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-We support high academic standards.

-We believe that each student should be judged solely on his/her merits.

-We oppose the special or preferential treatment of any one person or group.

-We believe in an open, fair and small student government. .

-We oppose all efforts toward an equality of condition, for this violates any principle of justice that can maintain a free and civilized society.

-We oppose the welfare state that either benefits individuals, groups or corporations. The welfare state in the long run creates more poverty, dependency, and social and economic decline.

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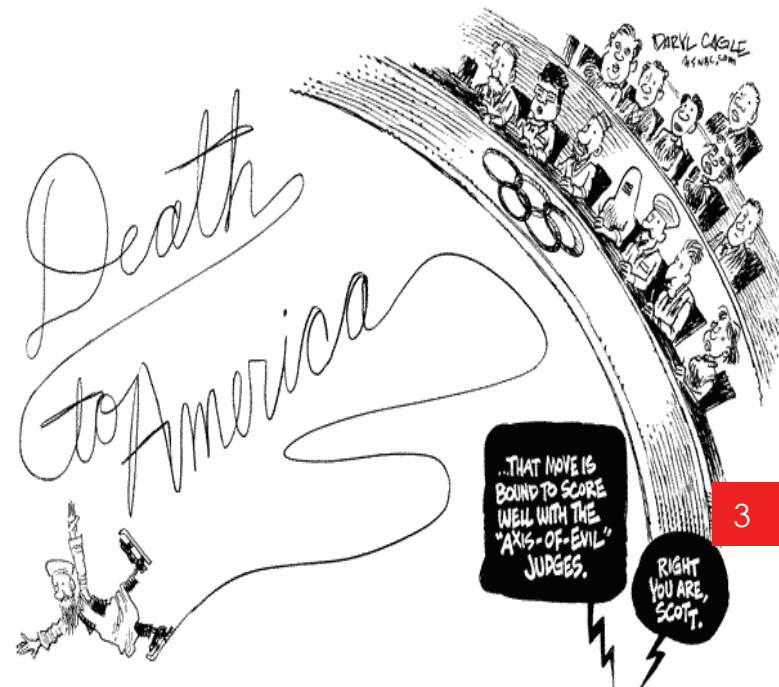
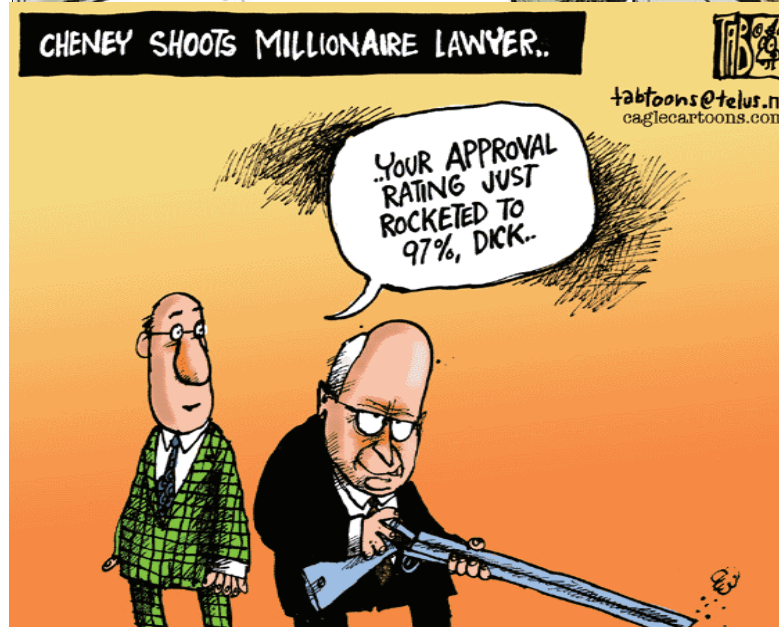
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## Letters to the Editor

The Portland Spectator,

First of all, congratulations on starting back up. At least a little balance of left and right at PSU is nice to see. I'm not sure if you're doing a "letter to the editor" section, but I thought I might try my hand at a letter to the editor.

I noticed that in the article "I Walk In Fear," Mark expresses a philosophy that is prevalent in the conservative community; that of limited government. On the opposite page, Amanda Newberg opposes cutting student loans programs. The Portland Spectator itself is published in a university that receives substantial government assistance. Support for these two funding needs directly contradicts the limited government philosophy. Though there are also such contradictions in the world of the left, I've always found that contradiction to be particularly odd.

Good luck,  
Aaron DeVore

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Dear Aaron ,

Thank you for your inquiry. In regards to your questions, we have an answer that we hope will satisfy your curiosity.

Pertaining to the contrasting views presented in the pieces "I Walk In Fear" and Amanda's piece, "At Odds With My Party," it is a function of the differing views that our staff holds. We hope that through this publication people will feel free to have a unique voice. The writers we have working for our publication are all very different, and many do have opposing viewpoints, which is reflected in the differing views found in the pages of this magazine.

In reference to the Spectator receiving student fee money (which we often criticize), we respond by saying that we do accept this money because we would not be able to publish without it. The argument can now be made that if this is the only way to publish, maybe we should not publish, but we respond in saying that the student fee money does exist under this system and if not used by us will be used by someone else. We do obtain funding from other resources so our publication costs are not covered in their entirety by student fees. In a perfect world, we would cover all publication costs through grants and donations, but with the system the way that it is now this is not an option.

Thank you again for your response. I hope that this was able to clear up any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,  
Crystal Joelle Rea

### Hugging Terrorist Leaders

Hugs and kisses. Typically, despite a plethora of different meanings associated with hugging and kissing, we relate to one or the other. People tend to be huggers or kissers. According to Australia's "Jihad Jack," Bin Laden is a hugger. Jack is associated with Bin Laden through his receipt of funds through al-Qaeda. This is useful information; next time you run into Bin Laden make sure you hug him when you thank him for constructing terrorist groups aimed at destroying America.

### Civil War?

Violence is becoming far more frequent in the middle east as Israeli and Palestinian militant troops step up the degree of brutality they are inflicting upon one another. Between border fence bombs, car bombs, and killing sprees, it does not appear that the strife is poised to slow down at any time in the very near future.

### Olympic Glory

The infamous rings represent it well. Five circles intertwined of all different colors representing the individuals of all different nationalities and orientations brought together to compete in honor of his or her country. It is seen by most as the highest honor in athletics to win the Olympic gold, or even attend the games for that matter. Italy served as host for the 2006 Winter Olympic Games where 192 countries came together to share joy and tears. American pride. Competing for your country. At a time when war rages and disputes escalate, the Olympics celebrate unity and places an emphasis on national pride. Long live the Olympic games. And just for the record, America brought home 25 medals, second only to Germany.

### No More Excuses for Fat Pets

Yes, it is true: your overweight pets can now get in shape right along with their owners. In Najing China, treadmills are now available for overweight pets. Tempting, isn't it?

## Catholics Only

Raised by nuns, now building a Catholic only city in Florida. Tom Monaghan, the founder of Dominos pizza, is crating a society banning abortion, contraceptives, and pornography (just to give you a sample). The town, which spans 5,000 acres, already has a waiting list of over 7,000 individuals who have expressed interest in residing in the town which lies a mere 90 miles north of Miami. Monaghan dropped £230m to construct his paradise opening in 2007, which he believes, "is God's will."

## Medicare and Obesity

There is a reason that our medical systems are failing and rapidly running out of money, and that reason is the ridiculous number of "diseases" that are being covered by Medicare. Now, obesity is poised to take over as the next ailment to be covered by the government. The requirements to have this issue dealt with are minimal as all you have to prove is that you have tried at least once to lose weight and have been unsuccessful, you have a high BMI, and that you have some form of a condition in relation to being overweight. Next thing we know, they will be paying to treat patients with mental problems. Oh that's right, we already do.

## South Dakota Hits Abortion on the Head

Governor Mike Rounds is poised to take abortion head on: by outlawing nearly every abortion in South Dakota at both present and future dates. This bill will be the most drastic of its kind in the entire country. How will this work? It begins with parental notification, waiting periods and advances to complete abolishment of abortion in the state. This controversial bill has advanced to the supreme court, and if put into law, will cause the pro-life and proc-choice groups to enter into one of the largest duals surrounding this issue to this day.

## .345 BAC

What happens when all you keep in your house is peanut butter and bread, then proceed to go on a drinking spree? You might end up like Peter Hickock and record a .345 blood alcohol content. Authorities report that this level is incredibly close to medical anesthesia. Our advice is to sidestep the bottle and go grocery shopping.

# Portland Update

## KEEP THE BLAZERS?



The Blazers are in trouble; again. Rather than another drug charge or criminal conviction, the problem now lies in the team finances. This team, which was once a bright spot in a rainy city, has become a black hole and nothing positive seems to be escaping its pull. The stadium never reaches maximum capacity and getting Portlanders to attend "Jailblazer" games is becoming increasingly more difficult as all hope seems to be lost in the team. Despite the obvious disinterest in the team, Paul Allen is asking the city to bail him out, and that means more taxes. Our vote: you dig your grave you sleep in it. Sorry Paul, the absence of this team would go nearly unnoticed in this city. Too bad they are under a 20 year contract with the Rose Garden.

## BEWARE OF CALIFORNIA DRIVERS



The northern migration of Californians continues, and it is picking up speed. In 2005, 27,000 drivers replaced the California seal on their licenses with the Oregon logo. Statistically speaking, one of every twelve individuals residing in the Medford and Bend areas were residents of California within the past five years. Many of the individuals entering the state are attracted by prime retirement real estate. In addition to the state's beauty, it is extremely affordable in comparison with the costs associated with living in California. It appears that the personality of Oregonians is relatively addicting as a projected 1 million individuals are forecasted to enter the state by 2025.

## STUDENT FEES ARE ON THE RISE. AGAIN.



Break out the pocketbooks, student fees are going up. Next school year student activity fees will be inflated \$30 per term resulting in a \$90 increase for the entire year. And what caused this spike? Perhaps the increase is a result of, lets say, FULL FUNDING OSPRIG??? Are we allowed to designate what organizations receive our student fee money? Maybe that is the solution to this growing problem.

Crystal Joelle Rea

Information derived from various state and national newspapers

# Military Troops on Campus

When protesting becomes a fad.

Portland State University was founded upon veterans of war. It was founded on men and women who risked and gave their lives to protect the ground we walk on and the freedoms we enjoy everyday. They fought for the freedom of speech, freedom to allow women the right to vote, and freedom to receive an education. We live in a community that exists because these men and women had the courage to fight for not only themselves, but for Americans for centuries to come. Daily, we exercise the rights these troops have given us, yet we fight against their existence.

