

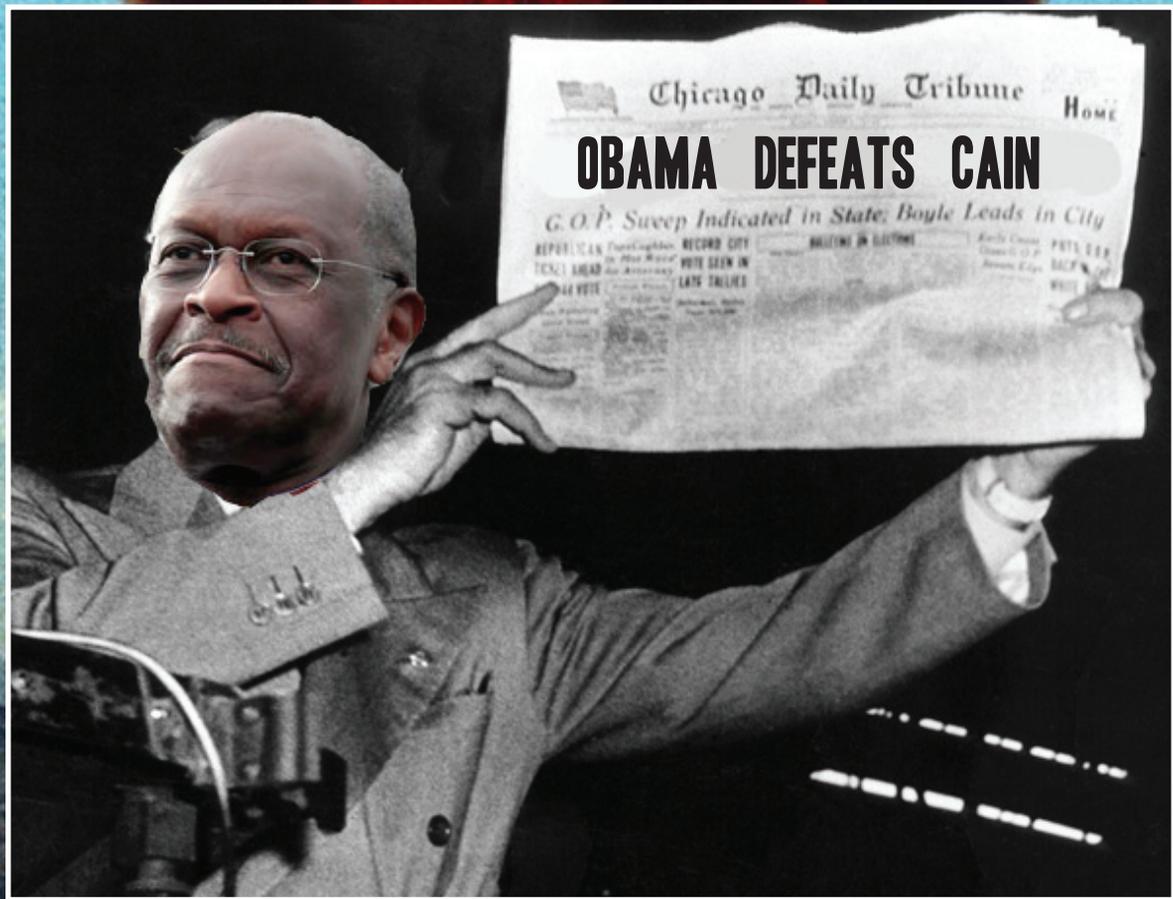
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- We believe that free enterprise and economic growth, especially at the local level, provide the basis for a sound society.

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"Ah. Seems legit."

This season isn't all that bad, especially for us at the Commentator. In these past few months we've picked up a lovely staff, though there's always room for more (*cough, wink, nudge, poke, stab*) and our office echoes with political banter and screamed obscenities.

Our attention turns to the changing political atmosphere on campus. Election season is over and the clipboard crusaders have been traded for the unforgiving cold of Eugene winter. Marijuana was legalized in Washington state and Colorado, but not Oregon, causing the celebration for Obama's reelection to be drowned out by the disappointed cries of our football team.

But failed weed legalization isn't the only bummer. Between the smoking ban, a DPS makeover, and a proposed Eugene ordinance to crack down on "unruly gatherings," the past few months have proven that the party is not only being pooped on, but the entire house is half full of the molten brown. Or maybe half empty. So unless you enjoy gulping down feces while "Gangnam Style" plays in the background, we suggest you inform yourself. The following issue of the OREGON COMMENTATOR can help on this front, and many others.

So as you wait for winter term, and potentially another three months of hot-but-incompetent professors, slide this magazine into your textbook. You might just learn something. Or you might just laugh. Or you might just be offended. Whatever the case, I'm glad you're with us.

Sincerely,

Ben Schorr

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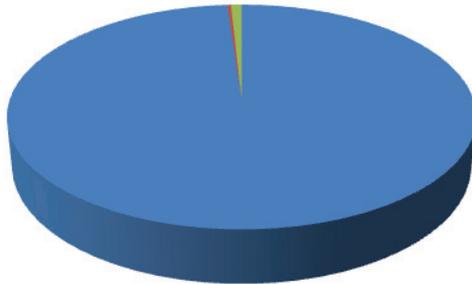
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- Eat 3%
- Sleep 1%
- Celebratory Sex 96%

Big Bird



"Unemployment."

Taco Bell CEO



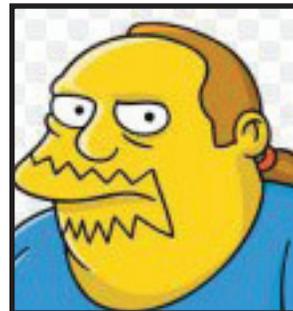
"Measure 80! Puff Puff PASS! Lol"

Sudsy Says:

"NYC isn't the only thing gettin' wet right now."



Comic Book Guy



"Amazing Spiderman #252."

Frat Boy



"Measure 69... HAHAH Get it? Like sex dude."

SHITTY CITY NAME OF THE MONTH:



Horneytown, North Carolina

"Erected in 1862"

Emerald



"Whatever's most provocative and gets young college kids interested"

T-Rex



"RAAAAARRR!!!!!"



What's In a Name?



The DPS / UOPD Switcheroo: Answers From a UOPD Official

UO has experienced a number of turbulent and controversial changes over the last year, from the smoking ban to the firing of Richard Lariviere, from endless athletics construction to the introduction of Gangnam Style, it's been quite a ride. Next up: the transition of UO's Department of Public Safety to UO's own police department, UOPD.

My main concerns with this change were financial – I just assumed it would take a lot of money to not only facilitate a transition but also to finance a police department – and a suspicion that the change were simply unnecessary. DPS seemed to efficiently keep the peace, despite the ups and downs that are often present between authority figures and college students. So I contacted UOPD's Kelly McIver about the transition from DPS.

The following is what I was told. Thanks to Kelly McIver for his candor on the matter.

Establishing UOPD: the Change From UODPS to UOPD

The transition to a UO police de-

partment was put in motion prior to the 2011-12 academic year, and was approved with legislative action in fall 2011.

So what's the difference?

Police officers and public safety officers are not the same. Traditionally, the DPS used public safety officers, a state-recognized type of law enforcement (known in Oregon law as "special campus security officers") for its patrols and most enforcement. Public safety officers have never been permitted to carry firearms, and will not in the future. Police officers at the UO have the same authority and responsibility (including training and certification) as any other police officers in the state. The only difference is that UO police do not carry firearms on duty. As the police department transition continues, public safety officers will continue to do most of the patrol work on campus, as the number of police officers at the UO slowly grows. Because of the recruiting, training, and vetting required for campus police, hiring them is not a fast process.

