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- We believe that the University should be a forum for rational and informed debate—instead of the current climate in which ideological dogma, political correctness, fashion and mob mentality interfere with academic pursuit.
- We emphatically oppose totalitarianism and its apologists.
- We believe that it is important for the University community to view the world realistically, intelligently, and above all, rationally.
- We believe that any attempt to establish utopia is bound to meet with failure and, more often than not, disaster.
- We believe that while it would be foolish to praise or agree mindlessly with everything our nation does, it is both ungrateful and dishonest not to acknowledge the tremendous blessings and benefits we receive as Americans.
- We believe that free enterprise and economic growth, especially at the local level, provide the basis for a sound society.
- We believe that the University is an important battleground in the "war of ideas" and that the outcome of political battles of the future are, to a large degree, being determined on campuses today.
- We believe that a code of honor, integrity, pride and rationality are the fundamental characteristics for individual success.
- Socialism guarantees the right to work. However, we believe that the right not to work is fundamental to individual liberty. Apathy is a human right.

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Didn't get a ticket Mallard Madness but still want to go? How about going for free? We at the *Oregon Commentator* decided to look into the event that has taken up over 50% of the student Over-realized Funds. Over-realized Funds happen because of under-projected enrollment (something that doesn't happen all the time) and are not Surplus Funds. Student money is being used by a group of uncultured assholes to fund their idea of what students want. We are jumpstarting someone's business with our I-fee dollars and were never consulted on the matter.

In 2011, \$60,000 of Over-realized funds were used tack Baths, Yaesayer and A-trak to the Friday night end of Willamette Valley Music Festival (WVMF). The festival, which lasted five days, was accompanied by the ASUO Street Fair. There were multiple concerts and numerous vendors, events and benefits. It allowed the student body to kick back and have fun in a way it never did. It gave students the chance to experience Eugene culture on campus. Students were brought together in an exciting and unorthodox fashion. What's more, it was outdoors and it was free.

On November 7, 2012 the Executive intended to request \$192,000 directly from the ASUO Senate when they learned the actual amount in Over-realized funds: \$212,136. Upon learning this information, the Executive slashed \$50,000 from their request. Is this the practice of a fiscally responsible office holder? The *Oregon Commentator* thinks not.

With \$50,000 slashed, skeptics in Senate believed that more could be done to reduce the request. The Executive reluctantly discussed the idea of an additional \$17,000 being taken out. When asked where it would be taken out of, the Executive said Advertising. It was then discovered that there was no Advertising line item. The Executive suggested that it would be taken out of Sound and Lighting. It is clear there are some ulterior motives associated with the execution of this concert.

On November 27, ASUO Constitution Court ruled that the Executive had overstepped the prerequisite to receiving Over-realized funds according to Senate Rule 8.9 (that recommendations for allocating said funds be made by the Over-realized Funds Committee (OFC)) and was ordered to return the \$142,000 originally allocated to Mallard Madness. On February 10, the Executive followed procedure and OFC recommended that Mallard Madness be allocated \$66,000.

Senate passed the motion to fund this concert \$122,108 by a vote of 9-7-0. That amount is over half of our Over-realized Funds! These funds could be put into reserve for the coming years of decreasing availability of these funds. This is not a surplus account to be spent at the whim of Greek pissants.

A yearly concert sounds like a good idea, but the students must realize what is happening: we are investing our money into a grossly overpriced branding stunt. Proponents of this venture maintain that it's all-inclusive and that it benefits students that normally don't reach out the ASUO (or don't even know what the ASUO is for that matter). But what was the problem with WVMF? Why must we spit hundreds of thousands of dollars at Matthew Knight Arena for an overly lavish indoor concert at the end of spring? Oregon is its most beautiful during that time of year and the best way to spend Over-realized Funds and bring students together would be a diverse five-day event outdoors like WVMF. The Executive seems to think that students would rather listen to the ASUO's choice in music while being herded like cattle through the sterile recesses of Matthew Knight Arena. The *Oregon Commentator* hopes this isn't true.