Worldwide, individuals live in fear of their governments. They live in fear of speaking their minds and in fear of the military entering their homes, taking anything they desire (both possessions and people) and in fear that their lives will end at any given moment for no apparent reason. People live lives that are hidden by cloths over their faces and fear of exposing their ankles. Countries living under these conditions have no way to protect their freedoms because freedoms do not exist.

It is our freedom to speak out against our government and our military. Ironically, it is a combination of these institutions we criticize that have implemented these freedoms. How is it justifiable to scream profanities at the individuals fighting for these privileges we enjoy as American citizens? True, these men and women may have different ideals and views than you do, but who is to say that anyone has the right to tell someone they do not have the right to fight for a country they believe in, especially in an educational setting.

Portland State does not allow ROTC on campus. Paraphrased, a veteran school does

not allow military on campus- ironic isn't it? ROTC is an entirely voluntary program that calls universities all over the country home, so why is Portland State resisting this program? Students participating in ROTC are forced to arrive at the University of Portland at 5 am five days a week for training. This is a huge inconvenience that could be avoided if the program was offered on campus. Portland State prides itself on diversity and having something for all students to participate in, yet they fail to provide basic programs such as ROTC that is even offered in many high schools. Further, students are protesting all forms of military on campus. This includes military recruiters.

Perhaps protestors would have a valid argument if the presence of military recruiters disrupted the educational experience. When we look at how the atmosphere is impacted by these recruiters, it is clear that the only time a disruption exists is when individuals decide to cause a scene just for the effect of protesting, just so they can say that they did it. Recruiters on campus are not there to track down individuals to join the military; they stand to the side of the activities and wait to be approached. In no way are these recruiters aggressive or attempting to impose their goals and beliefs upon students. Rather than negatively impacting Portland State, they provide alternate forms of learning as students who do have questions about military have someone to reference. Having recruiters on campus allows people to hear first hand about what is going on overseas and here in our county. The information recruiters provide is untainted by the media or individuals passing stories on. Recruiters provide knowledge and are in no way a threat to the educational envi-

ronment, unlike protestors.

Beyond this issue and adding to the ridiculous fight against military troops, our student senate attempted last year to make it impossible to use GI Bills at Portland State. They actually attempted to make military personnel incapable of using military money to attend a veteran school which, might I add, is largely funded by veterans. Intelligent decision. Naturally, this effort by an overly liberal student senate to prevent military personnel from receiving an education was unsuccessful. Media coverage resulted in a massive number of complaints and endless threats to pull funding from the school if they did indeed allow these rules to be constructed. So what was actually accomplished by this senate? Nothing more than wasting a lot of peoples time. Rather than addressing problems that impact students everyday, the group went around and around about an issue that they had no actual control of.

Military has a place not only at Portland State, but in the lives of every American. We should be saying thank you rather than attempting to dismiss these individuals that pose no threat to the educational experience but do stand to support life as we know it. Say thank you for giving you the right to voice your disagreements and thank you for allowing Americans to have the right to express themselves without fear of deadly repercussions. Reality is that we will always have a military. It has existed since our great country was founded and will continue to exist until it comes to an end, so rather than wasting time protesting recruiters, utilize your time to make an actual difference.

*"I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one Nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*



### ***Your Money, Their Choices: The Crisis of Higher Education***

WHEN: Monday March 12, 2006 @ 12pm

WHERE: Smith Memorial Student Union Multicultural Center

Come learn about the policy being made around higher education at the state and federal level and what students are doing about it. These decisions affect how many students get into college and how much it costs, along with funding for programs. Come hear the experts from a student perspective discuss these issues. There will be a reception lunch following the discussion.

Panel:

Erin Devaney - Student Body President

Morgan Cowling - Oregon Student Association Legislative Director

Eddie Morales - United States Student Association President

Bridget Burns - Oregon Student Assistance Commission member

### ***Student Body Elections***

WHEN: March 6 – 9, 2006

WHERE: [www.aspsu.pdx.edu/elections](http://www.aspsu.pdx.edu/elections)

\*Don't forget to participate in electing your campus representation. These people make huge decisions regarding your student fees, financial aid, and many other things!

### ***Pacific Islanders Club "Pride of the Islands" Lu'au***

WHEN: May 20, 2006 from 6 – 10 pm

WHERE: Peter Stott Center

Come celebrate Pacific Islander culture. Music, food, and entertainment will be provided including dances from Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti, Fiji, & others.

Tickets for students \$15 general \$20

More info contact: [Briana.Tagupa@pdx.edu](mailto:Briana.Tagupa@pdx.edu)

### ***Oregon Federation of College Republicans State Convention***

WHEN: April 7 – 9

WHERE: Newport, Oregon

Get geared up for the biggest event of the year for the CRs. All-star speaker lineup, grassroots training, and beachfront lodging are included for the weekend. If you are a Republican college student who does not attend this, you are crazy. It's like the Santa Barbara conference, but without the drive.

# **Upcoming Events**



# The Seven Terrors



sors are some of the best but I can't help but hope they will understand what I am saying. I don't think it is morally wrong, unjustified, or just plain dumb (maybe a little) but I do think that professors should care about their image with students. It would be unwise for a professor to completely lose respect with students at PSU. The reason

they should take down their political and social messages (stickers) is because what makes a good professor, or person for that matter, is the importance they place on reason and virtue. Professors can't expect able minded students to believe lectures that are supposed to be factual and non-biased when the door of their office reads, "When Clinton lied no one died," or "I hated Bush before it was the cool thing to do". Professors must know that students who disagree politically or socially will be forever skeptical of lectures and any information given if the student lays their eyes on the door the professor works within. Losing a cohort of your class isn't wise professors.

I don't expect it to happen, but if professors' start to truly concern themselves with aiding students in their offices and remove such inadequate expressions that symbolize their well educated ideals; they will remove the opportunity for stifling a large portion of students they teach. I just hope if they do take down the stickers there is paint left on the doorway when they are through with all the tearing. Maybe they would be wise to call facilities and planning for a fresh coat of paint.

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"I would be equally offended by stickers and posters of professors that read, "PETA- People Eating Tasty Animals," or "Work harder...millions on welfare depend on you," but I haven't been able to find one yet in my two years on campus...not even one!"

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## We Want to Know

What are your teachers saying about their political views in the classroom? Daily, students have to sit and listen to instructors rant and rave while indirectly attempting to impose his or her political views on students. Some students tally the inappropriate comments made by professors, and some write them down. Send us your professor's best comments. We would love to hear the "unbiased" lessons being taught in the classroom.



# Student Government: 2006-2007

Once again, it is election season. It's that time of year when colors seem to engulf the campus. Vote brown. Vote yellow. Vote orange. But what does it all mean? What do candidates really stand for, and more importantly, will they do what they tell us they will do? It is my hope as we gear up for elections that whichever candidates come out on top of the pile will indeed keep their promises to students and do everything in their power to ensure that voices are heard and promises are kept. Student turnout for voting on elections is usually about 10%. True, 10% seems like an insignificant turnout, but the 10% is actually much higher than the percent of students that vote on other campuses. Regardless, it is the hope of all candidates this year that a higher number of voters turn out, because your voice truly does carry a weight.

Each set of candidates running for the President/Vice President positions have provided a statement of candidacy intended to inform students of what their campaign is about, what they plan on accomplishing if elected to their respectful positions, and why you should vote for them. It is our hope as a publication that you take some time to view these statements and make a decision based on nothing more than who you believe will do the best job, and whose goals you hope to see attained. Vote.

On an editorial note, due to a conflict of interest, we will not be endorsing candidates as the Portland Spectator has in past elections. Instead, we have provided, personalized-not canned and used for every other publications or events- statements from the candidates to our readers that tell you why they are the most qualified and how they feel about the other candidates. Not all is lost however; Amanda Newberg has given her opinion on election concerns titled "Progressive=Regressive". Unfortunately we cannot editorialize without a tremendous amount of criticism, so read the statements and make the best choice you can...hopefully the right one.

# Campbell/Herrera

## "What can brown do for you?"

To say there is a real disconnect between student government and students would be a serious understatement. This is precisely why we, Mario Campbell and Mayela Herrera, have teamed up to run for ASPSU President and Vice President. Our team is a revolutionary one. We have completely different backgrounds and experiences that distance us from the other candidates and catapult us into the frontrunners of this election. More than distancing us from the other candidates, these differences within our own team reflect the diversity of the student body. It is unwise to team up with people who are the same in image as they only act to compound your weaknesses. We believe the differences between act to promote strengths that are missing in us as individuals and will make our decisions more round and representative of students. However, we have the necessary similarities to run ASPSU effectively. We

are both involved students on campus who believe more needs to be done to facilitate student involvement in all areas of student government. We also believe there has traditionally been a lack of outreach in ASPSU toward the minorities on campus. However, as Mexican Americans, we will reach out to groups that serve minority students in order to achieve much needed diversity in ASPSU. Make no mistake about it, 'brown' can and will work for you.

Overall, our goals are more feasible, more beneficial and more inline with the student body than the other candidates in the running. We have assembled a collection of campaigns that stand to benefit student groups, athletics, diversity and, most importantly, the neglected everyday students. The other candidates are focusing on who is more progressive and who can fund student groups at higher rates than the other. Meanwhile

we are concerning ourselves with providing an environment conducive to student group success. Throwing money at these groups without first providing a promising, accepting campus is lazy and unhelpful. We liken it to throwing fish into a dry pond; the fish never have a chance to swim. We believe that in order for student groups to flourish like they should an environment which facilitates and promotes student groups success must first be established. To reiterate, throwing money in the direction of student groups with out first giving them the support and needed resources is simply unfounded. We want more. We want student groups to get fully funded and to see their funds establish their missions. We want student groups with multicultural roots to bring the diversity to campus in order to enrich it. If anyone is capable of such collaboration it is Campbell/Herrera team. We will give student groups resources that are essential to achieving diversity on campus that shouldn't be allowed to not succeed because of lazy, intolerable funding practices.

What about everyday students who pay \$136 in student fees? We have not forgotten them. On the contrary, this group is the foundation and base for all student related activities. ASPSU has overlooked these students who don't vote and don't partake in spending of student fees. These students need more. Students who pay the same student fee that used to be \$136 per term are now which are estimated to rise to about \$170. Yet most of these students see little direct benefit. What about them? Where is their representation? It appears to be completely missing and the other candidates don't even attempt to deceive these students... they just ignore them altogether. That kind of disconnect is what is wrong with ASPSU and the other candidates. What can brown do for you? Campbell/Herrera has set up campaigns that stand to positively impact everyday students.



