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# Johnston's exception ignites controversy

**Dean Richardson charges faculty, students not given adequate opportunity for input in decision process.**

by Billy Dalto  
Editor

Few issues in recent years at Willamette University have been as contentious as Interim President Bryan Johnston's decision to temporarily suspend a long-standing policy of anti-discrimination in the wake of a listing by the Department of Defense. The listing of The College of Law on the Federal Register was the first step in a process to render Willamette ineligible for federal funding, supporting such programs as work-study and Perkins loans.

The Department of Education has yet to make a final determination, yet it has become clear the University would suffer serious financial setbacks were a decision made cutting federal subsidies. The debate on campus has turned in several directions,

with The College of Law directed to stand their ground while ASWU prepares its campaign to support the University policy.

This week has seen only the beginning of what is sure to be a long term concern for many. On Wednesday, the University hosted a Convocation in Cone Chapel to discuss on-campus recruiting by the military, under direction of the Department of Defense.

No one seems to be questioning the role of the Armed Forces or their importance in American society. ASWU President Mike Trotter summarized the general mood of the campus when he said "I'm not opposed to the military, I am opposed to some of their hiring practices."

Intense debate ensued, capped off by law professor Susan Smith's urging the Board of Trustees to retain "expert civil rights counsel" and challenge the lawfulness of discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The Law school's Kim Brown took it a step further when she declared "The University owes me an apology." Brown echoed the sentiments of some by making

it clear she felt unsupported by the decision makers on campus.

Another main source of tension was the apparent lack of input by University faculty and students in the decision-making process. Dean Richardson suggested the University might forgo multi-million dollar expansion projects to replace potential lost federal dollars. In any case, it was clear that many felt excluded from a process which began about a month ago, when Johnston made the initial exemption for the CLA and GSM schools. There was little opposition when the first exemption was made. It was only when the exemption reached the Law School did significant opposition begin.

ASWU took up the debate last night in Senate, where a resolution was introduced to demand the adherence of Willamette's anti-discrimination policy. After heated debate, ASWU passed the resolution in a landslide vote. For the text of the

resolution, please see page 2.

In an unusual turn of events, WISA Senator Hans Stampfli motioned to table the resolution until a special session of the ASWU Senate could be convened on the evening of the 14th, by which time the Senate would be better prepared to address constituent concerns. The motion overwhelmingly failed as several Senators became vocal about getting said resolution passed that evening. One Senator remarked, "Any motion to table this bill would be a drastic mistake and I would be ashamed to have that happen."

Nonetheless, the outrage that some faculty members and students have expressed has caused Johnston concern. In response to the perceived sense of urgency, Johnston stated "it troubles me a bit, the assumption that this [process] is concluded."

## Records show *Collegian* \$28,000 in debt to WU

by Mona Luqman  
Staff Writer

Much like the great country we live in, the *Collegian* is in debt. Unlike our country, however, the debt incurred by the *Collegian* over the span of the last three years is at a much smaller scale and, perhaps, more justified. In those three years, the paper has accumulated over \$27,000 in debt.

Last year's co-Editor in Chief Andrew Bernhard identifies four main changes contributing to the debt.

The primary cause for the *Collegian's* overspending has been the need to keep up with an ever-changing, technologically motivated society. Four years ago, the *Collegian* was produced on two Mac classic computers; all layout was done by hand. "We live in a world that has changed dramatically over the past four years. Things that we almost take for granted, like the World Wide Web, weren't widely available. Now the web is an important part of our culture and a good college newspaper has to be on the web," says Bernhard.