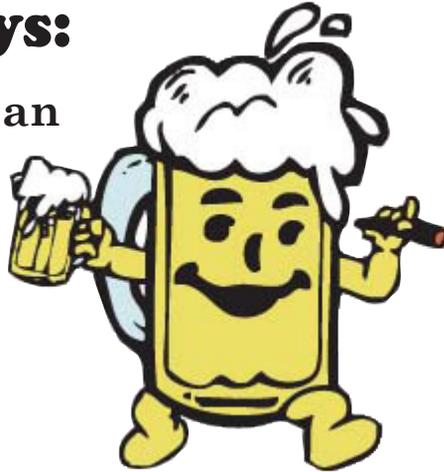
The new Mallard Madness is a one-night superficial money-gouger by the University. It will take place in Matthew Knight Arena. It's proponents, the ASUO Executive branch (namely Laura Hinman, Zan Schindler and Lainie Vinikoor), argue that students will only be charged this year, making it a self-sustaining concert to occur year after year. But who is profiting from this, and why the sidestep of Over-realized Fund procedure and the stubborn push through Senate?

Do not be fooled. A student cannot organize an event like this. This is not a grass roots student venture. Laura Hinman and her appointed posse do not have the pull to book Matt Knight. This is something from higher up, something organized by a profiteering figure.

Furthermore, the *Oregon Commentator* takes serious issue with Matt Knight's pricing on beer — \$6.50 for a bottle of Coors Light! If you choose to attend Mallard Madness, we suggest that you demand free entry since your I-fee money has already been spent to fund the concert.

Sudsy Says:

“I used to be an athiest until I realized that I’m a sex-God.”



OC asks ...

How’s the job search going?

Whiny College Student

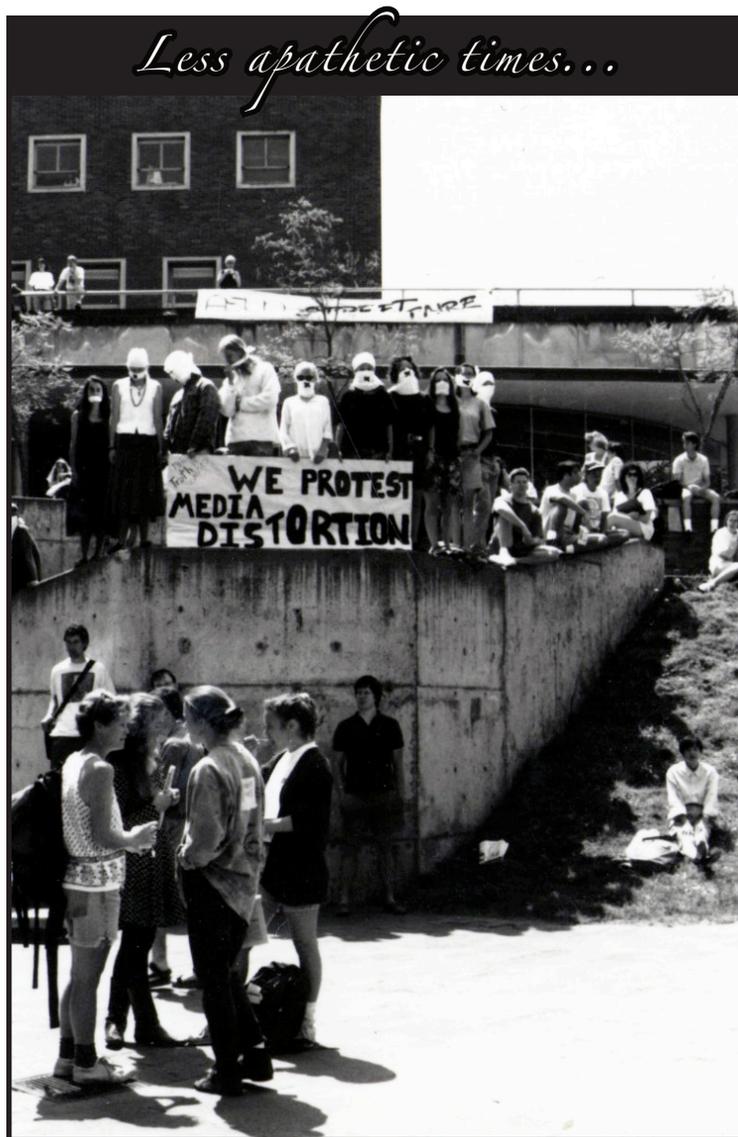


“I’m going to Hollywood!”

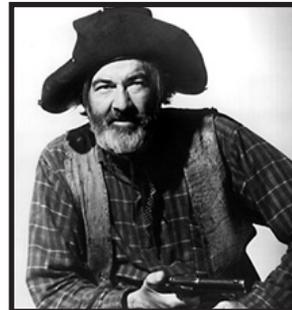
Washed-out Financial Analyst



“Will dance for money!”