Here is what we will give all PSU students; a mix of fun and meaningful campaigns and principals:

- \*We will give all students access to free downloadable music
- \*We will promote and work with BookGhost (student run) organization in order to keep book prices low
- \*Make campus safety a priority. In particular, we pay \$240 to park in the structures yet there is tremendous amount of crime taking place within these parking structures. We will work for cameras and extra staff to stop break-ins, assaults and other unacceptable crime
- \*Make senators and ASPSU more accountable to students by establishing senate offices and making regular appointments with department chairs and students because these are their constituents
- \*Make book purchases a tax deduction for PSU students
- \*Ask students first before we assert 'students' position in ASP-

SU decisions

- \*Establish a student representative on City Council who is not a voting member to advocate and educate city council on what is important to students at PSU

In closing, we, Campbell/Herrera, are the most inclusive candidates running. So, what can 'brown' do for you? Advocate for students on city council, keep student fee low while still promoting student groups, make textbooks affordable, make campus a safe place, stop crime in parking structures, make senators and ASPSU executive staff more accountable, give students access to free downloadable music and, most importantly, talk to 'students' when working on their behalf. Our reputations and work on campus is well known. Let us continue to serve you. Let 'brown' work for you! Vote Campbell/Herrera for positive change because our degrees are only as good as the university we leave behind.

## Klute/Johns

### "YOUR vote, OUR voice, EVERYONES victory"

It is an inarguable fact that PSU is an urban campus, host to an extremely diverse student body, hailing from all walks of life. It is also an inarguable fact that the students of PSU deserve to be represented to the Administration, the city of Portland, the state of Oregon, and the nation in a way that is inclusive of all ideas present on campus. After attending PSU for four years we have witnessed and experienced a distinct polarization. It currently divides our university, and this year the students will vote to decide if this polarization is to continue, or if they want to work towards developing a truly progressive institution.

It comes as no surprise to us that this year, as in years past, two distinctly different slates have formed. One has dubbed themselves the "progressives" and the second, a slate of people that have simply chosen to identify ourselves as the Klute/Johns slate. As we began the process of assembling a slate of students to run with, we had very specific criteria. Members of our slate had to possess a vehement dedication to student representation and ASPSU accountability, energy around issues of sustainability, a desire to foster relationships with administrators, improve ASPSU's relationship with student groups, and a passion for representing all students, not just the loudest or most visible. Additionally, we challenged ourselves to draw leaders from as many areas of the university to ensure that the greatest amount of students would be represented by our slate. This meant that we placed an emphasis on diversity, which does not translate to just the color of a person's skin, but also to their diversity of thought, campus involvement, personal background, and aspirations for the future. Approaching this opportunity any differently just didn't seem appropriate.

Within our slate are leaders that represent transfer students,

returning students, student parents, international students, residents of college housing, coordinators of student groups, student athletes, students of diverse nationalities, traditional students, commuter students, student activists, and the list goes on and on.

As student leaders dedicated to fair and equitable student representation, we have to ask ourselves the questions: how progressive are presidential and vice presidential candidates that label opposing slates as conservative to intentionally polarize the campus? At what point did it become acceptable for your student government representatives to shut the door on whole demographics of students because their political ideologies don't align? How do you determine the value of one student over another?

It seems ludicrous that self-proclaimed "progressives" could be so mis-informed. But that is the climate of our campus that we are witnessing come under attack by the Morse/Buften slate.

Truly progressive leaders at PSU are students that recognize the unique experiences that their peers are endowed with, and appreciate the diversity in dialogue that these experiences provide. These leaders seek out the viewpoints and concerns of all students, specifically those that they most often disagree with, in order to make informed decisions. To these students the words Democrat and Republican are parts of speech most appropriately applied to national politics, and have no place within the vocabulary of ASPSU.

The Klute/Johns slate is dedicated to fulfilling these roles in such a manner that all students feel that they are heard by ASPSU. Through our leadership, ASPSU will progress towards



an organization that is no longer exclusionary, or discriminatory based on political ideologies or affiliation with any given student group. We will address the issues that matter to PSU students most: affordability, accountability, and sustainability, as well as decreasing Higher One ID Card usage, increasing campus safety, improving academic offerings, and commanding more ownership over our student union. These aren't simply "buzz words"; these are problems with real solutions that we have identified, through the help of many students, which we will work towards to win real victories.

Creating meaningful change on this campus does not come quickly or to those who simply stand in the Park Blocks and yell. Coalition building among students, and yes, among administrators, is vital to the long-term vitality of this university and the students it serves. This year we have seen what inaction does: activation rates of OneAccounts have skyrocketed, student fees have increased, and access to higher education continues to wane.

Students were elected as the self-proclaimed "progressive" voice last year and what do we have to show for it? Minimal information being shared with students, integral committee seats remain unfilled, our privacy and money being stripped away little by little every term, and no one standing up for students to administrators or legislators. This work cannot be done by an exclusive group of friends, as we have seen this year, and a vote for Morse/Buften is a vote to keep things the exact same way that they are: stagnant and ineffective.

It is time that students see past the hype, demand candidates to campaign on the issues rather than poorly worded personal attacks, and to seek more from their student representatives.



Our slate, the Klute/Johns slate, is composed of a group of student leaders that have a long track record of real victories on this campus, of representing students year after year, and of building relationships and community in the process. While our opponents tout their press conferences and botched attempts at special elections, we are getting the real work done.

Student government has so much potential; potential to create meaningful change for current students, potential to bridge gaps between student populations, students and administrators, and students and the national government. Real solutions require real leaders. The so-called "progressive" movement has had their chance to help students and they have failed. It is time to elect students who worry more about this university than their resumes. It is time to elect real progressive leadership, and that is the leadership that the Klute/Johns slate has to offer. Please check out [www.votepsu.com](http://www.votepsu.com) for more information about our candidates and the issues we plan on tackling when elected.

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# Morse/Bufton

We have been attempting to get a candidacy statement from this slate for the past month. After countless attemps, we have given up. A foreshadow of their time in office if elected?

# Progressive = Regressive

Progressive does not always mean positive change

by Amanda Marie Newberg

With student body elections coming up, candidates are scrambling to run on certain platforms and with certain political affiliations that are self-branded. One slate this election year is the token slate of self-described “progressives”. So, before you vote for anyone, including the “progressives”, let me tell you about the “progressive” change we saw under the “progressive” leadership of this last year.

Accountability and transparency were two major platforms of the progressive slate that swept last year's student body elections. The senatorial candidates cited major problems with the then current Harper/Klute administration as reasons for their running in the election. They labeled themselves as the “progressive” slate as members of Devaney/Woon slate. First of all, some slack should be granted to the senate given the loss of the senate leader and Vice President Molly Woon due to resignation, and most senators weren't sure what their roles and responsibilities as senators were. After a few wasted months things got rolling with the new Vice President Saeed Haji. There was, however, only so much the new Vice President could do with a group of senators whose first actions were to dismantle the existing Judicial Board in place of one that now has trouble with making quorum. Secondly, there was the attempt to remove all military recruiters and military programs from Portland State campus which naturally failed with conservative talk radio involvement. Another waste of time. After that, the bulk of fall term's senate time was spent on pushing through Constitutional Revisions that never saw a ballot. These revisions were proposed to, “add more checks and balances into ASPSU so that more people can get more accomplished in a more democratic way.” They included term limits, reversing an SFC guidelines that mandated a 3/4 vote of SFC members in order to adjust a student group's budget by more than 25% during the annual budget allocation process (a 158% increase for OSPIRG maybe had something to do with that), allowing the senate to make line by line changes to the annual SFC budget, mandating the term “viewpoint neutrality,” amongst other issues. These proposed changes were basically illegal changes. Because many members saw benefits to their student groups they quickly pushed them through the senate with little effective debate until, as I eluded, they were squashed for their illegal content. The winter term turned out

about the same amount of “progressive” change. Basically, more resolutions more debate and more crap. Just to highlight a few of the successful resolutions. Here is the list:

\* 1 A resolution to endorse the PSU Conference on Darfur, Sudan, and Genocide

\* 2 A resolution to endorse the Conference on Oil, Globalization and War

\* 3 A resolution to endorse the City of Portland Anti-sweatshop campaign

\* 4 A resolution to endorse Portland State joining the Workers Rights Consortium

\* 5 A resolution to send a letter to Governor Kulongowski requesting the Governor immediately remove all Oregon National Guard Troops from Iraq.

\* Oh and a resolution that didn't pass (I wonder why) to change the name from Portland State University to Nelson Mandela University



This was a sampling of what our student senate has been working on. Also noteworthy, to date the Senate has yet to run a collaborative campaign though they do have student money to do so. Despite having a plethora of campaigns in which to run

like Hurricane Katrina, Student Fee Committee transparency and a Higher One issue that still looms. It seems they just cannot unite on a single issue. There might be a larger problem as to why they are not running any campaigns. Manpower seems to be an issue. Many senators simply fail to show up for meetings. Multiple seats have been officially declared vacant, and a few have resigned.

Why is it that a platform as “progressive” as theirs has had so little in the way of positive change? Every person who ran for student senate ran on a platform of greater awareness of the student senate on campus yet has achieved virtually nothing. The senate has held zero events coupled with failing to table or talk to students; pretty much non-existent on the student outreach portion of their job description. Student elections are coming up soon, don't forget to vote. But before you vote think about what exactly you're voting for. Do not be tricked by self-proclaimed “progressives” who have not followed through on promises made last year.

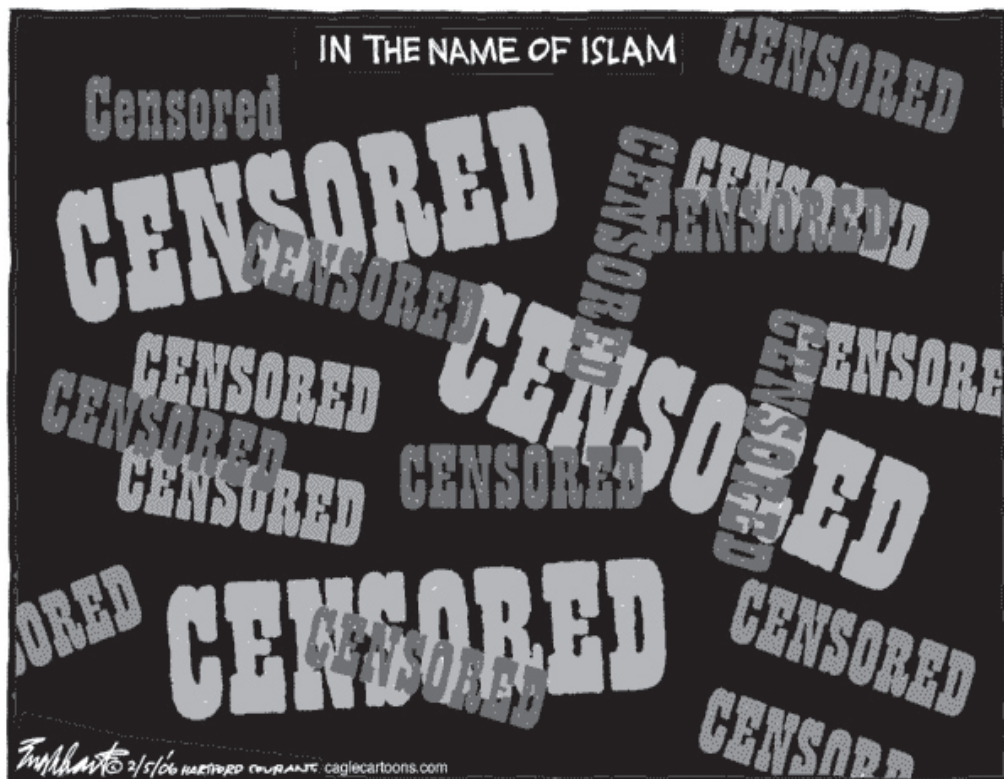


# Persisting Double Standards Pertaining to Religion: the Cartoons

by Robert Hyett

The editors of the Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* couldn't have picked a touchier method to test the waters of free speech, which while legal in Europe, wasn't exactly the point. The editor felt that their newspaper and perhaps many others had been much too soft on issues regarding Islam due to self-censorship out of fear of retaliatory violence. At the time of the publication, there had been a string of attacks against lecturers and authors whose subject had simply been