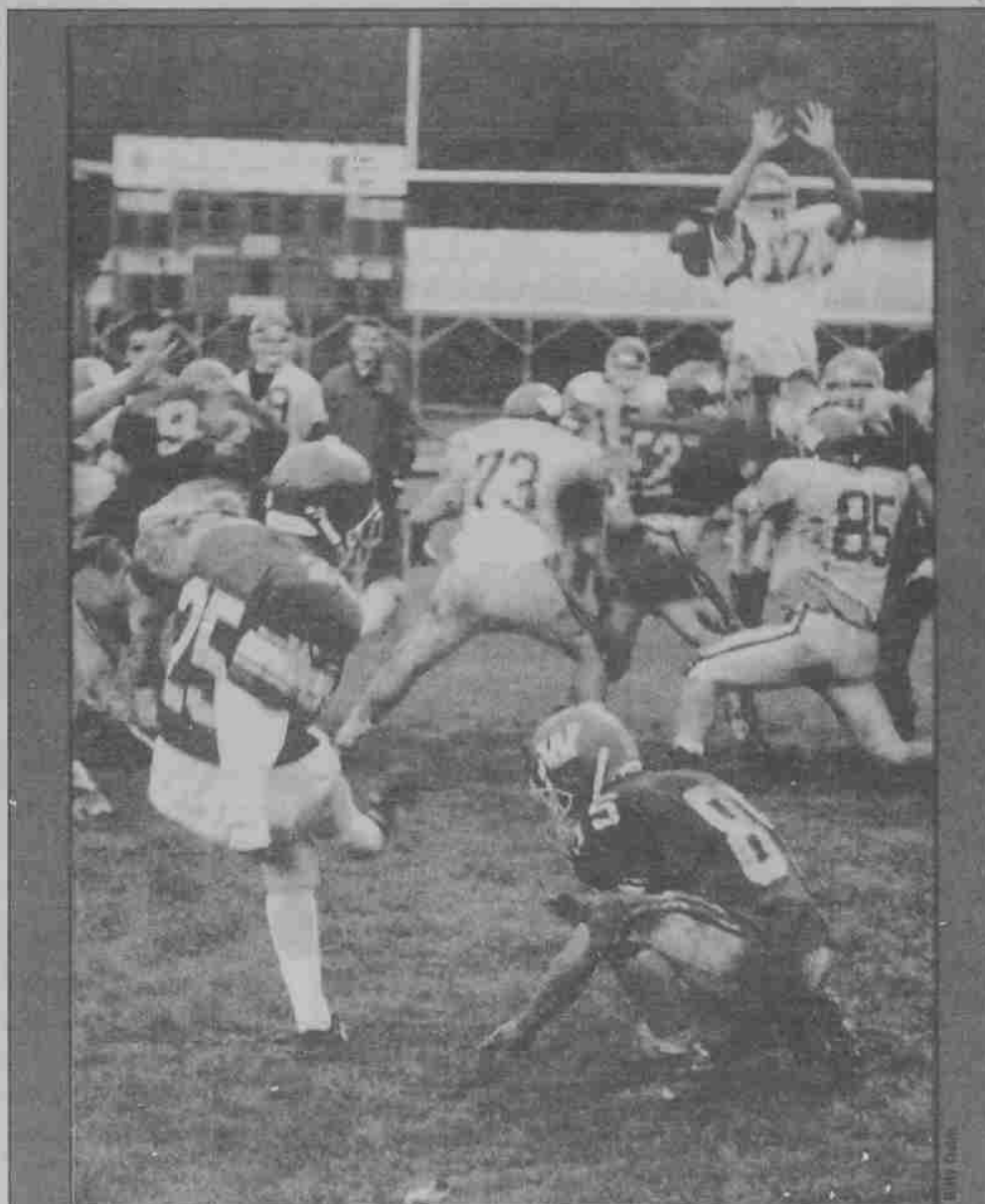
"To get on the web, we need computer software, hardware and computers that cost money," Bernhard explains. "We needed desktop publishing programs like

PageMaker, graphics programs like Photoshop, a scanner, a digital camera, and computers with memory to support such programs. All these things were essential if the paper was going to keep up with other school newspapers like Linfield. Unfortunately, there was little room in the budget for such an expansion."

By the end of the 1994-1995 school year, the newspaper had run roughly a \$10,000 deficit. The problem was made worse when 1995-1996 Editor in Chief Ryan Beckwith misread printouts from the business office. Beckwith mistakenly thought that the *Collegian* was running a surplus, rather than a deficit and budgeted accordingly. If anyone has ever read the reports generated by the business office, one can understand this is not as strange as it sounds.

A second cause of overspending was the expansion and improvement of the paper. "In 1994-1995, the paper improved dramatically," Bernhard says. "We went to sixteen pages instead of twelve. We added the associated press and national stories. We increased the number of people on staff and raised the *Collegian* to the highest level of quality that it has ever

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Elizabeth Heaston, seen wearing #25 was invited by Coach Dan Hawkins to practice kicking with the Willamette University football team this week. She is expected to continue practicing in the hopes of place kicking in an upcoming game. Asked how she felt about working out with the team, Heaston replied "fine".

# Debt: Past growth responsible

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attained. All these changes were widely applauded, but they cost money."