It is a common misconception, especially among students, that UOPD officers primarily stop or cite students. This is not true. Most "contact" for our patrol officers are not students, but non-student adults who are not part of the UO community. The UO's buildings, grounds, and students present a lure for a steady stream of adult males with criminal backgrounds.

What is the cost of funding the UOPD and how does it differ from funding DPS?

UOPD is just the new department name for the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The department has been recognized as a police agency in the state of Oregon since January 1, 2012. The department's budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013) is \$3.9 million, the same dollar amount as the department budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012).

What are the sources of funding for UOPD and do these differ from DPS fiscal sources?

The department's budget is apportioned through the University of Oregon's general fund. Unlike campus "auxiliaries" like University Housing, Intercollegiate Athletics, or Parking and Transportation, which must essentially pay for themselves through various revenue streams, UOPD is part of the University's general fund budget.

Will UOPD respond to calls in areas not owned by the university, or will they be restricted to campus proper?

Whether UOPD ultimately responds to off-campus situations will depend on any inter-agency agreements that are created between the University and, for example, the City of Eugene or the City of Springfield. Such agreements haven't been drafted yet. UOPD's focus will always be serving the UO campus and UO properties, with off-campus concerns secondary at best. It can be useful or important to have agreements with other jurisdictions that

would allow UOPD to investigate campus-originating incidents that lead to off-campus locations. Also, it's common for law enforcement agencies to have mutual aid agreements to allow for the fastest, best response to the community in certain situations.

How was the concept for this transition conceived and how was the final 'go-ahead' decision made?

University leadership, beginning with former Vice President for Finance and Administration, Frances Dyke, identified and promoted the need for the UO to have a campus safety and law enforcement presence that was adequate for its overall complexity, the number and type of campus properties and buildings, and an enrollment of around 25,000 students. Having a dedicated campus police force, tuned to campus priorities and needs, would bring the UO in line with all other Pac-12 universities and all the other Association

of American University institutions, and nearly every other college or university in the nation of 15,000 or more students.

Since a wrinkle in Oregon law actually disallowed the creation of campus police in the state, the UO worked with its local legislative delegation to write and sponsor a change to state law that would allow for campus police not only at the UO, but at the other Oregon University System schools. In fall 2011, the Oregon Legislature enacted ORS 352.383, allowing the creation of university police. After this, the University of Oregon established its police agency on January 1, 2012.

Judging from what you know now, will there be a push to arm UOPD with firearms in the future?

During the 2012-13 academic year, there will be a campus discussion of police officer arming, primarily during winter term. Following this discussion, UO leadership will decide whether to make a request or recommendation to the State Board of Higher Education regarding police arming.

UOPD certainly advocates for arming its police officers. To not arm them would compromise the effectiveness and services that the department provides to campus, since UOPD would not be able to perform a number of basic functions and would still need to rely on an overtaxed and more remote Eugene Police Department.

Part of the campus discussion involves reaching out to campus student and employee groups and listening to concerns around policing



"And most importantly, will you be hiring any guys like this?"

and arming, offering education on the issues where appropriate, and looking at ways to adjust policies or practices in other cases that could mitigate concerns. In beginning this outreach work over the last several months, I have found that there are a number of consistent misconceptions or misunderstandings about campus policing that should be cleared up before the broader discussion gets underway in earnest.

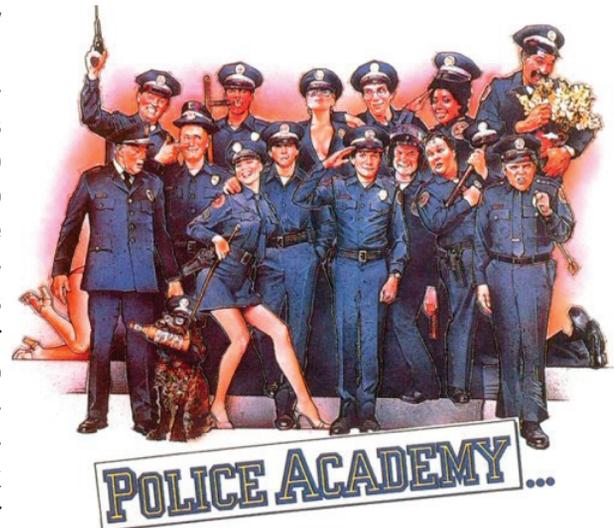
How is the transition going? What's the timeline?

The timeline is expected to be around six years. The transition is on track so far, with key items like developing new department policies, a complaint resolution process, police officer position descriptions and hiring procedures, and campus outreach.

Are current employees going to be trained for the new positions, or will majority of officers be new employees? What happens to the old jobs?

Current public safety officers (non-sworn, non-police law enforcement positions within the department) will have the choice to apply for any police officer openings. Successful candidates (whether internal or external) will have to obtain State of Oregon police certification in order to work as police officers. For those who have not been certified police before at other agencies, they will have to complete the state's basic police academy, a four-month, full-time training. Then they must complete about four months' worth of field training, before earning full certification. Some public safety officers may choose to apply for police openings, while others may not. All police officer postings will be open to outside candidates, and the UO will try to recruit an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of its campus.

Ultimately, the public safety officer



“...And can the training look like this?”

position will be phased out. UOPD will employ fully sworn and certified police officers, and then also security officers, who have less authority than police or current public safety officers. There is no timeline at this point as to when the public safety officer positions will be phased out.



Gabriel Hamlin is a contributor to the OREGON COMMENTATOR and the editor apologizes for the movie references.



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SAD PERSONAL STORIES?**

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The Lorax On The Lorax



Bitching About Bitching: Election Edition

Less than a month ago half of the idiots online were posting about the election. The other half were complaining about how everyone's posting about the election. To the people complaining about the discussion of politics online, I am going to proudly flip the bird. I hate freedom of speech just as much as any other American, but if we're going to be able to post ANYTHING we want online, shouldn't it be okay for people to talk about who's winning the race for the next leader of the free world? For like, the second time in American history, we are able to post our opinions on our country's leader with everyone we know at the click of a button, but these whiners are outraged because it's intrusive to their feed of cat pictures and shitty song lyrics.

I get that you want to see pictures of some chick you couldn't sleep with in high school holding a red cup and duck facing at a party, but don't you dare insult the world for discussing an intellectual topic for one month every four years. If you don't like it you can move to another country like North Korea or South Dakota.



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"My name is the Lorax, I speak for the trees!"
 I see no trees among these knees.
 I'm crawling about, straining to see where my glasses ought to be.
 And in this co-op dank and dirty all the people seem so flirty.
 The reveling is packed and dense and filled with naïve pretense.
 He tells me he's an anarchist and asks me which side is best, that of fascist subjugation or syndicalist exploration?
 I pause, I sigh, I still can't see where my glasses ought to be, but since my vision here is blurry and I'm in a harried hurry I have no time to be polite and tender ears are out of sight.
 So with my youthful indignation I talk to him of exploitation:
 "Do you really believe in theories as blunt as those high school queries like "Isn't life just so fascistic?" Your views seem just as simplistic.
 Your narrow mind is as deluded as the capitalist you excluded, as though all of laissez-faire was a system built on air!
 And not the steady accumulation of wealth, health, and motivation, real people, humans all,

who enjoy going to the mall!
 There's nothing wrong with distraction when your day's consumed by action,
 and in fact, on close inspection, and deep, 'rebellious' introspection,
 you'll find that you're just the same:
 you also play the money game!
 If only by virtue of living in a house propped up by giving (meaning the University's allowance for your "freedom," for your "balance").
 So shut up with your anarchy and enjoy this land of the free, as fucked up as that task may be.
 I must be off, excusez-moi, merci."
 Now it was getting hard to see and I departed hastily only to find my glasses reclining in the chair reserved for whining.
 Then I left, never returned, as that boy's rebuttal burned.



