

Letters to the Editor

Much to say about library

What can I say about the Wright Memorial Library that hasn't been said?

There are the kids and older people taking turns on computers they haven't got at home.

There is the best collection of good novels I have seen anywhere, American, British, European, Exotic.

And also a strong collection of CD's both classical and every kind of popular, along with DVD's and videos: drama, comedy, mystery, foreign, musicals and operas, topical non fiction.

Also, a fine and varied collection in the children's section where the kid's can grow up visiting the library from K through 12.

There are the reference librarians to help you find a book that doesn't seem to be where it is supposed to be, the components of the Dewey decimal system, world auto fatality rates, employers who hire makers of dental molars, who has been the second baseman for the Cincinnati Reds throughout baseball history, and things like that, not to mention interlibrary loans to obtain almost any book or film you ever want to read or see.

Should you vote 'yes' or 'no' on 2?

Issue 2 asks Ohio voters to amend (therefore permanently change) the Ohio Constitution to create a new branch of government and to establish an Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board that will consist of various politically appointed members involved in the treatment of livestock in concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). The amendment is backed by mostly big business agriculture groups such as the Ohio Farm Bureau and associated organizations related to raising confined pork, poultry and cattle, the Ohio Soybean Growers Association, and the American Humane Assoc. Issue 2 is opposed by League of Ohio Women Voters, Ohio Against Constitutional Takeover (ACT), major Ohio newspapers, and many small grassroots environmental activists and supporters of small organic farming operations. As you decide on Issue 2, consider the following:

1. Since the amendment creates a new branch of government, how much more bureaucracy will this create and how much will it cost Ohio taxpayers?
2. The newly and permanently created board will be making decisions about the animal products we eat. The amendment is generally worded and does not make provisions for legislative oversight or public awareness. Since

There are the magazines: the Economist, New Republic, National Review, New Yorker, Sports Illustrated, National Geographic and many you never heard of that will introduce you to worlds you never knew existed.

And after school the library becomes a study area for Junior and Senior high school kids, where they can help one another with assignments and when in doubt, ask a librarian.

All my life I have loved local libraries, but this the best I have ever known. Already hours have been cut severely and librarians furloughed to keep it going. The state is expected to cut more than 30 percent of library funds for this year and the projection for next year is a \$450,000 cut from what was received in 2007.

The levy we are being asked to pay is one half a mill, about a dollar and a half a month. Surely residents of Oakwood, who have long been proud of our city's educational standards, school and library, will rally to support this levy.

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issues about food are so complex, how then will citizens learn about the policies regarding use of antibiotics; growth hormones; vaccines; medications; cloned, genetically modified, sick and injured animals?

3. How will this amendment affect environmental concerns such as air and water quality and use of land?

4. Why was this amendment approved by the General Assembly so quickly (within a week in June) without public scrutiny? Why do supporters of small organic farms oppose the issue? What does big business agriculture stand to gain?

5. How will these policies affect our choices about the food we eat?

Remember-- Issue 2 is about making a permanent change to the Ohio Constitution. So before you vote, make sure you thoroughly understand what's at stake.

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Acorn Drive

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Picking through the definitions

I have to say that I am rather puzzled by Mr. Mischler's definitions and use of words. For instance his use of the word "hearsay" in regards to Mosser's view of Cebulash's arguments as being rational due to his personal experience of him on the "wiffle pitch." That's not "hearsay" since it is a first hand account of Cebulash and not heard through indirect, unverifiable sources. Webster's defines "hearsay evidence" as "evidence based not on a witness's personal knowledge but on another's statement not made under oath." I also play wiffle ball with Mosser and Cebulash and can verify that both are known for rational, unemotional arguments. This is from my personal experience, and not heard from an indirect source.

However our view might be correctly considered "anecdotal." "Anecdotal" is defined by Webster's as, "based on or consisting of reports or observations of usually unscientific observers." But does the stating of our opinion regarding the degree of reason used in Glen Cebulash's political arguments need to be scientifically observed or validated? I think not, unless we are conducting some sort of psychological evaluation. In this case we are simply writing in the *Oakwood Register* which is widely known for publishing unscientific opinions. Even if this was the "Weekly Standard," "The National Review," or "The Nation," scientific validation would be unnecessary.