Bernhard believes that people's attitude towards the paper is paradoxical: "They expect a high quality, high tech, respectable newspaper at a level comparable to other liberal arts colleges, yet they are unwilling to pay for it." He also points out that the *Collegian* is perhaps the only student organization, with the exception of the Wallulah, that relies so heavily on technology to work towards the end product. Thus, he attributes overspending to the staff efforts and goal of such a paper.

The third component of the debt, Bernhard says, is the ambiguous relationship between the *Collegian* and the student government. While this relationship did not cause the debt, it allowed it to accumulate. The *Collegian* is currently supposed to be under the supervision of ASWU. In reality, ASWU cannot closely monitor the *Collegian* because any government attempts to regulate the paper could easily be seen as an attempt at censorship.

Thus, the *Collegian* went virtually unmonitored and unadvised. While ASWU had knowledge of the debt, their position did not allow them to step in to help control the problem. "The *Collegian* needs to have its own governing body to monitor the business aspect of the

paper," Bernhard says. "ASWU has done the best they can and they have been very fair, but circumstances simply don't allow them to properly oversee *Collegian* affairs. The *Collegian* would be much better regulated if ASWU and the *Collegian* separate."

Another reason for the debt was the lack of payment by advertisers. The *Collegian* has lost thousands of dollars every year to advertisers who refuse to pay. Bernhard states that the number of ads was much greater than the actual number of people that paid for them. He estimates that the staff has lost about \$10,000 in the last few years because of this. "We wouldn't have any debt at all," Bernhard claims, "if all our advertiser paid promptly and fully. Something needs to be done to make sure people pay what they are supposed to." This year, most advertisers are required to pay up front before their ad is placed in the paper.

Despite the debt accumulated in the past four years, Bernhard believes The *Collegian* is stable. The massive growth the paper experienced in those years was a one time occurrence due to the sudden, rapid availability of high power computers and the world wide web. Now that the *Collegian* has adapted itself, future changes will no doubt be on a smaller scale. Still, Bernhard insists that The *Collegian* needs to be re-evaluated, "The base on which the *Collegian* was built

was the size of the base that it needed to be for that time, probably before the early eighties. But over time, the surface, which was the paper itself, grew massively. During that time, the base, the internal government, the amount of money that the paper received and the constitution did not alter." He believes that for the paper to stay at a high quality level, the entire structure needs to be re-evaluated so that the base can support the surface.

Bernhard says, "The existing government was not equipped for the growth that occurred in the past four years. Thus, the foundation needs to be modified." He also believes that a preventative measure that the paper could take would be to separate itself from ASWU and establish its own independent body to carefully monitor the paper. With that body, the amount of money spent each year could be monitored without a conflict of interest.

This year's staff is working diligently to produce a paper despite the looming debt. This year's Editor-in-Chief, Billy Dalto has made it clear the *Collegian* is operating on a scaled back budget, and has had to cut costs in order to improve the financial picture. Dalto says that he has budgeted more realistically for the paper this year, including advertising, which is being sold beyond expectation. "We are making do with less; less money, less staff, less payroll. We have trimmed our budget," said Dalto.

SR 979802

## ASWU Resolution: Adherence to the Willamette University's policy of non-discrimination

Whereas, we the students of Willamette University, recognizing the collective responsibility of the University community in student life and affairs, strive to maintain an environment where the sacredness of each person is honored and where diversity is aggressively pursued;

Whereas, the Associated Students of Willamette University College of Liberal Arts affirms its support for the University's policy of Non-Discrimination which states that "Willamette University opposes discrimination in the recruitment and hiring of students and graduates based on sex, race, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, religion or national and ethnic origin";

Whereas, we recognize the prudence of President Johnston's decision to institute a temporary exception to the University's Non-Discrimination Policy;

Whereas, we recognize that the decision was based on recent congressional enactments, administrative regulations, policies, and actions that jeopardize the University's ability to receive federal funding such as federal work-study monies and Perkins Grants due to discrepancies between the Department of Defense's (DOD) policy of discrimination;

Whereas, we recognize that the University's Non-Discrimination policy prohibits the DOD from recruiting on University properties due to the DOD's discrimination against gays, lesbians, and bisexuals;

Whereas, we are committed to upholding the University's Non-Discrimination policy in its entirety;