C.W. Keating is the Managing Editor at the OREGON COMMENTATOR.

GRΣΣK ΛΦΓΣ

ΡΣ&SPΣCTΦVΣ

The Commentator has bashed frats many times before. To level the playing field, I decided to give an inside look into the belly of the beast, and get the perspective of those living in Greek Life from someone actively involved in the program.

Brandt: What is your name sir?

Aristophrenios: I AM ARISTOPHRENIOS, SON OF EUPHEMIOS!

Brandt: What does a typical Greek day consist of?

Aristophrenios: IN THE MORNING I AWAKE WITH THE PASSING OF APOLLO'S GREAT CHARIOT. BEAMS OF SUN GLEAM THROUGH MY CORINTHIAN COLUMNS. I MAKE A HEARTY MEAL OF GRIFFIN STEAK AND FETA CHEESE! UPON COMPLETION OF MY MEAL, I WAIT FOR A SIGN FROM ARIES THAT THE DAY IS PRIME FOR BATTLE!

IF THE STARS ALIGN CORRECTLY, I HEAD OFF TO KILL THE CURSED PERSIANS! PERSIANS!!!

Brandt: What does your facet of Greek Life do for funds?

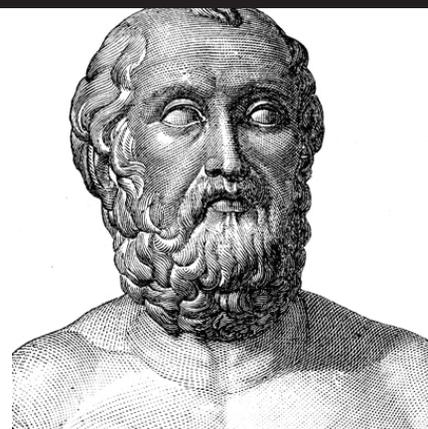
Aristophrenios: WE TRADE UPON THE BLESSED BLACK AND MEDITERRANEAN SEAS, EXCHANGING SPICES FOR GOLD AND SILVER!

Brandt: Right... but what is your profession?

Aristophrenios: AWU! AWU! AWU!

Brandt: No clue what that entails. Obviously, Greek life comes with a lot of partying. Do you ever fear that you're drinking too much?

Aristophrenios: DIONYSUS, GOD OF WINE, VISITS MANY TIMES UPON THE COMPLETION OF OUR BATTLES. ANY GREEK WORTH HIS WEIGHT IN MINO-



TAUR DUNG WILL DRINK AS IF THEY WERE TO GO TO HADES IN THE MORNING!

Brandt: How does your life as a student differ from a student who is not involved in Greek life?

Aristophrenios: WE LEARN FROM GREAT PHILOSOPHERS SUCH AS PLATO AND ARISTOTLE! OUTSIDE OF PHILOSOPHY, THE ONLY EDUCATION WE NEED IS WAR! AND HOW TO KILL PERSIANS!!!

Brandt: I sense a little racism there. What do you have against the Persians?

Aristophrenios: THEY HAVE AN ARMY OF SHADOWS, WHICH IS EVER IMPENDING. ALSO, THEY MAKE CASPIAN SUPER CROWDED ALL THE TIME! PLUS HOW ANNOYING IS IT WHEN THEY CONSTANTLY SMOKE HOOKAH ABOVE THE WEBFOOT?!

Brandt: Yeah definitely some racism there. What is your response to the notion that Greek Life is mostly a bunch of bros desperate for the approval of their peers?

Aristophrenios: IT IS WITHOUT DOUBT.



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Winter Is Coming

Tips For Staying Alive This Season



Unless you're like me and don't like the idea of fresh air, you've probably noticed that it's starting to get cold as balls out there. As the season begins to change from fall to winter, your wardrobe needs to as well. In other words, get your shit together and put away your "Sun's Out, Guns Out" tanks or that strip of fabric you claim is a skirt. The sun is not out, so your rippling biceps shouldn't be either. And continuing to wear those skirts will bring a whole new meaning to freezing your ass off. Oregon is not the sunshine state for a reason.

On that happy note, it's important to remember that Oregon does not have one of the coldest winters; it has one of the wettest. Now, you don't need to prepare for a Day After Tomorrow/oh-my-god-everyone-is-going-to-freeze-except-for-Jake-Gyllenhaal scenario. Trust me, if it snows you'll have a more difficult time avoiding grass stains from sledding than avoiding death.

First things first, suck it up and buy a rain jacket. If you didn't get one after freshman orientation either you're Chuck Norris or you're a hipster and couldn't find one in plaid. If you've already got one, then see if you can wear your biggest sweat-shirt underneath it. The layers will keep you freakin' warm and when

you're unlucky enough to have a class in Pacific, you can strip down and use the extra layers as a seat cushion. Every little bit helps. Seriously, that lecture hall is the worst.

Next, you need to invest in some fingerless gloves because they're bad-ass. Even if after wearing them you don't feel like you can fight campus crime, take comfort in the knowledge that your fingers, especially the ever-important middle one, can still move. Also, if you feel the need to buy a matching hat and scarf, then totally do it because I'm sick of being the only one who gets judged for it. Items that keep your brain warm that are also adorable are taken for granted in this country and I do not approve. Let's try and bring back earmuffs because we're in Eugene. Or maybe get a beaver hat, because who doesn't want our rival's dead mascot perched precariously on their head? We're making a statement here people.

Dead rodents aside, for those of you who already knew all of these super unoriginal tips because you're not a moron, shut up and let me finish because I have a word count that I have to get to. If you



"Flick, you stupid son of a bitch."

are on the edge of going completely broke this winter and can't afford any of the basic items like the jacket, gloves, hat and scarf, then find some copies of the Emerald for insulation, though there might not be enough there in the first place to keep you toasty.

The point is, be smart. Dress in layers that make you look like you could kick some ass this winter. Even though you can't because no matter what you do it's still fucking cold out.



Vicky Kerkhove is a contributor to the OREGON COMMENTATOR and rocks the shit out of fingerless gloves.

POSITIVE DISCRIMINATION



THE HYPOCRITICAL MINDFUCK OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Affirmative action, implemented in 1961 (and to its current form in 1967), is the set of policies that “take factors including race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin into consideration in order to benefit an underrepresented group, usually justified as countering the effects of a history of discrimination”. In good ol’ American talk, that means minorities, women, and gays have an advantage in anything that has consideration taken: Jobs, university admissions, American Idol. You name it!

