graffiti on a Hillsboro church that recently was vandalized attacked gays, Hispanics, Jews and Catholics, he said.

Salem police Lt. Gary Michel said his agency is concerned about an apparent increase in the number of racist skinheads in the city.

It's often difficult for authorities to learn much about organizing efforts by such groups, Michel said.

Stan Robson, chief deputy in the Benton County sheriff's office, said his agency also had observed more skinhead activity.

What do you think is the biggest problem at OSU and what efforts would you make to remedy it?



Dawn Williams, junior in individual family development: "To me the issue of Bailing Measure 9 is important. I think people should realize that classes wouldn't be able to have gay and lesbian people come and tell them about it and they wouldn't have readings on it. People wouldn't be informed about it. I think it's a big issue and I think OSU will lose people by it."



Jeff Miller, senior in horticulture: "I think a big problem is having teacher assistants (TAs) teach classes while the teachers are off doing whatever they do instead of teaching the class like they're supposed to. I would get rid of the TAs and have the teachers teach like they're supposed to — they're getting paid to teach, they should teach."



Cammy Tauscher, sophomore in pharmacy: "My biggest problem is that my bike got stolen. I don't know how I'd solve it. I read in the Barometer the other day that there have been over 1,500 bikes stolen, and maybe more patrollers or something would help. Perhaps some ways to lock the bikes up inside the building — the bike racks just aren't working."



Kevin White, post-baccalaureate in geography: "I think student apathy is the biggest problem, but I wouldn't do anything about it — nothing at all. Just leave it, let it be. It's the biggest problem, but what can I do about it."



Julie Kowing, personnel manager for department of student housing and university foodservices: "Probably trying to manage the budget cuts reorganization and how to handle the money situation. (I would) put the students first as the reason that we're here and work down from there. I'd make that the priority and go down."



Christy Sallee, senior in oceanography: "Cutting out programs that are valuable to students, and putting it under Measure 5. Things like broadcast media and also HRTM (Hotel Restaurant Tourism Management). I would think that they could concentrate on programs, work together with other Oregon schools, and maybe concentrate on dropping or cutting back on programs that other schools have — not ones where only one school has that program."

Vote about reality and love

To the Editor:

As a concerned student and a Christian, I feel the need to share my views on Measure 9. I've heard so many Christian supporters of the measure talk about the homosexual lifestyle as an abomination before the Lord. That it is abnormal and perverse.

Does this justify Measure 9? No matter what your feelings about homosexuality are, recall the Savior's answer to the question of which of the commandments is the greatest. The first is to love God. The second, He said is like unto it, to love one another.

If you oppose homosexuality and look upon it as a moral issue, then teach those values in your homes. Raise your children to reflect your values and standards. But please step out of your comfort zones when it comes time to vote - and vote about reality.

The issue is not one of protecting our children. The issue is a challenge to love all human beings - whether you can relate to them or not. And if you are standing on Christian values, don't hide behind legislation and fear and judgement. Be secure in knowing we need not judge - we need only to love.

Julie Jensen

Junior in history

Corvallis marchers show support for Measure 9

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — A march involving about 100 supporters of Measure 9 had almost concluded Saturday when two young men in a passing car threw a pumpkin and some eggs.

No one was injured, although pieces of the pumpkin struck a 6-year-old girl and a woman who later complained of a sore ankle.

Police caught up with the men a short time later, but no arrests were reported Saturday night. The march was otherwise peaceful.

Drivers along the route honked their car horns both in support and against the

marchers, who were headed for the OSU campus.

"No confrontation, no confrontation," coached Luana Stanton, a minister of Victory Chapel Church. "Just keep singing and let the Lord speak for you."

Stanton said organizers arranged the march in support of Measure 9 four days ago to take "a righteous stand against the sin of homosexuality," she said. "God loves the homosexual, but he hates the sin."

The proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit government from encouraging

or promoting homosexuality, which it declares "unnatural and perverse."

The demonstrators, from the Church of the Nazarene and the New Life Fellowship in Philomath, the Calvary Chapel of Monroe, and the Church of Christ in Corvallis, said they were alarmed by what appeared to be increasing government protections for homosexuality.

The marchers carried a large cross and sang religious songs. They carried signs that read "Yes on 9," "When did immoral become moral?" and "God created Adam and Eve, not

Adam and Steve."

Shouts and whistles came from dormitory windows as the marchers reached the college campus.

"That's how Hitler started," a voice from the dorm said.

Mike Duffer said he was working out at a downtown gym when he saw the parade heading toward campus. He went home, nailed a piece of shelving onto a board, spray painted "No on 9" on it, and joined the parade.