Therefore, be it resolved that we strongly urge the Board of Trustees and the administrative offices of Willamette University to expeditiously take action, including but not limited to, political and legal recourse to overturn the temporary exception of the University's policy and to restore the policy to its original form as stated in the *Selected Policies Manual* of Willamette University;

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# Johnston's exception teaches wrong lesson to students'

College, the great educational experience. We come here to expand our minds, experience new things, and become better people. Perhaps this is an ideal picture of university life, but idealism is one of those things we learn about at Willamette. During our four years at this institution, we will learn to apply our idealism in constructive ways to help someone, even if that someone is ourselves. Having developed a healthy idealism of my own in the past three years, I was disappointed upon reading the contents of my mail box last week. To those of you whom are not concerned with principles and the idea of upholding those principles, it may not be obvious that I am speaking of the memo from President

Johnston concerning his decision to allow Military recruiters to conduct their business on campus regardless of the fact that they will not sign the Willamette policy statement concerning non-discrimination.

In light of President Johnston's expressed intent to fight the powers that be through all available channels, I will not criticize the decision he has made. If I were faced with the same choice, I would be hard pressed to come to a different conclusion.

**"It seems the lesson we are learning by this action is not to uphold our principles, but to compromise them when faced with an opposition more powerful than ourselves."**

The principle concerning the greatest good for the greatest number of people springs to mind when analyzing this unfortunate situation. The hardship that students and faculty would alike face were these funds to be withheld is clearly not

acceptable. Considering the fact that many of these funds are in the form of work-study grants, students who would absorb the brunt of this hardship would be those least able

### THE WAY THE BIG WHEEL SPINS

John Robinson

to afford it. For three years, work-study has helped me make ends meet and given me a sense of accomplishment in that I have been able to relieve my parents of some of the burden for financing my education.

But, I digress. It seems the lesson we are learning by this action is not to uphold our ideals and principles, but to compromise them when faced with an opposition more powerful than ourselves. Who is it that teaches us to do this? I suppose we have to look first to our University. The willingness on the part of the Administration to sacrifice principals, while understandable under the circumstances, is troubling nonetheless. Unfortunately, most

of us, upon entering the real world, will come to realize that this is a common occurrence. Equally troubling, though not surprising, is the fact that this situation is being forced upon us by the government. How can we be expected to have faith in our government if it teaches us not to uphold what we believe in, but rather forces us to buckle under the threat of financial hardship?

The motto of our institution "Not unto ourselves alone are we born" seems to me to be under direct assault from our government. Our motto is not one of military values, rather it embodies the values of peace. In a sense, I am proud to attend an institution that has been deemed "anti-military". I myself am not anti-military per se, but I am anti-discrimination. Willamette's anti-discrimination policy, once compromised, will become meaningless. Principles and ideals, unlike the world around us, are black and white. They are clear cut ideas which help us navigate a course through the hazy gray areas that we

are confronted with everyday.

Allowing one group to recruit on campus in spite of the fact that they refuse to adhere to Willamette policy serves to kill the spirit, if not the body, of that policy. In light of this fact, it is my sincere hope that President Johnston will keep his word and fight the Solomon Amendment with whatever powers he can muster. If Willamette University can keep the flame of idealism alive in me as I soon journey out to face "real-life", then the \$80,000 dollars will have been well worth it. I will consider myself a better person for having trudged through four more years of school. If, on the other hand, this compromise of principles is upheld in the future, my time at Willamette will have served only to prepare me to take my place in the world upholding the status quo for no other reason than the fact that it's easier than fighting for what's right.

## Letters to the Editor



### Campus should focus more on recycling

To the Editor,

I am writing to commend the Collegian staff on their new commitment to waste reduction on the Willamette campus. The waste I am referring to is the countless unread copies of the Collegian that have littered the floor and filled the recycling bins of the UC all these years. While I feel that recycling is an essential campus service, the concept of REDUCE is often overlooked. The steps that the Collegian staff are planning, which include an on-line version of the newspaper, centralized distribution centers, and a smaller mailing list, will significantly reduce the campus' waste production. I feel that the Collegian is taking steps that can be duplicated in many of the departments around campus. Working together, we can all pitch in and reduce Willamette's impact on the environment, while at the same time making our projects more efficient and cost-effective.