But these policies are inherently discriminatory, and though they have been held up repeatedly by the Supreme Court, they are unconstitutional as well. The Supreme

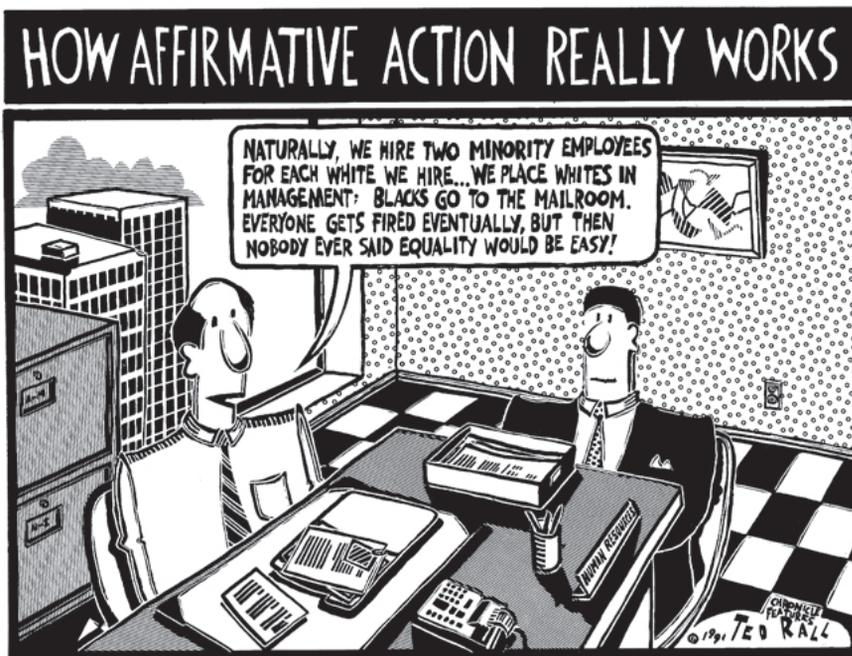
Court is hearing, for the third time, an argument that affirmative action policies have unlawfully discriminated against someone based on their race.

In 1978, a white male was denied entrance to the UC Davis Medical School, and in 2003 a white female was denied entrance to University of Michigan Law School, both arguing it was because of race that they were not accepted. The Supreme Court held up affirmative action in both cases, though on different grounds. These cases did have an impact on the implementation of affirmative action afterwards. In 1978, in *Bakke v. UC Regents*, the Supreme Court upheld affirmative action with the idea that a univer-

sity could use racial priority to further “the attainment of a diverse student body.”

It isn’t that diversity isn’t a good thing. Having many different cultures, viewpoints, and backgrounds are characteristics of a student body that fundamentally improve a higher education institution. But is racially discriminating against non-minority students really the way to secure this? By ruling in favor of the UC Regents, the Supreme Court upheld institutional racism. Diversity is an admirable goal by any institution, but prioritizing some races over others in order to achieve a heterogeneous student population more than cancels out the benefits diversity brings. And it’s not the state’s job to create diverse populations. It needs to happen naturally, and through equalizing admissions processes, not granting special status to students who would increase diversity.

Fast forward 25 years, and again affirmative action is being discussed at our highest court. A white, female student was denied access to the University of Michigan Law School, and she argued that it was due to racial priorities used in the admissions process. Just like *Bakke V. UC Regents*, this unconstitutional, state-sanctioned racism was upheld by the Supreme Court. But there are two important distinctions to be made that differentiate this ruling and the one in



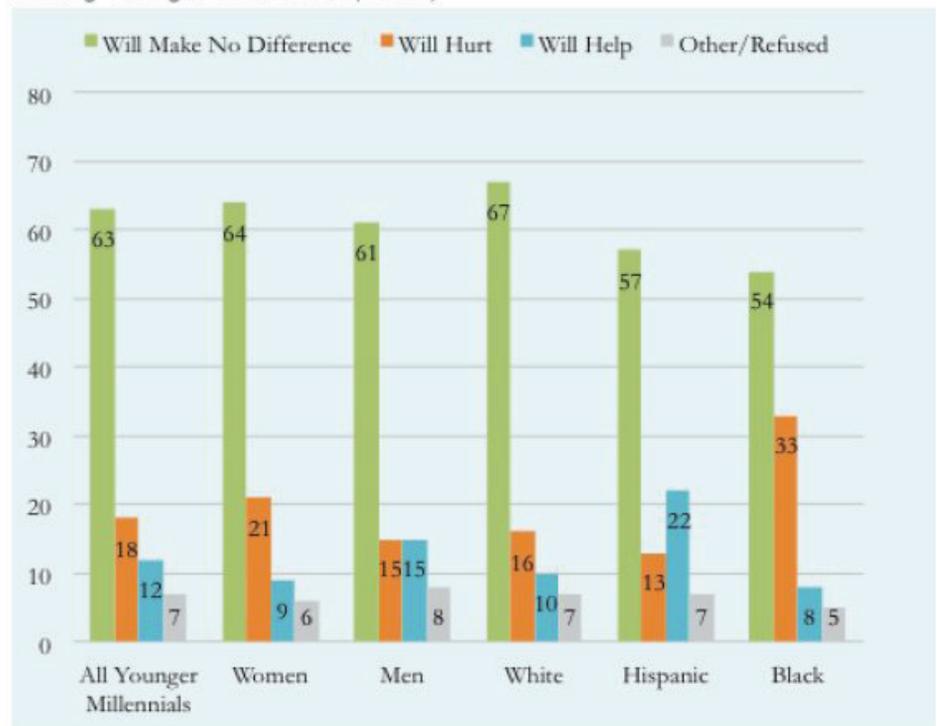
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1978. Justice O'Connor, in her majority decision, argued that using race in admissions processes had "a compelling interest in obtaining the educational benefits that flow from a diverse student population". Here, the court is upholding affirmative action on the idea, not that diversity is important, but that the state needs to make sure the educational benefits that come with diversity are satisfactorily present in higher education. This ruling is much less offensive and racist than the ruling in 1978, because there is an actual reason that diversity should happen. However, it's still ridiculous to believe that it's the state's job to guarantee a diverse community at colleges and universities.

Now, only nine years after the most recent ruling, affirmative action is again being heard before the Supreme Court. A white female was denied admission from the University of Texas, and is arguing that racial prioritizing in the admissions process discriminates against both whites and Asian-Americans, as well as favoring African-Americans and Hispanics. Justice Sotomayor argues that the school has a right to implement racial policies so that the school can achieve the diversity of the student population that it desires. Um, what? That has got to be one of the most racist sentences a Supreme Court Justice has ever said. If a white Justice had said that in a pre-1960's hearing, it would more than likely have been referring to keeping the student body as only white. But now, in 2012, a Hispanic Justice is using the same principles to argue for diversity, rather than against it.

This quote shows how racially dis-

Perceived Effects of Race or Gender on Future Career Prospects Among Younger Millennials (18-25)



Source: PRRI, Millennial Values and Voter Engagement Survey, October 2012 (N=1,214)

Berkley Center

crimatory affirmative action truly is. When directly questioned regarding the desired racial make-up of the student body, UT's lawyer stated there was no specific number. Chief Justice Roberts jumped on this answer, asking "So how are we supposed to tell whether this plan is narrowly tailored to that goal? What is the logical end point?" This seems a very fair question. If there is no specific goal for diversity, the racial inequality can continue forever.

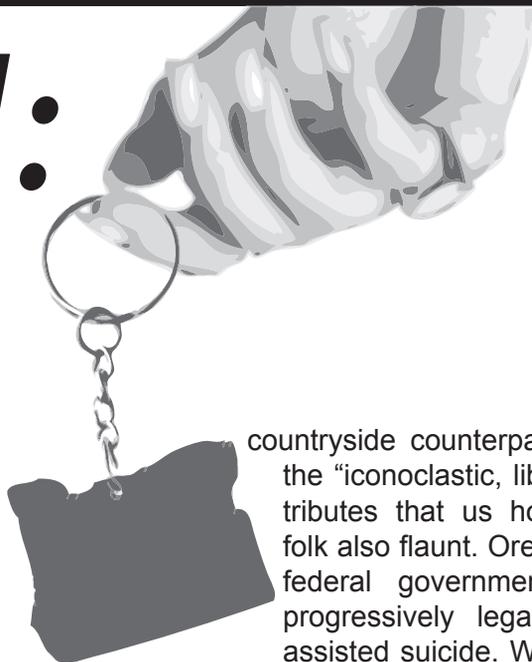
Affirmative action needs to be deemed unconstitutional. If America desires all races to be equal, we can't provide special priorities to students of certain races. Race should not be on any application, period. We can celebrate diversity. In fact, we absolutely should celebrate diversity. But affirmative action does not celebrate diversity. Affirmative action demeans minori-

ties, institutionalizes reverse racism, and spits in the face of the 14th amendment.