"I just thought they'd like some company," he said.

... while a Portland rally gathers those against it

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Speakers ranging from a Pendleton rancher to a Portland rabbi spoke out against the anti-gay rights Measure 9 in a "Love Thy Neighbor" rally Sunday.

Police estimated that more than 7,000 people filled Pioneer Courthouse Square — including some in cowboy hats, some in wheelchairs, and some holding dogs with "Straight But Not Narrow" buttons on their collars.

"It was a wonderful cross-section of Oregon," said organizer Jack McGowan. "We took pains to show that this wasn't just a Portland rally, it was an Oregon rally."

The crowd was peppered with signs listing hometowns that included Molalla, Beaver

Creek, Estacada, Cottage Grove and Klamath Falls.

Other signs read "Bigotry is abnormal, wrong and perverse," and "No special rights for bigots." One large banner said, "Stop acting like God, start acting like Jesus."

The 22 speakers included priests, rabbis and ministers wearing bright vestments. Organizers said more than 20 religious denominations were represented at the rally.

Labor leaders, businessmen, a Klamath Indian woman in traditional dress, and the chairmen of the Democratic and Republican parties in Oregon also spoke.

"Now is not the time for silence," the Rev.

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9 RALLY, from page 1

Joe Smith, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Portland, told the crowd. "If you have ever thought of standing up for something, this is the day to stand up.

"When you get to the voting booth on Tuesday ... remember three little words: love thy neighbor."

Measure 9 would amend the state constitution to call homosexuality "abnormal and perverse." It also would force public schools to convey that homosexuality is wrong.

The Rev. Jim Galluzon of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Hillsboro, spoke of the anti-gay graffiti and arson fire that defaced his church this fall.

"They might try to burn our house and van-

dalize our church, but they will not prevent us from bringing justice, freedom and hope to everyone in the community," he said.

The crowd chanted "No on Nine" in unison as a response to each brief, but passionate, speech.

The rally, which was held under grey but dry skies, concluded with the crowd holding hands and singing *America the Beautiful*.

"I cried," said 23-year-old Elizabeth Bickford of Portland, who said she is proud to identify herself as a lesbian.

"Everyone holding hands and singing for a common good — human rights," she said. "So many people care ... so many people in solidarity."

Discrimination Is Wrong! Vote NO on 9

Join with other concerned citizens of Oregon. Stop the Oregon Citizens Alliance's latest efforts to impose its morality on all Oregonians! Oregon Ballot Measure 9 would not only allow discrimination, it is so extreme that it would require discrimination by the State of Oregon and local governments. This is not a gay and lesbian issue. It is an issue that will affect every Oregonian. Join us in defeating Measure 9.

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"It's an ungodly, arrogant, sinful act. It's an attempt to play God. We must reject the premise of Measure 9." - "The point is - will you affirm equal protection under the law? Will you do unto others as you would have them do unto you? Would you judge not lest ye be judged?"

-Rev. James Jackson, Victim of Banned Video, 1992 Bays Communications, Inc.

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"Oregonians who value the integrity and intellectual freedom of their libraries should vote no on Measure 9."

-Oregon Library Association, 1992 General Voters Pamphlet

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"We believe that the mission is to discern and respond to the Divine call for the unity of all people under God and to build a just and loving human community in Oregon and in the world. Measure 9 draws a line between us rather than a circle around us."

-Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, 1992 General Voters Pamphlet

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Discrimination does not belong in the Oregon constitution.
Vote NO on 9

Leave yard signs alone

To the Editor:

What a sad statement of our society that we cannot even have lawn signs in our yards left undisturbed. One of my daily rituals has been to put back the signs that have been pulled up. Mr right to express my opinion cannot be daunted that easily. Whether the vandals are misguided, bored, "kids" or a more organized group of people who feel that Clinton, Au Coin, and No on 9 are statements that are too radical to be allowed expression on lawn signs, the point here is "lay off". If you want to talk to me about the issues, knock on my door, don't knock down my lawn signs.

Robby Labovitz
Corvallis resident

Democrats don't know

To the Editor:

The Democrats do not understand the reality of controlling the White House. Do they realize what a good smoke screen they have with a Republican president and a Democratically controlled Congress? The Congress could in principle with its Democratic majority, implement many of the so called "new" economic policies but realize that often they could not withstand the presidents veto because they are unrealistic. The number one reason Democrats oppose the line-item veto is that with this in place, all the "pork barrel" nonsense Congress tackles on to perfectly decent and necessary legislation could be hacked off. The Democrats are well aware that in the eyes of the American people, overriding the presidents veto on the individual "pork barrel" nonsense would be not only foolish but could cost them their jobs in the next election if we the people heard about it.

