



PERSPECTIVES

Guest editorial

Excuse me

EXCUSES FOR A CLOSED MIND

- We tried that before
- It won't work
- It will cost too much
- It's too radical
- It will turn off the faculty
- It will turn off the students
- It will turn off the administration
- It will turn off parents
- It will turn on students
- We don't have the authority
- What will they say in Pullman
- That's not my job
- We're too busy to tackle that
- Where did you dig up that one
- I don't see the connection
- The executive committee won't understand
- It's too much work
- That is ivory tower stuff
- We will never be able to sell it
- Let's form a committee
- It's never been tried before
- We tried that before
- Let's all sleep on it
- I know a person who did it and it didn't work
- Let's look into it further
- Quit dreaming
- Tests are coming up
- Semester break is coming up
- The summer is coming up
- But we're graduating in June
- It won't pay for itself
- We did all right without it
- Not that again
- We'll be the laughing stock
- The staff will not go for it
- But we are only students
- Not enough help
- That's sixties stuff
- Don't rock the boat
- It won't work on our campus

— submitted by tom pirie

Where is money?

This may be the wrong place to bring up our problem but we've tried all other ways to solve it with no results. During the first part of November we moved from Stimpson to Stephenson. We paid our \$23 dorm dues at Stephenson and the treasurer at Stimpson said he'd put in for a refund of our dorm dues we paid there.

We've tried hassling our old

treasurer with no results and we've tried calling different offices with no results. It's been almost 3 months now and we would like very much to know just who the hell pocketed our money. We hope someone connected to this problem will see this and straighten things out.

— dave olson
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FOOTNOTES

WHILE THE PHAROHS WORSHIPPED THE SUN, EGYPTIAN COMMONERS PREFERRED THE CULT OF OSIRIS. ACCORDING TO LEGEND, KING OSIRIS WAS CUT TO BITS BY HIS UGLY BROTHER SET. OSIRIS' WIDOW WIFE FOUND ALL THE PIECES EXCEPT THE GENITALS (WHICH A FISH HAD EATEN) AND MAGICALLY RESTORED OSIRIS TO LIFE. DESPITE THE MISSING ITEM, HIS SONHORN CONCEIVED A SON, HORUS, WHO AVENGED THE MURDER.



OSIRIS BECAME JUDGE OF THE DEAD. IF THE DEAD ONE'S SOUL WAS PURE ENOUGH, IT SURVIVED TO LABOR IN OSIRIS' FIELDS, AND IF NOT, IT WAS EATEN BY A HIDEOUS DEMON. (SOME CHOICE) THIS IS THE FIRST KNOWN USE OF THE AFTERLIFE AS A REWARD FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR...

by LARRY GONICK



To the editor

Mix discretion with change

Ms. Barb Friedman,

In reference to your article in Tuesday's, Jan. 23, Evergreen, there are many concepts which our society does not recognize. I do venture so far as to presuppose that your nor my view is necessarily correct for everybody since there are situations which warrant an abortion, such as when the mother is in mortal danger. But, when people cannot or will not recognize the aesthetic value of life, abortion and the cheapening of life can be easily justified in their eyes.

Of course, I also hold the view that our culture is considerably primitive when compared to the

level of ethic and moral awareness we are capable of.

It appears, as you pointed out, that our society is entering into an era of great sexual freedom. But, in view of how materialistic and worldly many people are, it is hardly surprising that abortion and life would be taken as lightly as it is today.

So, the purpose of all this is to instill some understanding, of those who hold these beliefs and values because, hopefully, in time they will understand our point of view on abortion. If and when we, as a society, can elevate our level of knowledge and reasoning, then more and more

of those who use abortion as an excuse to justify "free" sex without taking responsibility to use preventative measures or of being able to accept the pregnancy will weigh what's at stake, human life.

But until then, we will have to keep an open and understanding mind to the ignorance which people hold for reasons as selfish as, "I don't want a girl," or as thoughtless as, "But I thought you were taking the pill." Since we can't change society overnight, we must incorporate change with discretion.

—mark l. eby

Money for GAC is good investment

I have just read in a national news magazine that there is a current effort on your campus to deny an ongoing gay organization the \$111 it needs to operate a telephone. I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. I am a student at Oberlin College in Ohio, and every year a student body of only 2700 gives over \$2000 to support the Gay Union on our campus.

The money goes to support speakers, films, publications and social events which enrich our school and provide a different perspective. The money also supports an office and telephone.

As former president of the Oberlin Gay Union, I answered many important calls on that phone. Anxious homosexuals who were wondering if there were really others like them called in, as well as heterosexuals who wanted information.

We also received calls from those near suicide, for whom a well chosen word may have saved a life.

On the other hand, some straight people called in who concerned about some isolated homosexual attraction or experience, and I relieved their fears by informing that one or even several homosexual experiences need not determine life-style or pattern. This telephone, then, proved helpful to a large segment of the Oberlin community.

Studies indicate that about 10 percent of all adult males are homosexual and the figure is similar if slightly lower for women. The figures are higher among college educated people. This means that there are certainly 1500 students on your cam-

pus who either are or will be homosexual. Surely a campus of your size can afford \$111 if it will give some of those students some emotional support.

The American Bar Association, American Medical Association, and the American Psychological Association have all endorsed resolutions supporting Gay Rights. The trend across

the country is toward increasing numbers of college gay organizations and now these number in the hundreds. Your campus may have a chance to support the rights of all people or to label itself as a hopeless bastion of regressive ignorance. Many of us are hoping you will choose the former.

—carl j. ratner

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



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