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OREGON: A Future Swing State?



Karl Rove, the man who basically engineered George W. Bush's career, thinks Oregon may be an important swing state in the future. I hadn't thought of that before, but hope it turns out to be true. Oregon's status as a potential swing state could become an important asset to our economy. Oregon already has a decent tourist industry, but with a reputation as a place for swingers the sky's the limit. Swinger conventions would put more money in the pockets of hotels, restaurants, theaters, and many other local cultural venues like museums and strip clubs. The condom making giants could set up manufacturing centers, providing solid jobs in a consistently swelling market. It's a niche that needs to be filled if you will. Oregon's culture would change as local swingers rub shoulders (and every other body part) with their more cosmopolitan, east coasty complements.

Unfortunately for Oregon, swingers, and the consistently crappy economy, Rove is discussing Oregon as a potential swinger in *national elections*. He describes Oregon as having

"...This sort of weird element... centered around Portland that looks at Obama as a dangerous reactionary. But you also have something going out there, sort of this libertarian, Western, icono-

clastic 'I'm not going to be put in a box'. But something's going on in Oregon. They've got a 30-30 statehouse. And Republicans came within 15,000 votes of winning the governorship and yet it's the most unchurched state in the union. So it's a weird conglomeration. Oregon might be next."

The ominous sounding 'Oregon might be next' is a reference to Oregon as a vote boost for Republicans.

While Rove has some astute observations about the Beaver State, some of his points are problematic along with the assessment that Oregon could swing for Republicans. The "big" cities in Oregon, especially Portland and Eugene, tend to swing for Obama and Progressive policies. Portland's metropolitan area accounts for over 57% of Oregon's population, Obama didn't get Oregon's electoral votes without Ptown. The suggestion that the liberal side of Oregon sees Obama as a dangerous reactionary is misdirected. It needed to make a right turn into rural Oregon where it might have found people wearing the 'let's put the white back in the White House' shirts. The pockets of racist bigotry aside, our

countryside counterparts do have the "iconoclastic, libertarian" attributes that us hoity-toity city folk also flaunt. Oregon, against federal government's wishes, progressively legalized doctor assisted suicide. We are slowly working our way to legalizing marijuana. And we have a strong identity as Oregonians.

I agree that Oregon is a 'weird conglomeration'. We're an odd-ball west-coast mix of progressive, liberal, don't-ever-offend-anyone, hippies and backward, bigoted, conservative hillbillies. But we're united by a strong sense of independence, regardless of whether our state goes Democrat or Republican at the state level I don't see Oregon as a player for Karl Rove or anyone else on the national level. We sit quietly away from all the mess and do it our way. On an unrelated, but always relevant, note: Oregon beer is the fucking shit.



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Technical Difficulties



What Professors Should Learn

The inability of professors to operate classroom technology is so well known that it has developed past being a topic of conversation and has seemingly woven into the fabric of our school. Why is that? As a premiere University with some of the most able-minded scholars in the nation, why is so much class time wasted as professors stab at buttons, trying to get the sound on their computer to work?

If one more professor gets a courtesy laugh by insisting, "I'm not a technology person", I swear I'm going to pull a Buddhist monk and set myself on fire publicly in front of the Johnson administration building in a desperate attempt to draw attention to this appalling issue. I'm from California, stupidly paying out of state tuition. For the \$14,000 a term I'm paying, every minute wasted is more than a dollar wasted. As professionals, our

professors should be held to a high standard and, dare I say it, be expected to competently use the tools of their trade. Surely a class of people so well educated and qualified should be able to retain at least a working knowledge of the lights, microphone, and projector in their classes.

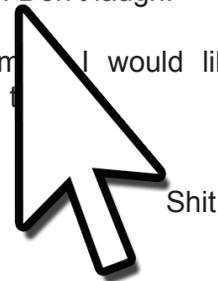
This is not to say that our professors are any less deserving of respect, and I believe they deserve more praise in general. I merely want to point out that class time equals money, and when I idly sit with a class of 100 adults for tens of minutes that are being payed for it seems we are being cheated. Even if having the projector ready means showing a pointless youtube video, at least I am being entertained for my money.

It may be a generational thing; with younger professors and GTF's

more confidently operating the technology than their older, more tenured colleagues. Maybe there could be more technical training for professors who have been teaching for many years? Maybe there could be clear instructions posted near the lights, projector, and microphone?

In any case I'm just bothered by the people who give dry courtesy laughs when professors make small, insignificant comments about things like the lights not working, or chairs being moved in a classroom upstairs, or a bad back round in a powerpoint slide. I don't know why, it just bothers me. It's not funny. Don't laugh.

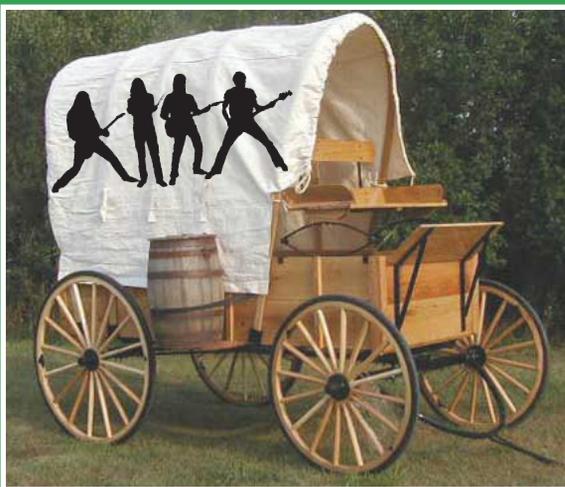
And furthermore I would like to elaborate on t



Shit



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In Defense of Horse and Bayonets

The presidential debates are very frustrating to watch. The candidates completely ignore the questions posed by the moderator and recite their usual talking points. However, after missing both the presidential and vice presidential debates, I decided I should probably watch one. So I grabbed a few beers (credit to any one who can watch this stuff sober) and tuned in for what I hoped would be an hour and a half of decent entertainment.

After hearing about the first three debates, I had rather high hopes for this final debate. I wasn't sure if I'd see pathetic Obama, angry Obama, or nonsensical Mitt and his "binders full of women." And sure enough, I wasn't disappointed. Partway through the debate, Romney challenged Obama over the size of our military, claiming that the US Navy is "smaller now than at any time since 1917." Obama replied with the best presidential zinger in a while, saying "We also have fewer horses and bayonets,

because the nature of our military has changed."

He meant it as a joke, but Obama may be on to something: maybe we need to go back to the good old days of our military's history. Instead of drones with hellfire missiles, we should be using targeted calvary strikes to attack the terrorists. Hell, Osama bin Laden got off easy under Obama. Instead of busting out Seal Team 6 and a bunch of helicopters that no one had ever seen before, Obama should have sent in Horse Team Six in a full 150 mile long calvary charge from the Afghan border to Abbottabad to bring bin Laden to justice.

Maybe instead of innovating and using new technology, we should have the military revert to the warfare of the early 20th century. Who needs AK-47s and nuclear missiles when you can use rifles and revolvers? Stealth bombers? Please, I'd take a biplane any day. As long as

we have more equipment than our enemies, we're in a much better position.