Consider some of the following ideas: order fewer brochures, catalogs, and other dated materials that are only useful for one academic year so you have less to store and dispose of at the end of the year. Try posting information at central locations, or using routing slips to reduce the number of copies your

department needs of campus flyers and memos. Use e-mail whenever possible, and consider developing a web page to provide information that's quick, free (basically), accessible 24-7, and more versatile than brochures, flyers, and catalogs. While our recycling totals get better every year, we need to focus our energy on waste reduction and waste prevention to make a real difference. In closing, congratulations to the Collegian staff on their waste reduction efforts. We hope this new project will be successful, and please remember to reduce, reuse, and then recycle!

David Larmouth  
Recycling Coordinator

### Time to get real about drinking issues

To the Editor,

Responding to Josh Holland's column in the September 29th edition of The Collegian, regarding Willamette University's alcohol policy, my initial reaction was to say "go back to Reed." But then I stopped, gathered my senses and realized that Mr. Holland's obvious lack of knowledge of Willamette's policy amid his craving for more room to make "mistakes" is probably due to the brain damage from too many beer bong shots from his days at Reed.

Saying that Willamette pushes drinking off campus is as ridiculous as saying your parents pushed you out of the house by not allowing you to drink at home. It comes down to one simple fact... if you are not over

21 years of age, it's illegal. Now, I'm not unrealistic; I do realize that minors drink. But they, as I did, should realize that if they get caught they run a risk of some type of punishment. I think Willamette should be commended for their willingness to handle things internally rather than having a criminal citation issued that will forever be attached to student records. Of course off-campus parties are unsupervised. Does he think that any supervised party will contain minors drinking? Considering the suits that have been

filed against Louisiana State and MIT, you had better believe that Willamette University administrators have liability issues on their minds.

I am so sick of hearing about people causing someone else to drink and drive. It doesn't happen. People drink and drive because they choose to be irresponsible. People ride with drunk drivers because they choose to be irresponsible.

My favorite part of Mr. Holland's letter was the section pertaining to making mistakes. He seems to think that if you are allowed to "mess up

big time," that you gain a cleared scope of life. He then says that by messing up big time you could get hurt or even die. Call me silly, but I don't think I need my drinking buddy running me to the E.R. to get my stomach pumped after a binge to become enlightened about life.

Mr. Holland did make one smart comment in his letter and that was that we are not in high school anymore.

D.B. Stewart

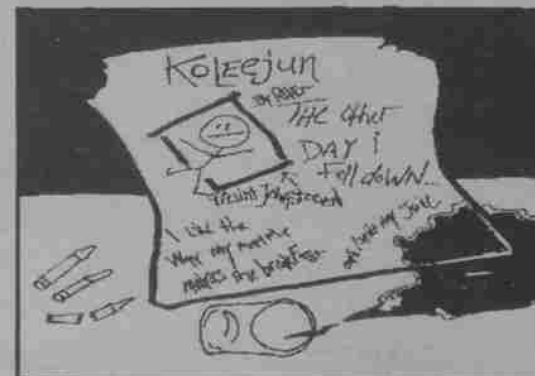
Perhaps your message would carry more credibility if you used your real name. -Editor

# THE COLLEGIAN:

## How WE SEE IT...



## How THE STUDENT BODY SEES IT...



by Peter J. Kelly



to get the bike.

October 2, 9:00 a.m. (TIUA Lot) - A student reported that a friend who had visited overnight had his stereo stolen from his car.

October 2, 11:45 a.m. (Goudy Commons) - An employee identified a student eating food in the serving area and then did not pay for it.

October 2, 1:15 p.m. (Goudy Commons) - An employee confronted a student who ate some food in the serving area and then failed to pay for it.

**Animal Abandonment**

October 3, 1:00 p.m. (Smith Auditorium) - Campus Safety received a report of an abandoned rabbit in a paper sack near the main entrance to Smith. An officer responded to the scene and located the rabbit. After having wet the paper sack, the rabbit was placed in a crate and taken back to the Campus Safety office to await its fate. An e-mail was sent out campus-wide to ask if anyone could offer Bunny a new home. Within 10 minutes a qualified bunny keeper called to say that their family would be happy to have a new little friend. He and his son picked up Bunny and took him (or her) home to join their other rabbit at home.

**Emergency Medical Aid**

September 30, 11:55 p.m. (Terra House) - A student called to report that she was feeling ill after giving blood. WEMS was dispatched and responded. The student was evaluated and it was advised that she be checked out at Salem Hospital. The student was transported to ER.

October 2, 7:15 p.m. (University Center) - Campus Safety received a report that a student hit her head while playing football and was in need of medical assistance. WEMS was called to the scene where they evaluated the student and accompanied her to the ER.