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the Quran. Apparently, little had been made of this and the editors wanted to bring the issue to light. Being that reading Dutch is hard to do for most of the world, an essay would have shown some better judgment since a picture is worth a thousand words, and least we forget, in a thousand languages. Anyone, anywhere, can read a cartoon. The point was made not by the cartoons themselves, but by the self-realizing stereotypes and result-

ing violence in a few parts of the world. Sadly such protests are not victimless and hundreds have died so far. The editors and cartoonists of *Jyllands-Posten* have since received numerous death threats and are all surely hiding and terrified. The very idea for the cartoons, fear of violent reprisal for publishing, is now the ironic, sobering conclusion.

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to [something western]", offer bounties for the deaths of the cartoonists, burn down anything Danish or Norwegian (those art types are all the same), and ransack Pizza Hut, Starbucks, and especially McDonald's as America is at fault for everything and because there are few flagrantly Dutch franchises. Organized by Muslim leaders, a civilized and apparently more effective response has been to boycott Danish goods. While non-violent, this unfairly punishes the

Danish economy and their citizens who had absolutely nothing to do with the controversy. Similar boycotts have been advocated by Bill O'Reilly against France, though the average French citizen probably feels more passionate about America than the Danish do about Islam. The France/America boycott is a result of divisive politics with roots in our differing cultures. The Danish boycott is about a philosophical and journalistic experiment entirely devised by a select few individuals who happened to be from Denmark. Boycotts and violence are more about retribution and have nothing to do with discourse, which in itself is usually little more than a band-aid to those so hateful they call for the merciless death of others. In America, we love to protest and thanks to many civil rights leaders, have generally learned to do so peacefully; without destroying property or killing anyone, the occasional riot notwithstanding. This is one of among many things some Americans might wish for other cultures to adopt. Some things may be worth dying for but hopefully not an angry mob.

In 1989, photographer Andreas Serrano won a \$15,000 prize for a piece titled "Piss Christ", by the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art and federally funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. It is a photograph of Jesus on a cross in a transparent vat of the artist's own urine. This was an unrestrained and literal interpretation of a community's complete disdain for Christianity. The fact it was accepted as art is shocking, that it won

is nauseating. Serrano also created "Madonna and Child II" the same year, with both submerged in urine. Apparently the first one wasn't anti-Catholic enough. It is available as part of other works in a book, *A Capital Collection*, from the Corcoran Museum of Art for \$24.95. Student Senators, get out your Higher One cards.

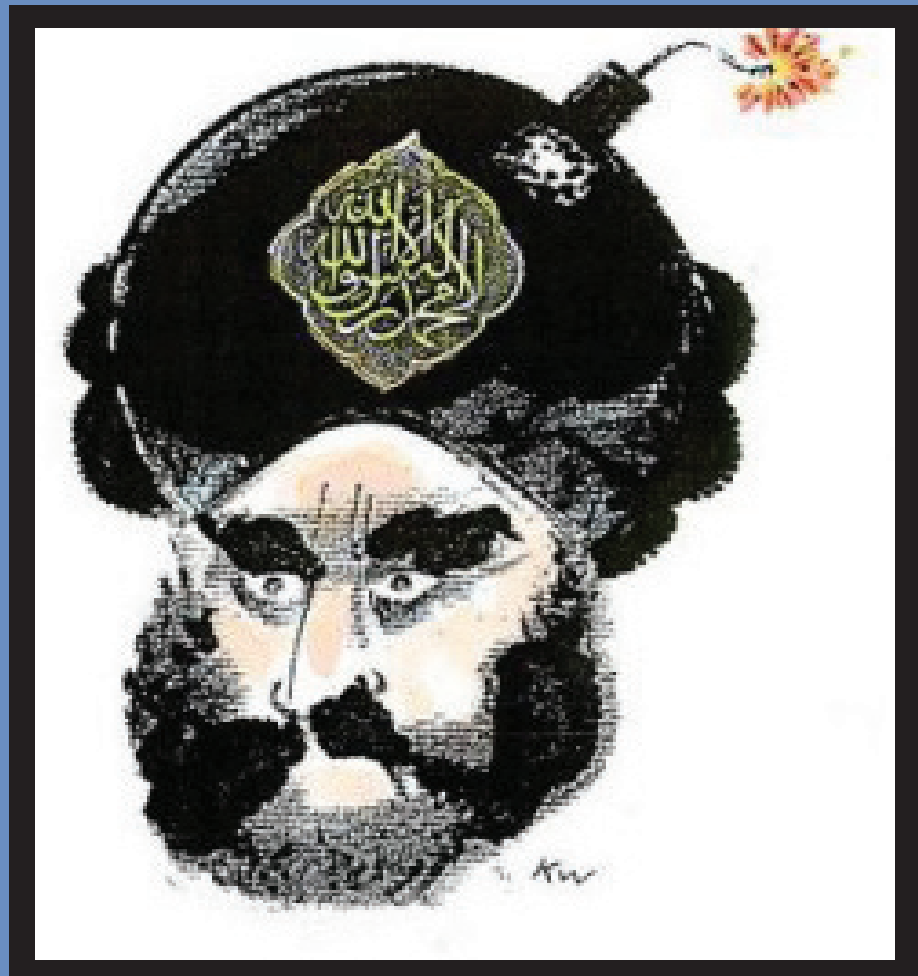
Leftist atheists, or all leftists except Hillary Clinton and Jimmy Carter (who are pretending), were then and are now relishing at this controversy. If the burning cross hadn't become synonymous with the KKK, a picture of one could certainly win at a tax payer funded art competition. This is out of the question, so what could be just as a distasteful yet without the racist connection? Let me count the ways to insult Christianity.

Chris Ofili, a British artist, caused yet more controversy when his piece,

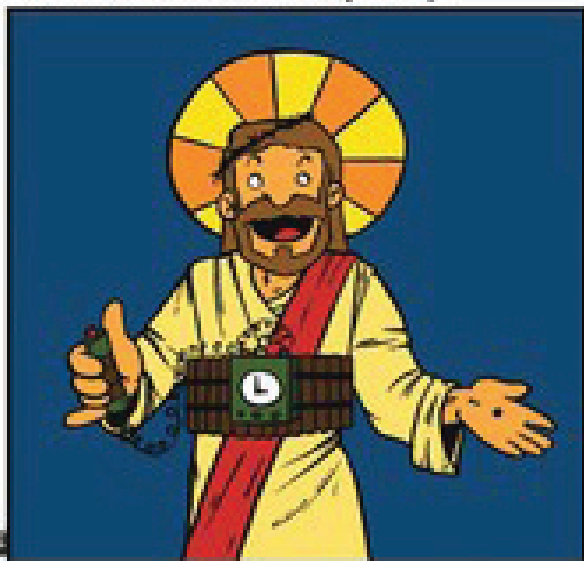
"The Holy Virgin Mary" was displayed in the Brooklyn Museum. The Madonna appears as an abstract African woman made up of paper, paint, and sequins. All fine, until one realizes her right breast is a large ball of elephant dung and she is surrounded by flying cut-out images of women's buttocks and genitalia. Then Mayor of New York, Rudy Giuliani attempted to have the piece removed from the collection feeling it was offensive to Catholicism. He was criticized for this as a censorship mongrel, though what if Islam had been targeted? All artistic interpretation aside, even toddlers and housecats know that urine and poop are simply not nice substances.

Recently Willamette University displayed several works by an artist of nude models embracing beneath Catholic icons. One is of a gay couple and while this in itself is alarming to some, is not the point. The background of all the works were of pages torn from the bible, hardly a sign of respect. The collection was obviously meant to insult and ridicule Catholicism.

Last week the Portland State Vanguard printed a cartoon, "How to start a Riot II"



#### HOW TO START A RIOT (PART II)



with Jesus wearing and ready to detonate a suicide vest packed with explosives. The point, apparently sarcastically suggesting that cartoons of religious figures are a definite cause to riot, lacks some logic. Christians do not typically blow themselves up with the attempt at killing as many non-believers as possible. Maybe portraying Jesus so inappropriately alludes to a higher meaning that is not immediately apparent, or it is an easy groupthink targeting of the Left's favorite punching bag...Christians. The Vanguard hasn't exactly been nice to Jews either, so let us say a prayer or two and not feel picked on. (Google: antisemitism daily vanguard)

In each case, nobody rioted, called for boycotts, few if anyone actually protested, and there was no violence of any kind. Museums and Universities were not burned and British Ambassadors to the US were not recalled for fear of their lives. One British man dumped a truck load of dung on the steps of the offending British museum, many Christians were offended (some sent strongly worded letters), and our campus paper made the evening news. This was the extent of the Christian uprising against tastelessness if not religious disrespect.

How about a Quran in urine, or Muhammed with dung for body parts surrounded by male genitalia? Naturally, they should be considered entirely dis-



respectful and inflammatory, though these images have yet to grace the walls of a museum anywhere. Perhaps the editor of the Jyllands-Posten makes a point that any topic is open to debate and discussion, except Islam. Reasons for this could be an accepted cultural or ideological hate for all things western, especially Christianity, or perhaps freedom of speech no longer applies to those fearing censorship and imprisonment by the government, but from a violent death at the hands of thousands of woefully dis-

greeting readers.

Cartoons, opinions and all forms of art that are disrespectful to a particular faith remain so and can be considered in bad taste, though should not be censored either officially or thru threat of violence. Fortunately, we live in a country where freedom of expression is as guaranteed as it is controversial. We can do little more than look on as other parts of the world senselessly tear themselves to pieces over a few stupid cartoons.