It seems that Mitt's ideas were just another iteration of archaic American policies. He embraced the foreign policies of the past 10 years, the economic policies of the 1980s, and the social policies of the 1950s -- so it wasn't surprising when he had a decades-old mindset towards military policies.

Romney's focus on quantity, not quality, for military strength is just stupid. Technology evolves so that we can do more with less. Our current Navy, and every Navy since 1945 has been far more powerful than the Navy of 1917.

Which brings me to my final realization: we're totally screwed for the next four years. We're stuck with Obama, who simply hasn't been able to get things done in this highly polarized political climate. And while Romney was rightfully swept away as a bad Republican and a morally dodgy politician in general (He tied a dog to a *what?*), Obama has inherited a problem he hasn't been able to solve. He may be a great speaker, but words can only do so much.

But if we used horses and bayonets? Hot damn. Now there's a debate I'd watch.



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286 UNDER GRADUATE CREDITS: A SUPER-DUPER SENIOR PERSPECTIVE

Thesis: College is awesome, and the 'real' world really isn't that great, or more real. In the so-called real world people do the same job every day, get pathetic paychecks for a lot of work, have to fuck people over to get ahead... Contrast that with a schedule that changes daily. And if you don't like the weekly list of classes, it changes every ten weeks. SWEET! Plus there is something happening all the time that makes procrastination worth rushing the day before to get shit finished and turned in. And the academic atmosphere is a lot more collaborative because money isn't on the line.

I finished my undergraduate experience with 286 attempted hours. Throw a few W's on the transcript and the earned hour total drops to 271. I was tempted to stay a few extra terms to break the 300 mark just for the hell of it, but grad school kept me in college while also giving me the sense that I was actually moving forward with life, so I'll



"Super Senior Power!"



But let's be real, I would have gotten it anyway.

live with 271. I actually have 271 tattooed across my back in the wingdings font: ☺☺☺. It isn't as cool as the Nicolas Cage tattoo I had to get on my armpit to write for the Commentator and not as funny as I had hoped and I didn't learn a lesson about avoiding crappy tattoos... so, yeah, it was a total failure.

After two hundred credits I was getting pretty good at college and, like a lot of people who get good at something, I started fucking around with it. I wish I could claim the following idea as my own but I stole it from an academic journal. Some professor wrote an essay using convoluted language and sentence structure but said absolutely nothing in the essay, the writing was intentionally nonsensical. The professor just wanted to get it printed to see if people would call bullshit or try to comprehend and explain the

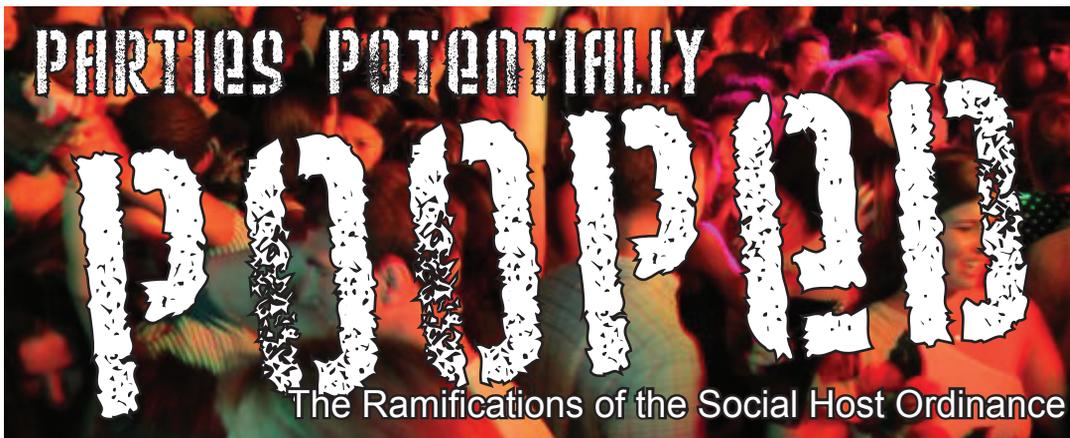
nonsense. I copied this experiment once. I had to write a thesis paper on a novel. The course in question had many discussion sessions that amounted to a lot of theoretical soapboxing and classmates using big words that sounded impressive but were not used correctly. For the paper I wrote random, barely connected thoughts. I threw in 'supporting' quotes from the book also at random. I got a passing grade on the paper, it was a C-, so barely passing, but I deserved no points at all. I found that amusing.

I walked away from that a little disillusioned. We aren't paying for the opportunity to succeed, we are paying for a diploma that says we are successful and smart. I got over it though. I don't think such shenanigans would be possible in too many classes, and it doesn't make college any less awesome.

One last thing... the 'real' world isn't that bad, so if any of you actually want to leave university life someday, having a steady job really isn't that much different than going to school. And it can be nice to make money rather than rack up huge piles of debt. The End.



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Eugene City Council has been discussing the Social Host Ordinance, a new law that proposes harsher penalties for hosts of unruly parties. The ordinance was proposed by a 28 member group called the Neighborhood Livability Working Group. The group consisted of city and University officials, students, and residents, focused on drinking-related problems in the University area.

The group hopes that, by holding the host of the party criminally responsible for allowing an unruly social gathering Eugene Police will be able to crack down on the high amount of underage drinking, as well as excessive noise violations. The ordinance would also allow the owners of the house to be penalized even if they are not present at the social gathering.

But don't throw out that beer bong just yet. The legislators of the ordinance have made it clear that their targets are unruly gatherings involving chronic offenders whose guests break the law.

According to the University's website, the ordinance defines an "unruly party" as one with:

...More than five persons at the property where alcohol is served



"GET THE FUCK ON THE GROUND!"

or consumed, and where any two or more of the following occurs:

- Violation of state or City of Eugene laws relating to sale, service, possession or consumption of alcoholic liquor, including minor in possession and serving alcohol to minors;
- Disorderly conduct, noise disturbance, criminal mischief, public urination or defecation, littering, assault, or harassment.

If we are to believe these traits are characteristic of an unruly party I'm not sure I've ever been to a "ruly" one. Violators can be fined up to \$1,000 and repeat offenders could be forced to pay the repair costs for damage to public property as well as for police, fire and emergency response costs.

So what does this mean for the average University of Oregon student who wants to throw a good-

old-fashioned kegger in their basement? In short, be cautious. The days of the unscathed party host could be coming to an end, so it's wise to plan your party ahead of time before you're left standing in the doorway talking to the cops while underage freshman flee from your house like rats aboard the Titanic.

The first thing you need to do before you have a party is talk with your neighbors. There have been countless raging parties that were cut short because the hosts were too lazy to walk next door and chat a little. Best case scenario, they give you the go ahead and maybe even stop by for a couple drinks; Worst case scenario, they give you the bird and slam the door in your face. Either way, you'll know where they stand and you'll increase the likelihood that they call *you* before they call the cops.

Second, control the access to alcohol. This is a good tip whether you're concerned with underage drinking or simply making a return on your investment. Put your keg, beers, mixed drinks, or vat of juice in an open, yet not easily accessible, part of your house, perhaps a closet, corner, or pantry. This will assure that the hosts of the party are in charge of who drinks and



who doesn't. Unfortunately, since many party goers choose to bring their own beer, the only absolute way to ensure that your party is completely free of underage drinking is by checking I.D's at the door. You will in-effect become "the Man."

If your party becomes truly unruly your last, and seemingly least appealing, option would be to call the police. Though it may seem like turning yourself in, the Eugene Police Department have agreed to drop the potential fines for those who choose to comply voluntarily.