October 3, 11:11 p.m. (York House) - A student called Campus Safety to report that she had cut herself with a knife and needed assistance. The student was treated on scene by WEMS personnel.

**Theft**

September 29, 6:55 p.m. (Belknap Bike Rack) - A student reported his bicycle was stolen. He had the bike locked with a padlock and chain. The thief broke the chain



After over an hour of clarification, discussion, and heated debate, the ASWU Senate finally passed Resolution SR 979802, "Adherence to the Willamette University Policy of Non-Discrimination."

According to Senator Eric Van Hagen, a co-author, and Senator Kelly Arthur, who endorsed the resolution, passage of this legislation would show support for the administration and board of trustees in their recent moves to legally and politically challenge the U.S. government's halting of federal work study money and Perkins Loans to the Willamette University Law School. Willamette's recent status as "ineligible" to receive federal money came as a result of non-admittance of military recruitment to the law school campus, as the Department of Defense failed to abide by Willamette's non-discrimination policy.

Secretary Cutler received the resolution past the normal deadline for legislation but, because of the urgency of the situation, decided to

have it proposed during this week's session.

"This is an issue that needed to be addressed immediately," Cutler said in a speech against tabling the resolution.

A motion to table the resolution was, at first, the main obstacle to SR 979802's passage. The motion was spoken for by several Senators, most notably Kyle Behnke, who expressed concern over voting without gathering adequate constituents' feelings.

Debate continued for nearly thirty minutes, with several Senators opposing the one-week tabling. One final, dramatic statement was delivered by Lausanne Senator Eric Van Hagen. "We need to let the administration and the Board of Trustees know how we feel right now," Hagen said, slamming his fist.

The motion to table failed, and debate moved on to passage of the actual resolution. Senator Behnke spoke at length on the importance of supporting the United States military regardless of its discrimination policies. Behnke was supported by several gallery members allowed to speak.

However, the sentiments of the Senate were in favor of the resolution. "I am not opposed to the military," President Mike Trotter stated in a short statement, "But I am opposed to their discriminatory

practices." The resolution passed by a vote of twenty-two to one, with five abstentions.

Officer's Reports began with ASIUA President Tomohito "Yuru" Hirose's announcement of TIUA's Sports Festival, to be held this Saturday at 10am. Hirose also mentioned the new ASWU hotline, that many TIUA students found "useful and interesting."

In his President's Report, Michael Trotter started by announcing the members of this year's ASWU task forces and commissions, and updating the Senate on the Presidential Search, noting the diversity of the current applicant pool.