Also I could not help but notice that Mr. Mischler's own assertions of the emotional nature in liberal and conservative arguments is "anecdotal" as well, citing no scientific studies nor providing scientifically collected evidence in his own research.

Also Mr. Mischler's definition of fascism is interesting since it does not match my experience in European history courses taken through high school and college. Perhaps all my teachers and professors were teaching from the wrong texts. Again I cite Webster's, fascism as "a political philosophy, movement, or regime (as that of the Italian Fascisti) that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition." Mischler's defining of Obama's and ACORN as fascism is misplaced, though it might make a point of conveying his "emotional" reaction to their policies. Obama's and ACORN's world view ("Government Motors", bank ownership etc.) far more leans to socialism (though a weak application), which is defined by Webster's as, "any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods." I cannot think of any Italian Fascist or German National Socialist policies

that asserted government ownership of industry, banking etc, but the private sector did suffer the directives of the state. Perhaps Mr. Mischler can enlighten me (using non-anecdotal scientifically validated facts, of course).

I also noticed in Mr. Mischler's long list of so-called fascist acts of our current Congress, the word, "passed." The use of this word conveys to me that these acts, laws etc. had undergone a process of legislation. In a fascist regime such a legislative process does not exist, since decisions on policy historically fall under the directives of a "a centralized autocratic government headed by a [dictator]." Historical fascist regimes point to theories like "Fuhreprinzip," which trumps all law or political assemblies. Laws are not "passed" through a decisive body, but dictated. However under a socialist or even communist government, a centralized committee, "National People's Congress," assembly or politburo exists to legislate or "pass" laws or policy, oligarchical though it might be.

Thus the very best Mr. Mischler can hope for in defining the President and ACORN is perhaps a hybrid of socialism and capitalism with rare dictatorial tendencies. That statement might reveal a basic understanding of the definitions.

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Wright Library a valuable asset

Every time a commercial appears on television in support of casino gambling or against casino gambling I ask myself what about real issues important to my local community? The Oakwood Library has touched in some way virtually every household in Oakwood in some way. It is a known institution with an impeccable history. There is no better

library staff in the country. Why would a ballot issue on behalf of this great resource be doubted?

Seldom do we have known entities being on the ballot. I for one have no idea what will happen if Ohio has casino gambling. I frankly think the implication that it may improve the Ohio economy in some way is dubious. However, if people really need to

gamble in Ohio, then I have no major objection. I do know that if the library issue fails, a valuable asset in Oakwood will be diminished. That is something I care about. I hope all Oakwoodites would too!

Bob Cikraji
Oakwood

Rob Stephens qualified for city council

I urge all Oakwood citizens to vote for Rob Stephens for City Council. No one understands Oakwood's unique character and needs like Rob does. As the co-owner of a small insurance agency in Oakwood, Rob knows the importance of maintaining a strong business community. As an Oakwood grad and parent of young children Rob knows the importance of maintaining Oakwood's neighborhoods. Rob will work to responsibly expand Oakwood's tax base without sacrificing Oakwood's community feel.

Rob's extensive leadership experience makes him well poised to serve on City Council. Rob has co-chaired Oakwood's That Day in May for the past two years. He also served as a charter committee member of Oakwood's Relay for Life. He has been in the Oakwood Rotary Club for 15 years and has succeeded in many positions, including President. Rob was an assistant varsity football coach for several years. Rob's leadership experience enables him to interact with all types of Oakwood residents from students to retirees.

I have been one of Rob's insur-

ance clients for several years and have worked with him on community projects and organizations. Be assured, Rob carefully listens and weighs all viewpoints, maps out and executes a prudent action plan, and follows up to ensure that tasks are accomplished. Rob's organizational skills are unparalleled. Rob Stephens is an ideal City Council member. Vote for Rob on November 3.

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