By now the American people and Congress should be aware that playing with drugs is foolish. One might note that the drugs our economy has been taking in the last 50 years is first inflation, and secondly, deficit spending. During inflation the

downer is a step behind. In our current economy of controlled inflation the good times are also a step behind. We are currently paying the price for what the Democrats have done to our country in the last 40 years with Keynesian economics. The Reagan-Bush era has lasted long enough for our past troubles to finally catch up with us.

If Clinton wins the only gridlock in Congress will be the Democrats fighting amongst themselves over whose states gets to spend the "new" revenue from the rich on programs that will help get that politician re-elected. (One might note that the Robin Hood approach is a rather popular election strategy.)

So is President Bush's so called "worst economic record in 50 years" really a valid statement? Think about it. The Democrats have been around for a long time. Why can't they take some of the blame. What we really need is an all new Congress. Do you want another four years of this? The President's economic policy has never been implemented in an unadulterated form but instead we have seen in action what Democratic economic policies really are. Democrats beware, four years of Clinton may lead to another 12 years of a Republican controlled White House.

Mark Kittel
Sophomore in civil engineering

Stand up and close the door

To the Editor:

I am so sick of hearing this anti-measure 9 crap about discrimination, book-banning, and these Nazi Germany comparisons. What a bunch of lies! I don't claim to be an average American like Jeff Winkler (whose letter I loved). I'm one of a minority that the media hasn't fooled into believing that homosexuality is just another acceptable lifestyle. It's not! It's sick and disgusting, and whole lot more people need to stand up and fight these heathens. I don't care what kind of perverted acts you do in your bedroom, just don't tell me about it, don't try to make me accept it, and don't you dare teach the school-

children of this state that it's normal!

Go ahead and call me a bigot — I know you will! But understand this: I hate homosexuality and all other such immorality, but I do not hate homosexuals. I have no problem with homosexuals working with me or for me as long as they keep their sexuality out of the workplace and public life in general.

All you average Americans out there, it's time to wake up and quit allowing this vocal minority to force their lifestyle on our society. Stand up for morality, and say, "Get back in your closet, homosexual. We won't accept your perverted lifestyle in our society."

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Support offered by council

To the Editor:

The members of the Panhellenic Council would like to reiterate the concern that has been expressed by the I.F.C. and the members of the community toward the incident that occurred recently with the Longhouse Cultural Center. We offer our support to the Native Americans on this campus along with all the cultural centers.

This behavior in no way reflects what the Greek system stands for. So, let everyone's outrage be a lesson to others, that crimes such as these will not be taken lightly.

Jill S. Bridenbaugh
Sophomore in Liberal Arts
Panhellenic Council, Inter-Sorority Relations

Don't



Measure 9 affects future

To the Editor:

This letter is written in response to Jolene Bennett's letter of 10/26, as well as to the other short sighted people who have chosen to respond to my original letter. First of all Jolene, as a senior in political science you should be able to recognize an attempt at political satire when you see it. The argument in favor of Measure 9 from the Special Righteousness Committee was obviously written sarcastically by those opposing Measure 9. Maybe you should read it through or taken it to a friend for interpretation.

Secondly, for those others who have voiced opinions through The Barometer without first reading Measure 9, as well as arguments both for and against, let me fill you in. Measure 9 would have been written long ago if it was a product of a growing, powerful religious right. But Measure 9 was written in response to efforts by homosexual groups, (who do not necessarily speak for most homosexuals), to mainstream homosexuality through efforts such as Project 10. Project 10, if implemented in Oregon, will make reading *Daddy's Roommate* and *Heather has Two Mommys* a part of the curriculum for grade school kids. Now tell me honestly, would you want your kids doing book reports on lesbian and gay lifestyles at age 10? Look, kids will find out about homosexuality and will hopefully choose to avoid it, but they don't need public school teachers confusing them about their sexuality, telling them they are "sexually neutral" until they experiment for themselves.

Lastly, Measure 9 has been wrongly interpreted by many who predict that it will take away rights and eventually target minority groups. Again, read it. It specifically states, "State, regional,

and local government and their properties and monies shall not be used to promote, encourage, or facilitate homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism, or masochism." And furthermore, "Quota, minority status affirmative action, or any similar concepts shall not apply to these forms of conduct nor shall government promote these behaviors."

Please, if you want to write a letter, don't insult my intelligence by basing it on emotional hysteria brought on by No on 5 TV spots and silly arguments. Read the measure, understand the issue, vote your conscience; and should you vote no, think of the regret you'll feel in 10 or 20 years when Queer Nation is dictating public policy and educating your children. I can't wait to vote yes on Measure 9.