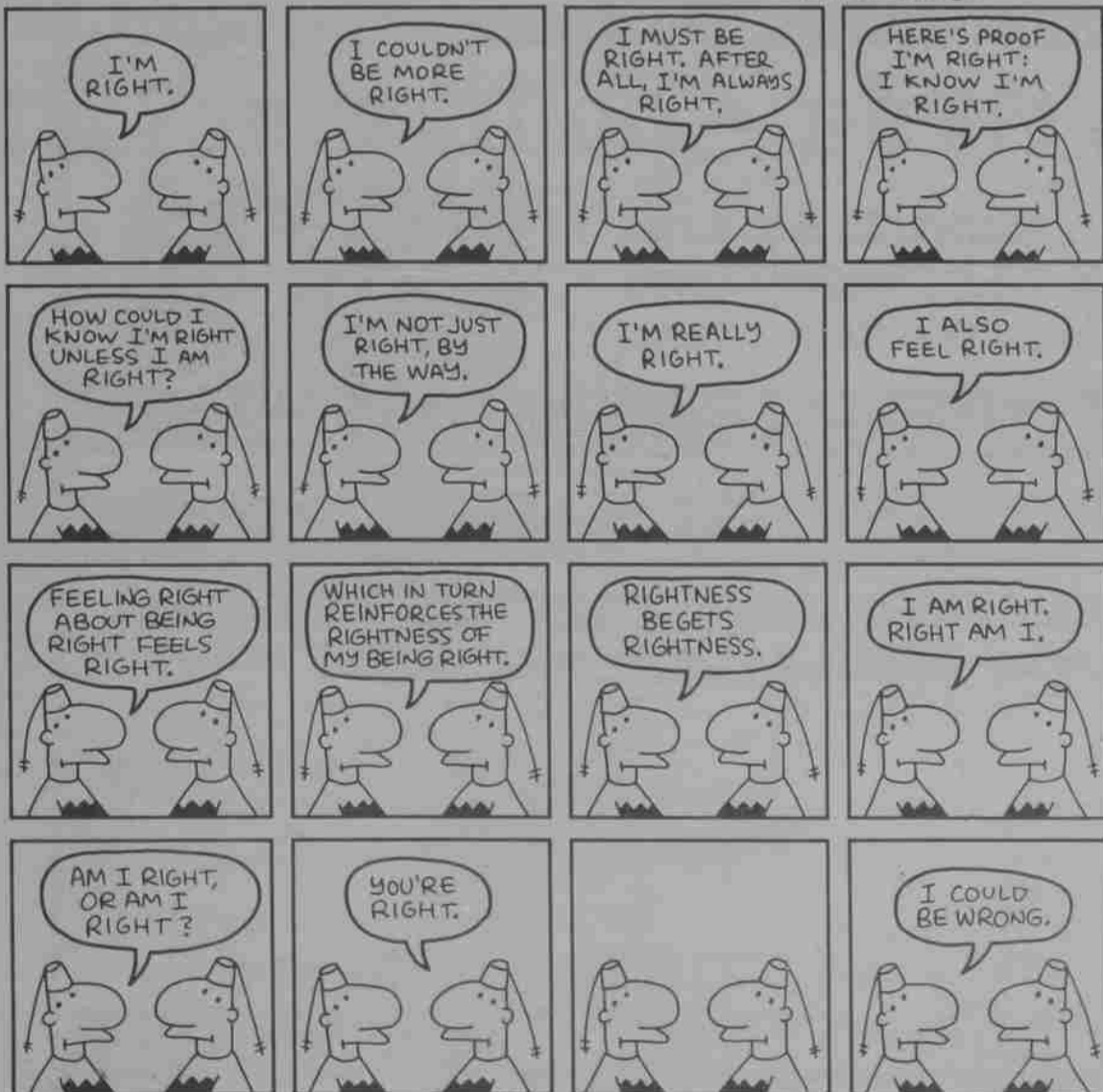
In other new business, an AD-HOC committee look into funding for pre-orientation trips was formed without objection by Senator Kevin Duncan.

Announcements began with a very enthusiastic sports report by WU's Sports Boosters' Leila Cooke. Secretary Cutler mentioned the meeting of the Constitutional Reform Committee.

Concluding the session, Senator Terri Prottzman announced this week's ASWU movie "Addicted to Love," to be held today in Smith. No mention was given to any presence of military recruiters at the movie.

**LIFE IN HELL**

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**Slav Says...**

**Slav Darling:**  
I have been begged by my home town to compete in the Miss America contest and I don't know if participating would be stylish or politically correct.

**-Would They Hate Me Because I'm Beautiful?**

Dear Beautiful,  
Keep in mind that entering a beauty contest is a personal choice and therefore you shouldn't care as to what others might think. However, since you are asking my opinion, I would have to say that there might be more cons than pros. I would hate to see you end up in a pageant which would most likely be aired on a Friday night, where the general audience are those stranded home channel-surfing. Face it, you're competing with the sitcoms of the evening. You prepare for the contest by hardly eating anything and walking around with Vaseline on your teeth in a sort of perma-grin, only to enter the stage in a merangue of a dress -and for what? A tiara made of rhinestones? You proceed in various rounds of the contest, singing to the flashing tune of "Hello Dolly", and saying things like, "I

believe in world peace because I think this world needs peace... and let's just all love each other." You parade around the neon-lit stage with your fellow contestants, each sporting their rendition of the "bouffant." Then there is always that window of chance that you catch the heel of your pump on a step, sending you into a nose-dive and ruining your perfectly coiffed harido. As a result, your rank for the evening slides behind that of Miss Arkansas. Your town watches with wide eyes, as they realize that their "shining star" has now disgraced them - labeling them as "the town with the Runner-Up Girl." You are exiled to a remote island, where only the tropical fish can admire your true beauty... and you wonder, "was it worth it?" A question you must also examine: "Do I want to end up a beauty queen drop-out?" Maybe this Chinese fortune I received once will help you with your dilemma:

*You will win the Miss Universe Pageant, yet not accept the title.*  
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E-mail your questions to [slaveron@willamette.edu](mailto:slaveron@willamette.edu).

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