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# Republicans and the Civil Rights Movement

by Crystal Joele Rea

It is a popular myth that Republicans, or conservatives for that matter, fight tooth and nail in opposition of the civil rights movement. Generally, people assume that just because someone is a Republican, they do not support civil rights and have straight jacket views of the issue. Constantly being on the defense in regards to this issue is nothing more than the result of left wing antagonists pinning wrongful accusations on a group that, in reality, was a key player in the civil rights movement.

Let us first turn our heads to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This history changing legislation created equality among races, sex, religion and national origin. Through passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (which was initially meant to protect the rights of black men) Jim Crow Laws were abolished and men, women, and people from around the world were entitled to co-exist in the structures of society. Today, this is our way of life; it is the clockwork of society, however, this was not always how it was.

Historically, it is the “progressive” groups that take credit for the institution of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, but if you look closer there was no single party responsible for the laws nor a single minded thought process. Politics were not the reason for the implementation of the Civil Rights Act. People of color were fighting for our country. They were aiding in schools and building churches. It was about a group as a whole that made the Civil Rights movement a success, not a political party; certainly not Democrats.

Harry Truman is often given credit for the integration into the military, and rightfully so. But his opponent in the 1948 elections was a strong proponent for these efforts as well. Reality is that if Truman had lost his election, the integration of the military would still have occurred.

Life is about being in the right place at the right time, and then executing. Since 1933, there have been 26 major civil rights votes. A majority of Democrats stood in opposition of these 26 votes over 80% of the time. Good track record when you compare it to the Republican majority who voted 96% in favor of the Civil Rights movements. But please, in fear of altering American perception, let us flit over these facts and complete failures by the Democratic party and let us instead continue to spotlight and single out the few failures by Republicans who were not in complete support of the movement.

Back to the Civil Rights Act, historically it was Kennedy who is given credit for the construction of this act. What historians fail to educate the public on is the chain of events that lead up to his ownership of the Civil Rights movement. Kennedy was against all Civil Rights acts up until 1963 when he realized that nearly

everyone besides himself was on board to make the necessary changes. The only reason that Kennedy decided to support the Civil Rights movement is because of the social pressures, not to mention the political backlash.

Nonetheless, once backed by the president, the bill traveled to the House of Representatives on February 10, 1964. Here, debate ensued and a final vote showed 290 in support of the bill and 130 opposing. Let's now break down the numbers further: 138 Republicans favored the bill while 34 opposed it, and the Democrats showed less support voting only 152 – 96 in favor. 34 Republicans in opposition to the Civil Rights movement and 96 Democrats in opposition. These numbers speak quite strongly. The point is that without the Republican votes, the Civil Rights movement would have been halted here.

After passing through the house it was on to the senate. After over fifty days of deliberations and continual debate it was time for the vote. Finally, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was placed into motion as a vote of 73 to 27 passed the new legislation. Here, 21 Democrats and 6 Republicans voted against the bill. History had been forever altered. Republican Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen stated the conservative view best saying, “I am involved in mankind, and whatever the skin, we are all included in mankind.”

When everything is said and done, there was not a single person, a single action, or a single political party that created the Civil Rights movement. In fact, the movement was a collaboration of all different types of people from different places and coming from various backgrounds. Rather than believe the stereotypes of a political party, I encourage you to look deeper and create your own set of beliefs based on history and facts.

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# The Hillary Rant

by Maggie Cakes

Senator Clinton came to Portland Oregon this past year for some fund-raising festivities at the downtown Hilton hotel. A very nice FReeper friend wanted to know if I would share my thoughts about my “beat on the street” experience with you.

Many of the Bourgeoisies in Portland refer to our city as “North Berkley, Oregon” or “Moscow on the Willamette River.” Unlike Portland’s economy, the protest industry is very robust and Pacific Northwest comrades proudly refer to Portland as “little Beirut,” which according to local folklore, was a moniker coined by President Bush ’41. Depending on the politician, various levels of hospitality and welcoming rituals are extended to our visitors. When Karl Rove came to debate Howard Dean, shoes were thrown at Mr. Rove, who threw them back by the way. When it was rumored that sly Vice-President Cheney was covertly in town for the weekend, a protest occurred at each of the secret bunker hideouts that might be housing the Vice-president. The local protesting proletariats love Howard Dean and Al Gore. They used to love Kerry – Teresa more so than John. They continue to drool over Bill Clinton but they loathe Hillary.

At the behest of a brilliant, witty, and charming local talk-radio hostess, I went to the Hillary at the Hilton protest to give periodic, on-the-air, updates during the radio broadcast, via the cell phone. I don’t know how to use cell phones. Any presentation I have done has been marginal at best. My dad used to say that courage doesn’t come without fear. Any guy who received a Purple Heart for Normandy, another Purple Heart for the Battle of the Bulge, and a Bronze Star gets my vote for credibility. Although deceased, he continues to be my hero. I agreed to a leap of faith: hang out with the protesters, and give periodic radio updates. A risk assessment could wait, it was time to party.

All protests in Portland start at Pioneer Square, which is lovingly called: “Portland’s living room.” Panhandlers, punk rockers, homeless suburban teenagers, drug dealers, pit bulls, and scammers all hang out at the square and we consider them family members. Last year, right after the first Iraq election, I participated in a Protest Warrior protest with about seven other people at the square. We held our American flags right side up and we inked our index fingers purple. An enthusiastic, first-amendment supporting, anarchist was yelling and screaming at us. I was in the mood for a little game of cat-and-mouse so I squared off with him for about 20 minutes.

This same kid was the President of the Anarchist student group at Portland Community College. I saw him many times when I was taking economics classes at PCC. No, I am not kidding.

Ever since the 2000 Florida election, there have been protests every Friday afternoon at Pioneer Square, which is usually attended by the same 15 to 20 people. The protests are routine—no new signs, no new slogans or chants, and Hillary Friday was proving to be just as dreary and monotonous as ever previous Friday. My concern was that, contrary to the outrage posted on the local indymedia website, the protest was going to be nothing but the usual yawn. No cops, no International Workers of the World union organizers, no outraged, menopausal Code Pink ladies, just flat nothing but a market-share ratings disaster.

So I went to the Hilton because if there was going to be any action, that’s where it would be, and I was not disappointed. I entered the lobby where lots of young, perky, keep-your-laws-off-my-body volunteers were very accommodation and more than happy to answer my questions. A nice lady gave me a “Friends of Hillary” campaign donation form and asked me if I wanted a \$50 seat or a \$1,000 seat. I said I wasn’t sure but I did have a simple multiple-choice question: Will my contribution go towards Oregon Senate campaigns, Hillary’s Senate campaign, or her Presidential campaign. The nice lady put on her business face toot-sweet, and firmly told me: “the funds were most definitely for any Hillary campaign because Hillary was such a brilliant woman and great leader. The emphasis of this event was not on her campaign efforts, but to support



Hillary.” In the distance I could hear drummers and marchers pounding and chanting up the street. The peace demonstration racket level was fast approaching the same level of racket in the Hilton lobby.

The protest signs are now components of a modern, efficient, supply-chain management system. From 2000 – 2004, the signs were phrased with “Hey Bush, give us back our election.” Now protest signs have been changed to reflect more current events: “No campaign funds in our 2008 for war-mongering candidates” and “Stop the foreign occupation, support our schools and education.” These messages worked especially well when chanted in time to the drummers. The “Bring all the troops home now” chant ended abruptly and “Hillary, we have a constitutional crisis on our hands and it’s not flag burning” incantation didn’t work out well at all – no form, no cadence. The biggest sign said: “We don’t have health care, we’re losing civil rights, we’re losing jobs, (and now we’ve lost our minds) because ‘Bush lied and they Died.’” I was disappointed to not see a sign that said: “Filibuster Alito or we will filibuster you, Hillary.”

I stretched my newly acquired cell-phone/protester-interviewing skills and convinced a woman that she just scored a victory for the cause: right here, right now, she had a chance to state her views to a conservative talk-show radio host who wanted the listening audience to hear what she had to say about Hillary and world peace. The woman started to pace, and talked louder and faster as she crammed in the usual regime change, dictator, war criminal talking points. Oddly enough, the louder she yelled into the phone, the casualty numbers kept increasing.

I asked one guy about the “Bring all the troops home now” sign. My question was: Do you mean all the troops, like the ones over in Kosovo, and the ones continuing to help in the Tsunami areas, or just the troops in the middle-east? This question confused the hell out of him. He looked up. He looked down. He formed his response: “There are many groups representing many points of view here tonight. All of the folks out here want all the troops home from the middle-east. Definitely. Some of the folks want all the troops home from all foreign countries, except the countries where the United Nations wants our help and only if they ask us for help. And our troops have no business in South America, or Venezuela, or Bolivia either.” Ah-hah! He played the vintage hippie bait-and-catch protester trick that demanded a response: “What a drag, man! I didn’t know we had troops in South America too... but since we are there, can’t we do something about the southern border?” I aged another five years maintaining my composure but I kept my mouth shut.

When I got back to the radio station, I was complemented on my observations and professionalism. The producer and host were both smiling and relaxed s I think I did an acceptable job. It was great fun for me and I hope that it was fun for the listeners. I have no idea how people responded, but if you were listening, I thank you for your indulgence.

At peak time, I counted 60 protesters, including the drummers. Most of the folks were about 55 – 60 years of age, sport-

ing lots of long gray hair, backpacks, and outdoor gear. The woman in this demographic could also stand to get some better support – I recommended an underwire for the ladies. I also need someone to explain to me how it is that so many people in Portland dress as though any minute, there is going to be a spontaneous camping/hiking adventure. For crying out loud, the nearest camping site is over an hour away, public transportation systems don’t extend that far, and how useful are those carabineers and rope when you’re riding the damn bus anyway?

I managed to stay safe and not offend anyone, until I called my Democrat sister the next day. I really didn’t want to cause her any grief; I just wanted to tell her about the stealthy experience reporting for both sides and my new skills. Somehow, our conversation led towards Jimmy Carter, Israel, and sand melted into glass. We did reach an agreement that neither of us is voting for Ms. Clinton, but I don’t trust my sister too much. We seem to have these loud contentious conversations that leave me dumbstruck because her information is often inaccurate and she is stubborn and just won’t consider anything beyond what she knows she knows. My ears and my feelings are always a bit tender and sore after these conversations. I’m going to call her back tomorrow and ask her is he would like me to make a donation to Cindy Sheehan’s senatorial campaign – just my way of saying: “Please accept my sincerest apology.”

I am very offended by people who are stuck in a 38 year-old time warp and can’t seem to understand that the world has changed. I’m offended that these same folks think it’s perfectly fine that elderly folk singers and 25 year-old, punk-rocker, heroin addicts establish our country’s foreign policy. I am offended that these protesters, politicians, family members, and celebrities cannot answer a simple question: “Do you think we should write another check, apologize, and just put Saddam back in power?” They never answer this question and always pipe down when I remind them that: “Yes, it’s messy because dictators never leave because they are sorry or because you said please – get it?”