If the ordinance passes, college students will need to be more aware of their guests and neighbors when throwing parties. This could actually have it's benefits. After all, I can't clean the jizz from the Commentator office off only a few hours of sleep.



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In Defense of Global Warming

Due to the tragedy of Hurricane Sandy, there's been a lot of talk recently by the liberal hippie agenda, that is every other news network besides Fox, that global warming and climate change are bad things. Sure, a few houses got flooded, and yes the entire East Coast will never be the same. But you have to break a few eggs to make an omelet. Let's look at the positives. Because of global warming, we have had an uncharacteristically warm first six weeks of school here in Oregon. That means I get to show off my guns in a tank at least four days out of the week, and there's a higher chance of seeing some cleavage in this city. That's right. Boobs, dude.

But the benefits of global warming reach far beyond Oregon. For example, consider the effects of global warming on polar bears. For years we've been trying to find a way to stop those pesky, white-furred bastards from wearing our human-made Santa hats and drinking our human-made Coca Cola. Now nature is doing it for us. Melting ice caps means that the only polar bears that are going to survive global warming are like the Michael Phelps's of the polar bear

world. And I'm fine with them surviving, because Michael Phelps is an American hero.

Furthermore, increased heat around the world means a better tan for everyone. And finally, there are more boobs being shown because of the heat. Boobs, dude. Did I already mention that? Anyway, it's important to stop accepting the liberal bias and start seeing the facts. Global warming and climate change are awesome.



My hands are getting sweaty.



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OREGON COMMENTATOR'S JUICY GOSSIP

Us Commentators are a pretty close-knit group, but even we have our differences. These are some things that can be overheard around the office...

Will



"Brandt won't shut up about his stupid cat."

Couch



"Don't trust C.W. Keating"

"Will ran over my cat!"



Brandt

Ben



"I'm so thankful to have this amazing staff."

Freshman
Writer



"Boy, college sure is radical!"

One term later...

"Fuck everything."



Freshman
Writer

"Gettin' real tired of Ben's shit."



Everyone

Bro
Correspondent



"GRRBGLLLUUURG!"

Gay Men In Media



Every successful or aspiring media figure promotes their image. They delicately weave through society saying what they believe attempting not to offend anybody of influence in the process. In doing this, one's sexuality should rarely, if ever, be a factor. But sexuality is often a large part of one's identity. As the equality of gay and lesbian figures in the media develops, we have new figures to guide us through this transitional phase. People such as Anderson Cooper, Neil Patrick Harris, and the sexy guy with the blue eyes from "White Collar" have shown that gay men not playing gay men in media can contribute to the goal of equality.

Anderson Cooper recently came out of his stylish and well-suited closet. Upon hearing this, over several hundred women threw themselves in front of moving traffic and public transit rails. Cooper, a man that so many trust for current events and news, revealed his sexuality. And guess what? It didn't hinder his career in the slightest. Revealing such an intimate and private part of his life may have even given some viewers a reason to trust him more or feel a more personal connection.

So sexual orientation didn't mar a newscaster's credibility, but it's inconsequentiality can also be seen on the other end of the spectrum, in comedy. Our favorite Harold and Kumar cameo and the comedy cloud that is How I Met Your Mother's own, Neil Patrick Harris, is a

shining example that sexual orientation and the ability to make people laugh are two entirely separate traits. In HIMYM, he's able to play a womanizing man-trollop that indulges in the comfort of fast and loose women. This hilarious comedian delights on the screen and off, and his success is completely unrelated to the fact that he prefers Oscar Meyer over vegan.

In recent years gay men in the media have been almost universally well-received. The sexual preference of a figure should not define their work or role in society. But some men aren't contributing to the positive image. Figures like Perez Hilton and the entire cast of The A List may give the wrong impression to viewers. They perpetuate the stereotype of toting around a small dog and donning a fedora. But a gay man's image should not be defined by the obnoxious and over-the-top individuals of the same sexual preference. This is not to say those men don't exist, top floor Carson is proof of that, but figures like Cooper and NPH show that a gay man's identity can simply be whatever identity that man chooses. Gay men don't have to solely be the shopping partner or fake boyfriend at parties to make our ex-boyfriends jealous. They can be reporters, comedians, and advice givers on how to deal with our current boyfriends who really mean well, but they just don't know how to deal with their emotions and sometimes make out with

our ex-best friend when blacked-out, but it doesn't count because they were drunk right? But I digress. The point remains, we love you Anderson, Neil, and sparkly blue eyes.

But these are only a few modern examples, it has been seen repeatedly that a man's sexual orientation does not detract from his value as a public figure, entertainer, or sex-god. It only makes them that much harder to get and severely decreases my chance of being Mrs. Anderson Cooper. When I turn on CNN tomorrow night and look into the face of the man whom I thought I would marry, I'll listen and I'll appreciate the spectacular journalism that is exhibited. And when I watch Harold and Kumar, I'll laugh at a hilarious man because he is hilarious. And when I watch the horrific acting of a man with gorgeous eyes I will neglect said acting and only focus on his physique. And while it makes me happy, I'll always wonder what could have been...



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THE ALCOHOLEDU PROCESS:

AN INFORMATIVE RANT COURTESY OF THAT DRUNK GUY FROM THE THIRD FLOOR WALTON DORM PARTY.

Okay. So. AlcoholEdu. It's this alcohol awareness course that the University makes every freshman do, and it's total bullshit man! That's like, that's our like, student rights and shit. That's straight up "1984" shit! You read that book? That's a good book. I need to re-read that book.

Anyways.

Dr. Chang and whoever our ASUO guy – er, lady? – is, they're the one who, like, passed it through and shit. They even have a little letter to students. Seriously! Check this out:

We strongly believe that your ability to learn is enhanced when you are a member of a safe and healthy community. Being impacted by behaviors of students who misuse and abuse alcohol, other drugs, or become involved in some form of sexual misconduct, can all be significant barriers to your academic success. Our goal is to reduce the negative consequences of alcohol misuse and abuse on campus, and reduce the incidents of unwanted sexual behavior.

Sounds pretty good, yeah? I mean, I can get behind that, if yaknow-whaddimean. But then they hit you

with this zinger: "Every new incoming UO student is required to complete *AlcoholEdu for College*, an online alcohol abuse prevention program, prior to arriving on campus." Dude. Seriously. DUDE.

And here's the thing: even if you don't drink (which is like fucking impossible 'cuz this is college, right?), you have to do this shit. It's, uh, compul... compope... whatever, it's fuckin' required. You don't even get college credit for taking it; they just say that "This program is designed to increase your knowledge, abilities, and skills pertaining to high-risk alcohol use and behaviors..."

But whatever, I don't need substance abuse credits. I'm not going to be a pussy social worker or whatever. I've got my sports marketing major in the bag, m'man.

So anyway, I log on, right? And this fuckin' thing comes on: "What we *won't* do is tell you not to drink. Our job is to provide reliable information so that you can make *your own decisions* about alcohol."

Does that strike you as like, totally fuckin' weird? Like, if we're supposed to make our "own decisions about alcohol," then why do we

have to take this stupid test thing? It's like, they treat us like we're stupid kids, like we're somehow, I dunno, less smart or something, y'know? Like I don't know how to handle my booze, it's insulting.

Yo, Ballstains! YO, BRAD BALL-STAINS, I'M TALKING TO YOU! More shots, yeah? Let's get this party *started*, amiright amiright?

