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# **LETTERS**

## Basking in blissful ignorance

In regards to Mark Driscoll's editorial in Thursday, Sept. 17, paper "Gay sex in Todd bathrooms," Mr. Driscoll, as usual, provided false information in his editorial.

It is very obvious that Mr. Driscoll is extremely homophobic and can not think clearly when it comes to the issue of homosexuality. If this incident really did happen in Todd, we are talking about one individual who is acting this way, and does not represent the entire homosexual community. Did you realize, Mr. Driscoll, that condoms are used by heterosexuals, and "straight" men also produce sperm, which very well could have been what is found by janitors.

Again, you presume that only gays do "perverted" sexual behaviors. You make lots of generalizations about homosexuals, and to top it all off you bring the issue of AIDS into this editorial and continue to spread false facts on how AIDS is contracted by homosexuals alone.

Wrong! Sex (of all kinds) is only one of the causes of AIDS, and I'm here to inform you that even heterosexual, Christian fundamentalists get AIDS. This is the reality, not what you print every week. I (along with many others), would appreciate it if you would research before you write, and get some facts and statistics that are correct before you classify a group of people that you know nothing about.

Jennifer Martin

## Remembering the good old days

What has become of the Evergreen? In the not so distant past, our campus paper was the place where young journalists tested their mettle and their eloquence against an avid and critical audience

We readers were once treated to well researched, informative articles and to interesting editorials. Sadly, those days are gone and we must now suffer sloppy prose, bigotry, poor logic and God. Knowing what God thinks has become the most written about subject in the Evergreen. Bashing women, gays and lesbians, the poor and anything left of the John Birch Society is a poor and rather sour substitute for intelligent, objective journalism

Is anyone else sick of the hate-filled muck handed out by Mark Driscoll et al, or am I the only one who wonders if the Evergreen has become a subsidary of the Oral Roberts University Press?

#### One issue we can all agree on

This is a bipartisan appeal to the general public to consider the cost and loss to campaigns, both Republicans and Democrats, when yard signs are stolen or destroyed. A lot of work, time and money goes into yard sign construction and placement. They represent a cost effective way to create name recognition and campaign awareness for candidates of both political parties.

Please do what you can to protect these signs from vandalism. If you see someone removing the signs, ask if they represent a political group and get their name and phone number, then contact Lucian or myself; we're both in the phone book. If you are unable to speak directly to the person, note the location and person's description.

We will follow up from there. Thank you for your help and cooperation in this bipartisan effort to save valuable time and money by reporting vandalism of political campaign signs.

Susan Bryant, Chair **Whitman County Democrats** Lucian Burns, Chair Whitman County Republicans

## Getting involved with NARAL

NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) is back! What is NARAL, you ask? NARAL is a non-profit pro-choice organization. Once again, with the beginning of this semester comes another chance for pro-choice supporters to defend a woman's right to choose a safe, legal abortion. This year NARAL has a booth in the CUB, Thursdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What do we do? We provide education, resource information, and answers to your questions. Our goal is to reach out to the general public without the use of scare tactics, violence, or infringement on others' rights. We ask only that you listen to what we have to say before you judge our beliefs.

If you are interested in attending a meeting you are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the K-House.

# Protecting natural resources

We are writing to alert people about the importance of the office of Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands. It is considered by many to be the second most important elected office in the state.

The Commissioner of Public Lands is responsible for managing 5 million acres of public lands, including timber, agriculture and aquatic lands, as well as regulation of private timber harvest.

Fortunately, we have an exceptionally qualified and dedicated candidate for this important office. Rep. Jennifer Belcher would be the ideal Commissioner of Public Lands. She has 10 years of experience in the House of Representatives where she served on important committees such as Appropriations, Revenue and others, and currently chairs the Natural Resources and Parks Committee. Jennifer Belcher has an outstanding record sponsoring and getting vital legislation passed.

All Washington citizens can be assured precious natural resources that belong to all of us will be competently managed and protected if we elect Jennifer Belcher as our Commissioner of Public Lands.

Roberta & Victor Moore

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The ASWSU Outdoor Recreation Center Rental Shop now has Specialized "Rockhopper" Mountain Bikes for backcountry or road cruising. Inexpensive rentals available M-F, 8am -5pm or call 335-1892