I am also offended that these same peaceful sanctimonious folks are always supporting pro-choice when pro-choice has morphed down the slippery slope to an invasive, violent, and brutal procedure that always terminates an innocent life and often screws up a lot of young girls’ bodies and souls. Don’t talk to me about peace because I just can’t indulge these viewpoints that no longer make sense to me.

To all of the families who have had their loved ones serve in our county’s military, I am deeply humbled by your courage. I pray for you safety and well being. I am very, very grateful to be one of the blessed who has food, shelter, love, and freedom because of your protection. You are the true peacemakers and I thank you.

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# Live Baby-Dead

by Lucy McVicker



sity on February 7, 2006. PSU Students for Life (the new student group led by Nathan Sheets) and College Republicans hosted the event. As eloquent as ever, Janet did not jump around the subject. She had the whole room cheering the, "Live baby – Good; Dead baby – bad". It is such a simple truth. Live babies are good and dead babies are not so good. Touching on the subject of "baby" with young children, she held up her plastic model of a fetus in vitro. Continuing with the story, she stated that she was speaking at a college and a woman stood up and asked, "You mean to tell me that is not a blob of tissue but a real human?" Her daughter, no more than three years old, stood up and shouted, "Look, Mommy! A baby!"

Janet followed up the story with the comment that the child was going to undergo serious brainwash when she got home. Sad isn't it? A child can recognize that the human person is indeed a person but so many adults are blind to that fact.

The subject of abortion procedures is always contested. But, how do they kill these children? Janet Folger spoke about a lady who had been a nurse at an abortion clinic. It was her job to assemble the body parts and the doctor pulled them out of the mother's uterus. She was so horrified after her first abortion that she never went back. She said that the baby was cut up like a jigsaw puzzle and if one body part was missing, she had to identify which part it was so the doctor could pull it out. Partial birth abortion, the most hotly contested form of abortion, involves an induced labor. The baby is delivered in a breach position with the head still in the mother's body. The arms and legs are waving around and moving just like a full-term baby. All of a sudden, the abortionist jams a pair of scissors into the nape of the baby's neck and opens them in order

to make the hole bigger. The baby's whole entire body becomes rigid – much like when playing with a baby and it becomes rigid with fear when he or she thinks you are going to drop it. This is usually followed by the baby laughing – but, this is no laughing matter. The baby, by this time, hangs limply while the doctor places a suction tube and sucks the baby's brains into a jar. The skull collapses and the head is pulled from the mother's body. The baby is thrown in a plastic bag and placed in the garbage – some funeral.

The other very popular method is the saline injection. Imagine swimming in the ocean and having the salt water being so concentrated that it burns your skin – 90% of your skin. A needle containing a high concentration of saline fluid is injected into the mother's womb leaving the baby to burn – literally. The mother is either induced or goes into natural labor. The baby is generally born alive and has serious burns over 90% of the body and most, if not all, of the skin is burned off. Instead of trying to save the living child, since most births are successful, the child is placed on a metal table and is left to fight for its last breaths, skin burning so badly that not even the highest dose of morphine can help adult burn victims. The baby cannot cry out in pain because the poisoned ingested amniotic fluid is burning its organs – the baby is helpless and death draws ever so near.

One in three people in our generation has died that way. Think about it – your best friend, the captain of the football team, the intern for the president, the aspiring med student, actor, musician, an Olympian, a Civil Rights activist – all have died that way. Who knows the potential 45,000,000 plus children who have been murdered could have had? Maybe one could be the person to find the cure for cancer, multiple sclerosis, or diabetes. Maybe one was

The title of this article is quite simple and many would agree with it. If someone killed their small children, possibly even five of them, they are faced with life in prison. Let us contemplate on that action for a minute. Five children, all young, all draining our society's welfare program, our scarce resources, etc. They have yet to prove their worth to the world. The news cannot cover enough of this story and anybody anywhere with half a heart is up in arms. Let us rewind the scenario a bit to the first nine months of life. No, I am not talking about infancy, I am talking about the time when the baby is considered everything else except for what it is – a developing human baby with all the same vital organs that we have – they have blood and brain waves and a heart beat! Many do not find fault with killing this baby. In fact, it is "ok" since it is part of the "female reproductive system" and not an actual human being – an interesting phrase when considering linguistics.

Janet Folger, a nationally recognized speaker and radio talk show host, who helped Ohio pass their partial birth abortion act, spoke at Portland State Univer-

supposed to be a researcher who found a way to reverse our depleting ozone. Why rob the world of a beautiful life? A proof of God's love for us – a manifestation of His love in us. A quick note for all of you who support the abortion movement: Quit killing my generation. I am so thankful to my parents for being the 2/3 majority and my heart aches for those who were not as fortunate as I am to live.

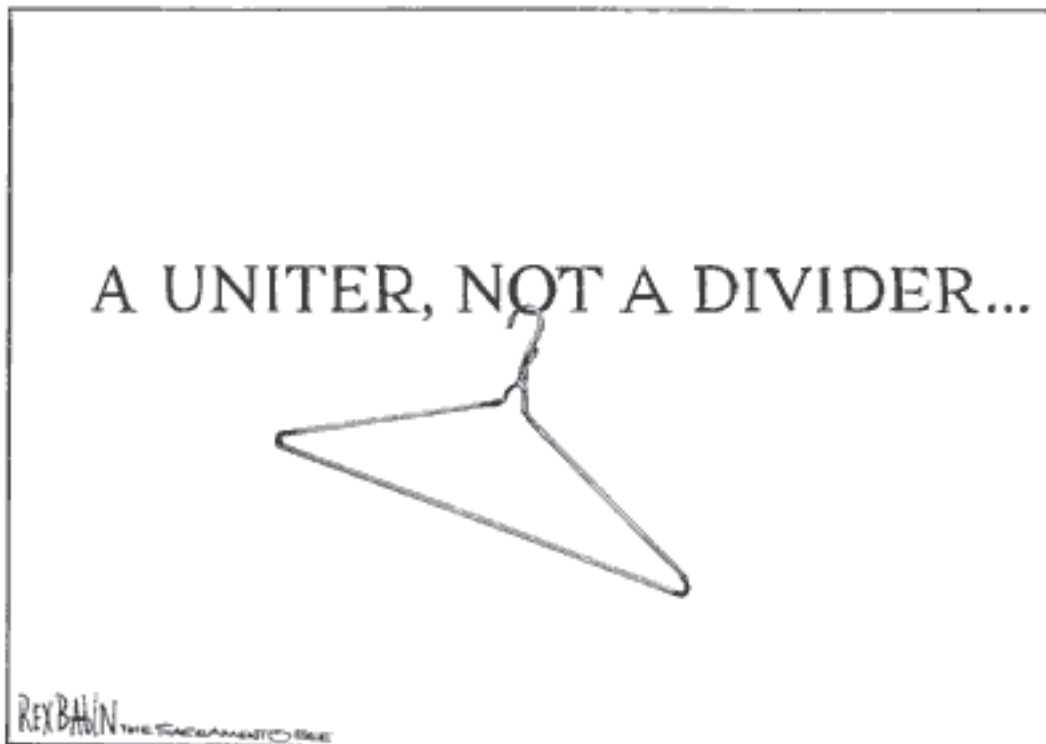
Roe v. Wade NEEDS to be reversed. I cannot begin to emphasize that point enough. If we cannot have a respect for life in its most pure and innocent form, what makes us think we can take care of those out of the womb? We will experience an increase number of hate crimes, more homicides, suicides, man slaughter, and every single act of violence until it is reversed. Divorce rates will continue to rise and domestic abuse rates will rise even more as well. Crimes against women will continue to rise since it is our job to protect the innocent for nine months and we are failing to do so. If we do not have respect for life at its most vulnerable state, what makes us think we can magically develop a respect for life for all stages – infants, children,

adolescents, teenagers, young adult, middle age, and the elderly?

Pass whatever law we can in order to begin to reverse Roe v. Wade. South Dakota has the right idea. Janet Folger stated the obvious so simply by saying that passing any law that begins to fight Roe v. Wade is just like coming upon a burning daycare. She stated that she would go in there and pull out as many children as she could, drop them off outside and go back in until it was no longer humanly possible to save more. We need to work on this until it is no longer humanly possible. We will win if we do because we have truth and love on our side. The Forefathers of our country got it right when, in the Declaration of Independence, they stated, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these rights are LIFE, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Ladies and gentlemen, this is no fluke regarding the order – the writers of the Declaration of Independence knew exactly what they were talking about and many Americans since then have either

forgotten it or ignored it. They knew that ALL life is sacred. We are winning. We are winning. The ball is rolling and the fight for the innocents' lives will soon be won. We will live to see the legalized infanticide brought down in our lifetime.

On a final note, Janet told a story of a friend of hers who visited Germany in the 1980s. She stated that he was on the train with some college students who had just visited Nazi concentration camps. He asked them what they thought of the camps. One student looked him directly in the eyes and stated that it made her want to go home and spit on her parents and ask how they could let so many innocent people die. Will that happen to us? Will our children and grandchildren look at us and spit in our face and ask how we could let a third of our generation die before our eyes? Will we forever be remembered as the generation that allowed the slaughter of our peers? As Janet Folger said when her children and grandchildren look at her and ask what she did to stop it, she wants to say, "That I did everything humanly possible." So do I.



# Proposed Ban On Smoking

By Willie Ettinger

Soon after a law was enacted in nearby Washington state, a woman stood in the middle of a street, smoking a cigarette. Seems this new law against smoking left her no choice: no smoking in her office building, or within twenty feet of specified buildings. Squad cars arrive, but she isn't issued a ticket. Absurd? It gets better, so read on.

There is a proposed, or I should say, hoped for, new law here in Oregon: no smoking in bars. Washington State just passed the same law, and California, the supposedly laid-back Mecca, has had this law in place for the last decade. Will trendy Oregon, who is continually aiming to replicate cities such as San Francisco with its trolley and its plazas, continue to mimic other cities by enacting this mysterious law? Gee, there must be 40 petitions for God knows what, yet none regarding this draconian law. You see, red tape rules the day.

Kristina Bailey, employed as a supervisor at the Meetro, the wonderful, exciting campus coffee shop, believes the proposed law banning smoking in bars is wrong. "It'll make it harder for smokers to go out and have a good time. Nightlife in Portland isn't that great, but this law won't help. It's government control. The law is lame." Does the word kill-joy spring to mind?

Lance, also employed as a supervisor at the Meetro (I'm not sure, but there may be more supervisors at this establishment than customers), said: "Bars of all establishments should allow smoking. I don't like the law." He went on to say: "It makes no sense to ban one unhealthy activity, while another unhealthy activity remains."

Speaking of unhealthy, does a woman need to stand in the middle of a street in order to satisfy the new ban on smoking in Washington? Kendell Foster Crossen it's time to groan. Still, we do live in a nation-of laws. No, not in-laws.