Anyway, I'm like, personally offended. That shit is, like, egre-vious, especially 'cuz they monitor you if you don't do it. No shit! Check this out: "It is important that we get a 100% completion rate, and as such, we will be tracking compliance and following-up with those students who do not fulfill this request. While we do not expect this to be an issue, students will receive a hold on their course registration if they choose not to complete and pass the program."

So, if, sayyyyyy, I want to protest this thing and I refuse to do it? No class for me. No fucking science. No fucking math. No fucking history. I could blow fuckin' Plato and they wouldn't let me into a 100-level philosophy course. That. Shit's. Fucked.

Pass those corn chips, bro.

Thanks dude. So I go on, and it's this lame video with really bad actors and it's like, ohmyGAWD shut up and get on with it. I just turned the sound off after a while. But I do the pop quiz after and my result is like, 65%. They say I "could use some improvement."

"Could use some improvement"? Like, who are they to say... uh, that? And it just gets worse.

Like, for example, they make you do this really long survey, yeah? Which, by the way, you can totally skip by just clicking "Next Page" – they seriously need to lock that shit down. So when it's all finished and I've given all of these answers that I really, y'know, *really* thought about, the computer tells me "So, you've had experiences with alcohol, some of them maybe not so great." I really needed a computer to tell me I've had about a 50/50 goin' dumb success rate? "Some of them maybe not so great"?

They're just tryin' to talk like us and *that doesn't work on me*, man. It's just fuckin' stupid.

Ballllllstaaaaaaains, more beeeeeeeeeer. NOW. Where did he go?

Sorry. Anyways, *anyways*, that said, there are, y'know, there's... there's some cool shit too. Like when they ask "What gender/sex are you?" they have a little asterisk next to it, and at the bottom there's this thingy

* We recognize and appreciate that not all individuals identify within these binary constructs... [Blood Alcohol Content] is based on physiological variables specific to your biological sex and not related to your gender identity.



"Whoa whoa whoa, wait... hold up a second. Just what the fuck is a 'Rohypnol?'"

Like, I'm not gay or anything? Like, I have gay friends who like, *do that*, but I'm not gay? But that's still pretty chill. And actually, some of the other stuff is good to know. I didn't know you couldn't drive kinda drunk – I mean, that's how we do it in Montana. But like, any amount of alcohol, *any*, can get you fucked by the 'po. I mean, unless you're like, 21.

Are you 21? Sorry, that was a stupid question. Where the fuck is Brad?

But besides all that, it's mostly that first thing, the whole compo—compa—compolls— the requirement thing. I'm not gonna fuckin' listen to something *required* of me. Seriously, seriously though, no bullshit, who are they foolin'? Do they even know, like, what we're like? They think we're retards man, they think we're stupid, so they just... they just like, play mommy and daddy. It's the same shit we're trying to escape man! The same

unfair shit!

But in the end, I mean, it wasn't all that bad. It only took like two hours, and I learned a bit, I guess. If they think they're gonna stop freshman drinking or whatever, pfffft – they really need to do something more thanna lil' *survey*. It's like, oh, I have to take a test already? One that like, insults my... my brain? Fuck. Whatever.

So yeah, good luck with that. Now if you'll excuse me, I think I just saw Brad peeing on some exchange students. Aim upwards! UPWARDS! Pass me that beer? Thanks, bro.

UPWARDS, BALLSTAINS!



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**SUDSY ABANDONS BOOZE, BECOMES
MORE TRANSPARENT**

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OH WAIT THAT ONE'S REAL**

**"THE BIG BANG THEORY" TO FEATURE
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THE OC REACTS TO WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

SPEW...

ON DAMN FINE REPORTING

“Swoosh, there it is: Phil Knight’s relationship with the University of Oregon,” Sam Stites
-*Oregon Daily Emerald*, 11/15/12

“‘We went to the Rose Bowl in the ’94-’95 season and I think [Phil Knight] saw that athletics could be a great window to make the University of Oregon great,’ says Jim Bartko, executive athletic director for Nike liaison. ‘That’s when he said we should look at the logos, uniforms, and investment into facilities to make the University of Oregon a national product academically and athletically.’”

“When Knight wants to make a donation, he offers that the UO give him access to the deed for the land, he would develop on it, and then he gives it back as a gift to the University. This process allows him to sidestep the public bidding process in order to find the best architect and contractor combination to ensure the project gets done his way.”

“Several articles in both the Oregonian and The New York Times have pointed to when the UO joined the Workers Rights Consortium monitoring group on sweatshop labor at a time when Knight leveraged a donation to impose his will.”

-- *I could be really snarky and cynical and nitpick grammar choices here like usual, but no. This is a well-researched, well-organized, and well-written piece of journalism and it deserves recognition. Bravo, Mr. Stites.*

ON PACKING THE PISSY PIPE

“Really, Oregon?” Drew Stimson
- *Eugene Weekly*, Letters to the Editor 11/15/12

“I don’t know if I’m more shocked, angry, or disappointed to see that Oregonians failed to pass the measure for legalizing marijuana in the recent election. I originally moved to Oregon decades ago, believing that Oregon was the most progressive state in the U.S. I guess I’m really going to have to rethink that at this point!”

-- *You can rethink that all the way to Washington, where your exuberant indignation will fit right in!*

“...[Prohibition has] proven out, as there is better and more marijuana now than there has ever been, despite almost a century of prohibition.”

-- *If weed improves in quality and quantity under prohibition then what’s your problem?*

“Really, Oregon, you should truly be ashamed. Are we just too chicken-shit to challenge the federal laws?”

-- *If being chicken-shit is what made us one of only three states to allow doctor assisted suicide, a WAY more controversial issue, then we’re Foghorn Leghorn after a trip to the taco cart.*

ON CHEMICAL-FREE BRAINS AND APPLICIDE(R)

“Feed Me, I’m Vegan,” Anna Fay
- *Oregon Voice*, Issue 1 Vol. 24

“Besides Holy Cow in the EMU... there aren’t many on-campus options for people like me who don’t eat pesticides or genetically modified foods.”

-- *Jesus Christ, here we go...*

“Besides the fact that these [heavily-sprayed] apples are toxic bombs of little to no nutritional value, they have already witnessed enough trauma to get to this place.”

-- “No Granny Smith! Not the slicers, anything but the slicers! And what do you mean by ‘applesau’—GJH-HKK”

“No telling where that apple has been or what it could do to my chemical-free brain.”

Actually, there are these brain chemicals called neurotransmitters that transfer neuron signals to various synapses in the brain, like...nevermind.

“In conclusion, we are essentially shit out of luck.”

-- *As is your self-righteous lump of an article. Also, that apple is definitely dead. Shit.*

ON TOTALLY GOING BACK ON MY WORD

- *Oregon Daily Emerald*, 11/19/12

Oh, you thought I’d gone soft on the Ol’ Dirty? No way. Here’s some statistics about the latest incarnation of the ODE:

Pages devoted to non-sports-related content (including ads): 12

Pages devoted to sports-related content (including ads): 12

Sample headlines from the Ol’ Dirty’s Holiday Guide:

“Holiday treats for students without kitchen experience”

“Thanksgiving dinner mistakes”

“Holiday gift guide for all the real clichés in your life”

Pages devoted to the Ducks’ loss to Stanford: 4

Pages devoted to other sports: 2

Pages devoted to ads: 7.5

Page count of non-sports-related content: Roughly 12

So I guess my wish for Christmas/Hanukkah/Whatever the Puerto Ricans celebrate is this: give me some investigative journalism. Or a blurb about the smoking ban. Or a feature about how the Craft Center made a mural, literally ANYTHING that matters off the field.

From all of us here at the Oregon Commentator,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Beer and turkey is a spinning combination.