Jeff Winkler
Senior in finance

Appreciation for publicity

To the Editor:

I saw the recent publicity that you gave our Rotary School Loan Program in the Barometer. I appreciate your effort thought you might be interested to know that we got a very good response from those articles, and we have already identified a loaned monies to a number of different students who found themselves "high and dry" financially and needed a loan on a short-term basis. As I mentioned, this is a non-profit activity sponsored by the Corvallis Rotary Club, and we really feel we are filling a need.

Thanks again for the publicity.
Robert S. Gardner
Circuit Judge

Measure 9 conflicts with Constitution

By Jaymes Williams

My purpose in writing this letter is not to sing the praises of measure nine, nor to condemn it, but to try to focus the entire issue back to the actual text of the measure itself, not the hype and paranoia generated by both sides of the campaign. I also want to point out that measure nine, as written, appears to be in conflict with the U.S. Constitution. I hope that this letter will initiate thought and discussion based upon "what the measure actually reads, not what is read into the measure." Keeping this perspective in mind, let's continue.

There has been a lot said in the past several months regarding ballot measure nine. If you haven't heard them all by now, look them up yourself. It appears that the campaign has degenerated into an "us against them" war between the OCA (Oregon Citizen's Alliance) and their supporters against the anti-discrimination people consisting of not only homosexuals, but mostly, people who believe that any discrimination is wrong. At this point in the campaign it appears that both sides have taken a political issue, which probably shouldn't even have become a

political issue to begin with, and turned it into a highly charged emotional issue where rational thought often gets lost. To this point I haven't seen a single substantive analysis of the actual text of measure nine. So, guess what's coming next?

That's right, an analysis of measure nine. Now, let's look at the actual wording of measure no. nine (taken from the Oregon voter's pamphlet): Be it enacted by the people by the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section to be added to and made a part of Article 1 and to read:

SECTION 41 (1) This state shall not recognize any categorical provision such as "sexual orientation," "sexual preference," and similar phrases that includes homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism or masochism. Quotas, minority status, affirmative action, or any similar concepts, shall not apply to these forms of conduct, nor shall government promote these behaviors.

(2) State, regional and local governments and their properties

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and monies shall not be used to promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism or masochism.

(3) State, regional and local governments and their departments, agencies and other entities, including specifically the State Department of Higher Education and the public schools, shall assist in setting a standard for Oregon's youth that recognizes homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism and masochism as abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse and that these behaviors are to be discouraged and avoided.

(4) It shall be considered that it is the intent of the people in enacting this section that if any part thereof is held unconstitutional, the remaining parts shall be held in force.

As you can see, there are four sections to the measure. Now, let's take a look at each section individually and see what is actually stated (please refer to the text of measure nine above). Section 1 - Essentially what's said here is that the state will not grant minority status or implement hiring quotas for homosexuals. OK, but in order to be fair and just to all Oregonians, instead of denying status to homosexuals only, perhaps it should read that minority status or quotas will not be granted on the basis of a person's behavior.

Section 2 - This says that the state's property or resources aren't to be used to promote or encourage homosexual behavior. Fair enough, in this section the state neither promotes or condemns homosexuality. It takes a neutral stance, as it probably should. By taking a neutral stance the state is taking the view that a person's sexual orientation is their own business, as it should be.

Section 3 - Here's the section that all the fuss is about. The state would declare that, in addition to pedophilia, sadism and masochism, homosexuality is unnatural, perverse, abnormal, etc. This means that the state is opposed to the homosexual lifestyle, and would teach this to school students. The wording of this section does not necessarily allow or encourage discrimination. However, it is worded sufficiently vague enough that some people will be likely to use it as grounds to discriminate against a particular section of our population. I'd also like to know why the sponsors of measure nine selected a few particular "moral crimes," why not include adultery, bestiality, premarital sex, con-

sumption of alcohol, and any other "moral outrages" that I may have missed? Perhaps they selected only the "moral violations" that they don't like?

Section 4 - This is the "any of the above clause." The writers of this measure must have thought that this measure would be constitutionally challenged if passed, so they built into it a clause where if any section was found unconstitutional the remaining sections would be kept in place.

Speaking of the Constitution, article fourteen states: "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileged or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws."

After examining section three of measure nine and article fourteen of the U.S. Constitution "what we have here is a failure to cooperate." There certainly appears to be a conflict between the two. As we all know, I hope, the constitution wins in these situations. If measure nine is passed it's constitutionality will certainly be challenged by someone, and would most likely be found unconstitutional. If this were to occur, SHAME on our state legislators for not realizing this before they put the measure on the ballot, and putting us through this entire drama.