Alice, a student, when asked about the proposed new law, stated: Where else would they (smokers) go? "While I hoped they wouldn't descend on the library to indulge, she said that-hey presto! - rules have only one purpose: to control people! Strange, but I found out that there's a rule (where's the petition?) here in Oregon banning teenagers from, surprise, being outdoors after a certain hour every day of the week. Rules are fine. Picture 30 people crossing the street against traffic. But isn't it the role of the parents to imposing rules on their kids? Now we enter a realm called: who has the best spies?

Alice, a non-smoker by the way, then told me a curious story: Seems a cigarette big-wig was pontificating on how to increase sales-of cigarettes. Normal, right? Here's what he said: Smoking isn't popular. We have to be more creative in order to attract new smokers. I believe movie images are the most effective method. Why? Because audiences won't see them; but, they will be lured to smoke."

Oops! Now we're at the essence of the proposed new law: Enter the fascinating realm called subliminal advertising, a topic about as popular as smoking cigarettes!

Alice then said: "What about the other (hidden) images we're being fed? Images we might not be aware of?" What about them? I smell smoke, because perhaps she's right: a law banning smoking in bars could be a smokescreen for all these other images fed to us, and so subtle we don't know what they are.

Emily Hutsell, a student here at PSU, said that some bars already ban smoking. Miss Hutsell hopes that the campus will continue to allow smoking. She went on to say she'd be dismayed if the law is enacted.

If enacted, I wonder if enforcement on a campus, in a city full of smokers, will occur. The proposed new law that would ban smoking is yet another example of draconian rule by a government too set on telling us what we can, and can't do, and, would you believe it, where we can partake in an activity. What is next? A rule against what shirts we can wear on alternate Sundays? This sounds absurd, but the question, like the song, remains: What will they offer us next?

I believe the hoped-for law is really a smokescreen for the oh-so-sneaky laws set on controlling our actions-laws, to echo Alice, we aren't aware of. Yes, smoking cigarettes is bad-only a Swedish mogul would disagree-but this proposed new law is worse. If the goal is "help" people quit, and to "protect" the non-smokers lurking on campus and off, this is Crossen's Year of Consent, the book that eats George Orwell's misery, 1984' for summer lunch. How ironic: an unpopular habit outdone by, to me, an even more unpopular rule. The buggy's before the donkey, and it's way off course. Keep in mind this law redefines sneaky. New cars don't have ashtrays, some bars ALREADY don't allow smoking, and, believe it, smoking is easily the most addictive habit, aside from eating food and drinking water. If one of those sneaky schemers is chuckling, it's a hollow laugh.

Ralph, yet another supervisor at the Meetro, and an excellent photography student (some of his work is on show at said café until April), said: "The law will help those who work in bars. I like the law, even though I smoke."

Megan, who bartends at The Cheerful Tortoise, conveniently located near the PSU campus, says she dislikes the proposed law: "If people don't like smoke in bars, then they can go to a restaurant like Applebees" (where smoking is a thing of the past). Maybe all non-smokers, except those from Sweden and Albania where you can't smoke on the mountains, could join hands, and help the smokers: Applebees, I'm told, is wonderful!



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# The Battles Ahead -----

**Caution: Portions of this letter may not be suitable for children.**

by James C. Dobson, Ph. D

Dear Friends:

Ronald Reagan once said, "Every new day begins with possibilities. It's up to us to fill it with things that move us toward progress and peace." I believe that statement holds great relevance for each one of us as we kick off 2006 and consider what lies ahead in the effort to defend families

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and promote biblical values in our culture. The concept of "New Year's resolutions" has become a bit of a cliché, but I genuinely believe that the upcoming 12 months hold promising opportunities for those of us who are willing to stand up in support of traditional principles whenever the opportunity arises.

The year 2005 ended with a number of encouraging signs that the pendulum of public opinion — particularly as it relates to homosexual activism — continues to swing in our direction. At the end of November, the Swedish Supreme Court cleared a Pentecostal minister in that

country of committing "hate crimes" against homosexuals. The charge was initially made not because the pastor, Ake Green, was inciting violence against gays or expressing personal animosity toward them. Rather, his "crime" was simply proclaiming, during a 2003 sermon, that homosexual behavior is condemned in Scripture and detrimental to society.

For stating this view, which is shared by millions of people of faith all over the world, Pastor Green earned the distinction of being the first clergyman to be convicted under Sweden's sweeping "hate crimes" legislation. He bravely appealed the ruling, and it was eventually overturned by an appeals court. However, Sweden's chief prosecutor appealed the acquittal to the Supreme Court. Amazingly, the court ruled in Pastor Green's favor, arguing that the "offending" sermon was protected by freedom of speech and religion under the European Convention on Human Rights. <sup>2</sup> It isn't often that the European courts — and particularly those in an ultraliberal nation such as Sweden — rule in favor of those who espouse biblical values. Although Pastor Green's victory may be an isolated case, it is encouraging nonetheless.

In contrast to Europe, support for traditional marriage in the United States is not confined to a few isolated corners of the



continent. In fact, it is more clear than ever that the majority of American citizens believe that marriage should be defined exclusively as the union of one man and one woman. In every state where this question has been allowed to be decided by the people — rather than by unelected, unaccountable judges — the traditional definition of marriage was upheld. In November, Texas, by an overwhelming 3-to-1 margin, became the 19th state to pass a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage.

A recent column in the Daily Texan helped to explain this phenomenon. The author, James Burnham, wrote: "Texas has now become the 19th state to pass a marriage amendment. This is quite a large number of states where such acts have passed by staggering margins. It has passed in Republican states and also in Democratic ones. Deep blue Hawaii passed such an amendment with 69.2 percent in favor and Oregon passed theirs with 57 percent supporting. One wonders, then, why is it that people as diverse as Hawaiians and Mississippians feel compelled to preclude

homosexual marriage constitutionally? The answer lies in judicial overreaching and the usurpation of democratic law making.”<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Burnham’s analysis is right on the money. We know, of course, that a majority of Americans support traditional marriage as a matter of principle. The motivating factor in their taking this issue to the federal courts, however, has been the alarming tendency of our nation’s judiciary to create new laws regarding homosexuality and to impose them on the populace. With regard to the issue of gay marriage, this process began with the Supreme Court’s ruling in the *Lawrence v. Texas* case. That decision provided the

the sanctity of human life and the freedom of speech.

Perhaps the most egregious offender is the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. If you’ve listened to the “Focus on the Family” radio broadcast or read my letters over the past couple of years, you’re probably already familiar with this particularly leftist group of judges. It was the 9th Circuit, under the leadership of Stephen Reinhardt, that handed down the infamous 2002 decision declaring the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because it contains the words “under God.” Mr. Reinhardt and his cronies on the 9th Circuit are responsible for countless rulings designed to remove all vestiges of God from public life, strip parents of the right to train and educate their children, among other grievances.

The most recent example of the 9th Circuit’s audacity came late last year, when the court ruled that public schools in California had the right to teach children anything that administrations and boards deem appropriate, without parental supervision or consent. The case in question involved an explicit “sex survey” given, without parental permission, to third and fifth graders in the Golden State. The survey asked children for their thoughts on “touching themselves,” “touching other people’s private parts,” “thinking about having sex” and so on. In any other context, discussing such topics with children, without the consent or involvement of their parents, would be considered child abuse. However, the 9th Circuit upheld this perverse practice as a “right” and overrode the objections of parents. It was an outrageous decision, but one consistent with the ultraliberal record of the 9th Circuit.

In his decision, Judge Stephen Reinhardt said, “Parents have a right to inform their children when and as they wish on the subject of sex. [Thanks so much, Sir.] They have no constitutional right, however, to prevent a public school from

providing its students with whatever information it wishes to provide, sexual or otherwise, when and as the school determines that it is appropriate to do so.” What an arrogant, shocking statement! When discussing this issue on the “Focus on the Family” radio program, Focus board member and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Al Mohler aptly noted that the 9th Circuit’s decision was akin to a dictatorial pronouncement out of communist China or “a bad dream from the Soviet Union.” Indeed, during the dark years of communist rule in the U.S.S.R., children were encouraged to become agents of the state against their parents. The Soviet government claimed the exclusive right to educate children, and would take them out of the home if necessary in order to do so. The 9th Circuit’s decision was chilling in its totalitarian overtones, and yet few people seemed to notice or care.

It’s worth noting at this point that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is the most overturned court in America. From 1990 to 1996, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a full 73 percent of the 9th Circuit’s rulings that they heard, compared to an average of 46 percent for the other circuit courts. And in 1997 alone, an astonishing 27 of the 9th Circuit’s 28 rulings heard by the Supreme Court were overturned, with nearly two-thirds of those reversals coming from unanimous vote! Clearly, something has gone terribly awry at the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Reinhardt and his colleagues were appointed to lifelong positions on the court, and therefore cannot be “voted out” of office. However, our Congress holds the constitutional authority to rein in not only Judge Reinhardt, but also other justices who are intent on legislating from the bench. The time has come for them to do so!

Although the 9th Circuit in San Francisco is perhaps the most left-leaning appellate court in the United States, it is hardly the only one. Since the 1970s, there has been a disturbing trend throughout the

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foundation for a subsequent ruling by the Massachusetts Supreme Court that legalized “gay marriage” in that state. Now, homosexual activists are looking to the courts to side with them in imposing “gay marriage” on a number of states, particularly those that do not yet have marriage amendments in place.

The courts’ role in advancing the radical homosexual agenda is only the tip of the iceberg, of course. The judicial branch of the government — which was created to interpret existing statutes rather than to create and impose new laws — is responsible for eroding a number of important American values and principles, from religious freedom and parental rights to



federal judiciary to usurp parental rights and to limit religious freedom. The campaign began in earnest when judges began handing down decisions that granted children the “right” to obtain abortions without their parents’ approval or knowledge. Whether by creating a constitutional “right” to abortion (as the Supreme Court did on Jan. 22, 1973), removing all references to God and the Christian religion from public life, or seeking to redefine or eliminate altogether the institution of the family as it has been celebrated and understood for millennia, our nation’s courts have slowly but surely chipped away at our nation’s moral foundation.

The issue of judicial tyranny is particularly important this month, as the Senate holds confirmation hearings for Judge Samuel Alito, President Bush’s nominee to replace Sandra Day O’Connor on the Supreme Court. As of this writing, the hearings have yet to take place. However, by the time you read this letter, they may be underway, or will perhaps have already concluded. Either way, the battle over Judge Alito’s nomination is expected to be fierce. Some pundits believe the leftist Democrats [Kennedy, Schumer, Reid, Clinton, Durbin, Leahy, etc.] will attempt a filibuster to get their way.

