



PERSPECTIVES

Expensive habits

We, as Americans, are quick to place the blame for incidents of our own making on someone else.

Example: Rising costs and shortages of gasoline.

Agreed, foreign oil-supplying countries control to a certain extent the price we pay to keep up our expensive habit of automobile-ing, but through our continuous wastefulness, we have aided in the escalating costs involved.

A typical case in point might be the working man, home for the day, relaxing in front of the television, drinking a beer and watching the news.

"Those goddam foreigners. They keep raising the price of oil, and pretty soon it'll be too expensive to buy gas. Hey, Marge! You want to run down to the store (located two blocks down the street)? I need some more beer and Cheetos. Here's the keys to the car."

Another example of wastefulness can often be found in smaller towns, where high school students engage in a weekend sport called "dragging the gut".

The object of the game is to drive aimlessly up and down the main road of the town in an older car (one of the gas guzzler models) and carrying three or four friends.

There is no clear destination in the mind of the driver and, ideally, no one knows what they are looking for, or what they will do with it once they find it.

By the end of the night, the driver should have successfully burned three or four gallons of gasoline.

Why do we take such a precious commodity so lightly? Maybe, someday, someone will come up with a substitute for gasoline, but it hasn't happened yet.

So please, start thinking before driving. Or learn to walk. It might be unavoidable in the end.

— jim angell

Watch out for kiss of enemy

Dear Homosexual,
Appreciate the wounds of your true friend. I know it hurts from him to hear the truth, that you are enslaved to your problem, a sin of sexual abnormality. But please, do not remain an enemy to your friend, he loves you and wants to free you from your bondage.

Reject the kisses of your enemy. He tells you that homosexuality is OK. He has also rewarded you with the approval of ASWSU to fund you. But please, do

not remain a friend to your enemy, he is kissing you only for the reason of keeping you away from your friend.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy." (Proverbs 27:6)

Do you want to meet this friend and get to know him personally? If so, call me (335-3981), or write to me (1127 Stephenson South).

— kenneth rekila

Correspondence from the CPE

On behalf of the Council of Postsecondary Education, I would like to express appreciation for the prompt correction of the Evergreen article about the Council's proposal for tuition increases. Also, I would like to thank Rich Hamack for his letter of apology, which we readily accept.

All of us have made mistakes and learned from them and we have all felt those terrible feelings of having been wrong and wronged others.

Obviously your reporters & editors recognize that with responsibility comes an added burden of effort for accuracy, I encourage you to continue trying to provide the WSU community with the best information possible so that they understand the full dimensions to any situation. Educated and informed citizens are, as you know, essential to the maintenance of our democracy.

Good luck in your important work.

— alison cowles
member, CPE

To the editor Differing lifestyles discussed

The recent issue of Gay Funding has created impassioned arguments by both Christians and Gays. The assembly has tried to objectively mediate between the two groups based on rational argument: This is their folly. The issue is characterized by proponents with an emotional stake in the outcome. Both Christians and Gays have a very real commitment to their opposing lifestyles.

Although the Christian needs to understand the social and psychological causes of homosexuality, he can not regard it as anything less than sin. The person who defines himself in relation to God will view reality through the perspective of his creator.

Yet, he must not forget to view himself from that perspective. The same Bible that calls homosexuality sin says of the Christian, "If we say we have no sin in us, we are deceiving ourselves

and refusing to admit the truth." (1 John 1:8)

Perhaps much of the hostility toward Gays would be mitigated through an understanding that all sin separates one from God. Christian orthodoxy suggests that self-righteousness, an unloving attitude toward Gays, results in the same spiritual death as homosexuality. Love and understanding are necessary, especially if one really accepts the fact that what separates Christians from non-Christians is an acknowledgement of sin rather than the sin itself.

On the other hand, Gays have couched the debate in the language of natural rights, a slippery idea at best. Denial of funding is not an issue of denying Gays the "right" to assembly, live their lifestyle openly, or even to proselytize. It is merely the denial to use funds supplied by those who are opposed to the Gay lifestyle in order to perpetuate any kind of homosexual

activity. Joan Baez has been applauded for going to jail rather than pay taxes to support a war she did not believe in. Why, then, are those who refuse to support a lifestyle they do not believe in censured?