Anyway, why don't we just save the court system the unnecessary litigation, the taxpayers our money, and the rest of us further annoyance, and defeat measure nine on November 3rd!

Whatever your view is on this issue, the most important thing is to THINK and then VOTE! Investigate all the issues for yourself, don't buy what is said on TV, radio, or even in the newspaper without examining all sides of each issue then deciding what you think is best. Sure, to be informed on every issue and candidate takes time and energy, especially in this election, but with the current situations facing our state and country it is certainly important enough to give up watching a ball game, or even an episode of "Murphy Brown." Dan Quayle probably has!

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of Jaymes Williams, post-baccalaureate student in psychology.

Measure 9 protects children and rights

By Frances A. Kaser:

Just a few words about "rights" ... All citizens have many kinds of rights including human rights and civil rights. RIGHT? One of our rights is the right to make our own choices. However, as we all know from our own experiences since the time we were small children, if we make a wrong choice we have to accept whatever consequences come with that choice. That is called learning, and sometimes we have to learn the hard way. We have no choice as to the consequences of wrong choices. No consequence carries an asterisk (*) that says, "This consequence applies to most people but does not apply to you if you make this choice".

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I have a right to expect that homosexuals, sadists, masochists or pedophiles will not be allowed to teach my children and young people in schools where my tax dollars help to pay teachers' salaries. Homosexuals, sadists, pedophiles and masochists not being allowed to teach in public schools is not discrimination against the person ... it should be a consequence of their own choice of a lifestyle to which I do not want my children and youth or yours exposed at all ... let alone in school ... and for which I do not want to pay tax dollars.

Is it discriminatory, unloving or hateful to put drunk drivers, child molesters, deer poachers, traffic violators, rapists, murderers or others in jail? Do we ignore them because we should love them and not discriminate against them? Of course not! We can be tolerant, kind and helpful toward them as people; but we do not have to like or condone all of the things they choose to do. That's a whole different ball of wax.

I fail to see how a "yes" on Measure 9 would in any way

jeopardize anyone's rights as a citizen (minority groups or anyone else) in this or any other matter. What are people thinking about, anyway? Use your heads, folks!

All it takes for a bad thing to become worse is for good people to do nothing.

Please help me to protect my children and youth and yours. Let's protect their innocence for a few years and let children have a chance to be children again.

Please read the measure carefully in the Official 1992 General Voter's Pamphlet. It is very plain and not confusing at all. It has nothing to do with hatred or fear or religion. What may be confusing are the arguments in favor and in opposition. What I don't understand is why they only need to use five pages to argue in its favor and 29 pages to convince you that you should vote "no". After reading the measure carefully and without even reading the arguments, that should tell you something! There really is no intelligent argument about it. It's either right or it's wrong and any intelligent person can see the difference for themselves just by reading the measure. It says just what it says. A "yes" vote is not a discriminatory or hateful and has nothing to do with religion; it is simply a vote to protect our children and youth from exposure to an abusive and unnatural lifestyle and to prevent a drain on taxpayers' money by not hiring people who would be in a position to impose those ideas upon our youth as teachers.

A "no on 9" won't help to eliminate this problem in our society; it will promote and enlarge the problem. The problem will eventually die its own death if the homosexuals aren't allowed to influence our youth for they certainly won't have many of their own to teach.

Vote YES on Measure 9.

The opinions expressed in this op-ed are those of Frances A. Kaser, The Dalles resident.

Scientists make advance in AIDS study

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke University Medical Center researchers have created a protein fragment that stops the AIDS virus from infecting human cells in laboratory tests.

The finding could open the door to a new class of drugs against HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. But researchers warned there's no guarantee and said a new drug wouldn't be developed quickly.

"There is some interest in developing this idea into an anti-viral drug," said Dr. Dani Bolognesi, director of Duke's Center for AIDS Research and one of the scientists involved in the research. "We're making plans for that right now."

A report on the advance will be published this week in the

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

John Moore, a research scientist at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City, said the advance is "an extremely good piece of science."

However, he noted that what works in the laboratory may not work in people.

Although there are several drugs for the treatment of AIDS, none cures the disease.

Most anti-HIV drugs, including the best known, AZT, work inside already infected cells by interfering with the enzyme the virus uses to reproduce itself.

The Duke researchers are looking for a way to disarm the virus before it gets into the cells.

The team created a peptide — a short piece of protein — that mimics a key part of the HIV infection machinery, found on the outside of the virus particle.