The mounting concern among members of the liberal establishment over Judge Alito’s nomination is a strong indicator that he is a nominee about whom conservative Christians should be enthusiastic. Certainly, his judicial record to date and his vast experience make him one of the most outstanding Supreme Court nominees in memory. Samuel Alito has a 30-year history of public service, working as an assistant U.S. attorney, assistant to the solicitor general, deputy assistant attorney general and U.S. attorney for the district of New Jersey. He was appointed to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals when he was only 39 years old, and was confirmed to that position by a 100 percent vote in the Senate. All told, Judge Alito has served on the bench for more than 15 years and has, during that time, issued hundreds of opinions. In terms of sheer credentials,

he has had more judicial experience than 105 of the 109 Supreme Court justices in U.S. history!

Most importantly, Samuel Alito is, without question, a judicial conservative, which means that he will interpret the Constitution as it was originally written and understood, rather than endeavor to rewrite it or ignore it altogether. We have every reason to believe that, as a Supreme Court justice, Judge Alito will consider modern legal questions in light of the enduring text of the U.S. Constitution.

Late last year, professor Robert George, a graduate of Harvard Law School and professor of jurisprudence at Princeton University, appeared on the Focus radio program to discuss Judge Alito’s nomination. He said at the time: “The pro-life and pro-family movement has never asked for anything more when it came to judicial appointments than that the person appointed be a true constitutionalist — someone who would respect the law as written, as handed down by the framers and ratifiers of our Constitution — and not substitute his own independent political views for those that are embodied in the Constitution. And Sam Alito is that kind of judge. He is just what the doctor ordered.” I can’t think of a more ringing endorsement than that!

Nevertheless, liberal Senators and political action groups are pulling out all the stops to ensure that Judge Alito never makes it past the confirmation process. Already the wolves are closing in for the kill. Late last year, when asked about the Left’s efforts to oppose the nomination of Judge Alito, a senior Capitol Hill staffer reportedly stated, “Not just pushback, we really want the knives to come out.”<sup>4</sup> Around the same time, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) asked the staff members for several of his liberal colleagues to work with “outside groups” such as the National Abortion Rights Action League and People for the American Way in opposing Alito. Apparently, Senator Reid was asking these extremist groups to do the Democrats’ “dirty work,” in much the

same way they did when attacking Judges Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas.

The Left’s bitter opposition to Samuel Al-

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ito reveals a glaring inconsistency, particularly among Senate Democrats. As I have already noted, when Alito was nominated to the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, he received a 100 percent approval rating from the Senate. Now, many of the same senators who voted in his favor feel he is somehow “unfit” to serve on the Supreme Court. Ted Kennedy, for example, praised Samuel Alito in 1990, commending him for his long service in the public interest. Recently, however, Senator Kennedy has changed his tune dramatically, suggesting that Judge Alito has a “troubling record” and that his nomination to the Supreme Court was “based on weakness, not strength.”<sup>5</sup>

Ken Salazar, the Democratic Senator from Colorado, experienced a similar turnaround in the wake of Judge Alito’s nomination to the Supreme Court. In 1999, he told the Rocky Mountain News that he was opposed to hiring quotas. However,

this year he told the same newspaper that he had concerns about Samuel Alito, based in part on “a 1985 job application in which Alito said ‘racial and ethnic quotas’ should not be allowed.”<sup>6</sup> This isn’t the first time that Senator Salazar has “flip-flopped” his position since being elected to the Senate. During his 2004 campaign, he indicated his support for “an up-or-down vote in the full Senate on judicial nominees.”<sup>7</sup> However, soon after being elected senator, he joined his Democratic colleagues in Washington in their efforts to obstruct the president’s judicial nominees and to hijack the process at every turn. While Senator Salazar never admitted to breaking his campaign promise, he was at least honest enough to concede that his position on up-or-down votes for all judicial nominees had “changed” since coming to Washington.<sup>8</sup> No kidding! [The enclosed insert is an example of an advertisement Focus Action ran in Colorado urging citizens to hold the senator accountable to the campaign promise he made.]

This political maneuvering by the liberal Democrats — along with the cutthroat efforts of liberal groups to derail Samuel Alito before the confirmation hearings even begin — shows us just what is at stake. With the majority of Americans on the side of traditional values and morality, and with Republicans holding sway in the White House and both houses of Congress, the Left realizes that the courts — and especially the Supreme Court — are the primary means remaining to impose its immoral agenda on America. Therefore, the Left is endeavoring to convince the American people that Samuel Alito is somehow “radical” in his views. As Focus on the Family Vice President Tom Minnery has previously pointed out, consider some of the “radical” decisions he is likely to make if confirmed to the court:

\* Nativity scenes are proper for public display at Christmas.

\* Marriage should be between one man and one woman.

\* Our national motto, “In God We Trust,” is constitutional, as are the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.

\* Voluntary prayers at public events and in public schools are constitutional.

\* Limits on abortion are constitutional.

Again, every one of these “radical” views is shared by an overwhelming majority of Americans!

The makeup of the Supreme Court will determine how the critical moral issues facing our nation are decided — not only now, but for generations to come. The decisions the Court makes now may well determine whether our children grow up in a country that embraces the values of our founding fathers, or descends further into a quagmire in which parental rights are stripped away, religious expression in the public square is forbidden, the traditional understandings of marriage and family are eliminated, and helpless babies in the womb continue to be slaughtered through abortion-on-demand.

With these thoughts in mind, it is absolutely critical that you make your voice heard about the confirmation of Judge Alito. Please call your senators and encourage them to allow the confirmation hearings to proceed so that Judge Alito can receive the up-or-down vote that he deserves. You might also consider contacting Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA), who is the head of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Let him know that you expect him to take the lead in ensuring that Senate liberals do not allow the confirmation process to descend into chaos! For information on contacting your elected leaders, log on to our Web site at [www.citizenlink.org](http://www.citizenlink.org).

Before closing, I’d also like to offer a reminder that January is Sanctity of Human Life Month. I hope you’ll consider taking part in an observance in your church or community as we reflect on the tragic legacy of abortion in the United States. It is not possible to undo the damage that

has been done since the Supreme Court’s fateful decision in 1973, or to regain the 43 million lives — and counting — that have been lost during that time. However, by working to influence the makeup of the Supreme Court and reform the judiciary, perhaps there will come a day when abortion, like slavery, will be seen as a sinister, dark stain on our nation’s history, rather than a present reality. I pray that day will come soon.

Sincerely,

James C. Dobson, Ph.D.  
Founder and Chairman

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# the **TRUTH** about taxes

by Dustin Rose

While sitting in one of my classes this term here at PSU I was greeted with a rousing lecture on the new fangled idea of tax cuts. The teacher stated that citizens have always realized that in order to receive goods and services from their government they must pay taxes. She went on to state that this new idea of lowering taxes came about from right-wing focus groups in the 1970's. They shaped this new debate with phrases like "tax relief" and saying "it's your money." She concluded that by using these types of buzz words leaders like George W. Bush and Reagan had success at the poles.

Being the inquisitive student that I am, I went to ask how President Kennedy fit into this equation. I asked "what about Kennedy?" He was a President from the 1960's who gave a tremendous tax cut under his short presidency. I never thought President Kennedy was part of a 1970's right-wing focus group."

The teacher looked at me with a blank stare and said "President Kennedy cut taxes?" Not to be rude but I was pretty sure that she was alive during his presidency and I was not. Yet she had very little knowledge of one of her political heroes.

George Harrison's song "The Tax Man" kept ringing in my ears. I wanted to ask the teacher if the Beatles were part of a right-wing think tank of the 1970's too. But on this I kept quiet.

Are tax cuts a product of a right-wing elite of the 1970's? According to American history, there are many times when citizens wanted, voted, and fought for lower taxes. This is no new issue.

So what about Oregon? Do we like higher taxes or lower taxes? The facts

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are that we have voted down the state sales tax nine times. We have voted down temporary statewide increases in income tax rates. Oregonians typically do not like high taxes.

In 2003, Governor Ted Kulongoski signed the largest tax increase in Oregon's history into law. Not long after, there were petition gatherers swarming the state. A Boston Tea Party was scheduled at High Noon on the Capitol Steps on September 9. The "right-wing" masses were out in full force.

He was asked if he would raise taxes to meet his proposed budget for 2005-07. "It is inconsistent with what I'm

trying to do," he said. "I'm not going to do it." This came right after he supported a \$201.3 million tax increase plan and actively pushed for the income tax surcharge and business-related tax increases.

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"The idea that our citizens are overtaxed is not true. We are actually a low tax state." Governor Kulongoski said this while visiting Eastern Oregon University in 2004. Let's take a look at some of the more taxed areas of the United States. New York and Los Angeles are two of the most highly taxed cities in the country and they have two of the worst school systems. The areas also have some of the highest levels of poverty. In these places more taxes did not fix the problems.

Governor Kulongoski replaced his office car, with only 20,000 miles, with a brand new Lincoln Town Car. A new \$31,000 Chevy Tahoe SUV was also purchased for his security escort.





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 Location: SMSU 2nd Floor  
 Room: 228  
 Time: 12:00 – 2:00pm

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**Latina Luncheon**  
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 Location: SMSU 2nd Floor  
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 Location: SMSU 2nd Floor  
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### The difference between Republicans & Democrats

A Republican and a Democrat were walking down the street when they came to a homeless person.

The republican gave the homeless person his business card and told him come to his business for a job. He then took twenty dollars out of his pocket and gave it to the homeless person.

The Democrat was very impressed, and when they came to another homeless person, He decided to help. He walked over to the homeless person and gave him directions to the welfare office. He then reached into the Republicans pocket and gave him fifty dollars.

### Evidence Democrats need to STOP making laws:

- In Clawson, Mich., there is a law that makes it LEGAL for a farmer to sleep with his pigs, cows, horses, goats, and chickens.
- In Baltimore, it's illegal to throw bales of hay from a second-story window within the city limits. It's also illegal to take a lion to the movies.
- In Los Angeles, a man is legally entitled to beat his wife with a leather belt or strap, but the belt can't be wider than 2 inches, unless he has his wife's consent to beat her with a wider strap.
- In Pennsylvania, "any motorist driving along a country road at night must stop every mile and send up a rocket signal, wait 10 minutes for the road to be cleared of livestock, and continue."
- In Oxford, Ohio, it's illegal for a woman to strip off her clothing while standing in front of a man's picture.
- In Miami, it's illegal for men to be seen publicly in any kind of strapless gown.
- In Kentucky, "No female shall appear in a bathing suit on any highway within this state unless she be escorted by at least two officers or unless she be armed with a club"

An amendment to this legislation: "The provisions of this statute shall not apply to females weighing less than 90 pounds nor exceeding 200 pounds, nor shall it apply to female horses."

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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Sen. Hillary Clinton called for President Bush to begin pulling troops out of Iraq next year. And let me tell you something, when it comes to telling a president when to pull out, no one has more experience than Hillary Clinton." --Jay Leno