The issue of Gay lifestyle and homosexuality should not be simply ignored. Neither should it be reduced to polemical appeals for the greatest number of supporters. The viability of a Gay lifestyle cannot be decided by a disinterested body: It is an issue tied to basic commitments about the nature of man, society, and God.

These are important considerations that demand much thought and the free exchange of ideas; however ASWSU, an organization representing the entire student body, cannot decide the issue for us.

— daniel cornell
mark wilson

Letter on S.A. discussed, rebutted

Gary Newly should check his own premises. The pursuit of profit in itself is not moral or immoral. It is only the method of pursuit that can be identified by those adjectives.

Mr. Newly stated in a letter that appeared in the Daily Evergreen Dec. 7, "It is American inventiveness, fueled by the pursuit of profits, which has enabled America to feed the world, provide unmatched foreign aid, even to her enemies at the close of WWII, and provide technological and engineering advances which have raised the living standard of the entire world."

First of all America has not fed the world. Secondly, we have never given aid to our "enemies". After the "close" of WW II, America no longer had declared, military enemies.

But these corrections are beside my point. In the kind of aid specified by Mr. Newly the people of this country were providing a means to improve the lives of people in those countries receiving aid.

This is far from being the case in South Africa. The companies operating in South Africa are not providing the Blacks in that

country with any sort of beneficial "creativity".

The suggestions you made in your letter, sir, prove to me that you need to see an optometrist. You have a severe case of tunnel vision! You suggest that Damani Obafemi work with the companies involved and "show them that it would be more profitable for them in the long run for Blacks to enjoy the same rights and privileges as whites in the country".

What rights and privileges do you mean? Many "rights" are denied to Blacks, not just by the company, but by the law of the apartheid government.

Look the word up Mr. Newly. And these companies, dear Gary, have such high profits because their costs are incredibly low. This is due to the "wages" of the Black Laborer.

The highest salary paid to a Black is 80 percent lower than the salary of a white worker holding the same job. The annual salary of the Black in South Africa is considerably lower than the poverty level set by the government of South Africa.

You would like Mr. Obafemi to tell these companies it would be more profitable to pay their workers more?

Your other suggestion hardly deserves to be mentioned except for the fact that someone may agree with that absurd notion.

Mr. Newly stated, "The second is for all Blacks in South Africa to quit working". Isn't it easy for you to tell someone else to walk off their job, while you get an education and go home to a comfortable apartment?

Didn't it ever occur to you that these people have families to feed? Or that these humans have to pay taxes or suffer the prison sentence?

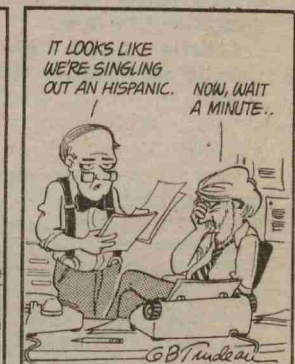
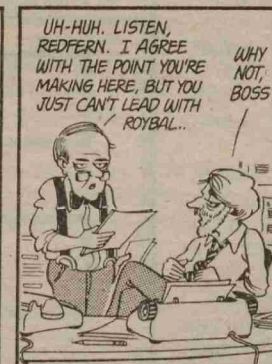
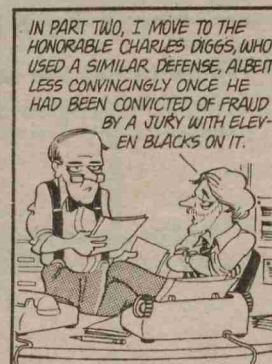
Then Mr. Newly cites the American Revolution as an example for the Black South Africans to follow. HA!! The English blundered into defeat.

The only point I have to make about that is that both sides were equipped with roughly the same arms. The Blacks in South Africa are not armed with American/Canadian made 155mm shells. The white government of South Africa is.

— legene quesenberry

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