Old Timey Prospector



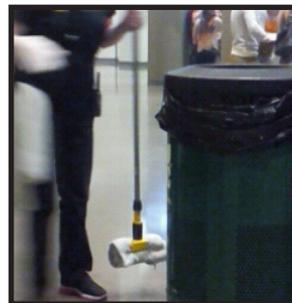
“GOOOOOOLLLLLL!”

Pope Benedict



“Snagged position at the Vatican’s orphanage.”

Rag on a stick



“Director of Innovative Custodial Arts at Matt Knight Arena.”

OSPIRG



“Job search? Fund me!”

Emerald Media Group

February 26:

**“Best Place to Reassure Your Sexual Insecurities:
The Student Recreation Center is the new dating scene on campus.”**

by Caitlin Feldman

My sprint had just slowed to a jog when he passed me.

“Hey, nice job,” he said, offering his hand for a high five.

I threw up my hand in response, pressing my fingers to his and gave him the most awkward of smiles.

“Oh, um, thanks,” I said. But he’d already resumed his run.

What does this mean? I anxiously wondered. Does he think I’m cute? No, he can’t think I’m cute – I’m dripping in sweat. Was he impressed by my running? Maybe, but I’m at the Rec Center – everyone is running.

I’d planned on being done with my workout after that lap, but now I had an audience. Or so I thought.

The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "Tool". The article text reads: "From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. For the American rock band, see *Tool (band)*. For other uses, see *Tool (disambiguation)*. A **tool** is any physical item that can be used to achieve a goal, especially if the item is not consumed in the process. Informally the word is also used to describe a procedure or process with a specific purpose. Tool use by humans dates back millions of years, and other animals are also known to employ simple tools. Tools that are used in particular fields or activities may have different designations such as "instrument", "utensil", "implement", "machine", or "apparatus". The set of tools needed to achieve a goal is "equipment". The knowledge of constructing, obtaining and using tools is *technology*." The page also includes a navigation sidebar with links like "Main page", "Contents", "Featured content", "Current events", "Random article", "Donate to Wikipedia", "Interaction", "Help", "About Wikipedia", "Community portal", "Recent changes", "Contact Wikipedia", "Toolbox", "Print/export", and "Languages". A "Contents" table of contents is visible at the bottom of the article, listing sections like "1 History", "2 Functions", "2.1 Tool substitution", "2.2 Multi-use tools", "3 Use by animals", and "4 Tool metaphors". A portrait of Caitlin Feldman is shown on the right side of the article.

For the remainder of my workout, hot high-five guy didn’t acknowledge me. I casually looked out the corner of my eye at him as I ran by, wondering if he was watching me. He wasn’t.

What happened, hot guy? Why wouldn’t you make eye contact with me? I thought we had a connection – we could have been something. We could have been one of those couples who works out together and makes everyone else at the Rec hate themselves. But alas,

you’re just like the rest of them, ignoring me once I show interest.

We could have been something, hot guy. We really could have been.

Caitlin Feldman is not a contributor of the OREGON COMMENTATOR but a girl can dream.

----- Original Message -----

From: Monica Hildebrand <monicah@uoregon.edu>
To: Oregon Commentator
Subject: Stats request
Sent: 2013/03/06 08:08

Hi Matthew,
Attached are the stats you requested. I was working on getting the data into a better format for you but it was taking too long.
Please let me know if you have any questions.

-
Monica Hildebrand
Criminal Intelligence Analyst and Law Enforcement Planner
University of Oregon Police Department

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Rouse
Sent: 03/06/2013 4:12 PM
To: Monica Hildebrand
Subject: Re: Stats request

Hey Monica.
So I have started incorporating the data into GIS. I couldn't help but notice your title and wanted to know if you would be available sometime so that we could talk about crime on campus and crime analysis.

-
Joe

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Stats request
Date: 2013/03/07 12:11
From: Kelly McIver <kmciver@uoregon.edu>
To: Joseph Rouse <rouse@uoregon.edu>
Cc: Monica Hildebrand <monicah@uoregon.edu>

Hey Joe,

Monica shared your request with me, and asked if I could help. She's a great analyst and Clery Act coordinator, but **interviews and the like aren't really her cup of tea, and I try to never force staff members into situations that they aren't comfortable with and aren't part of their regular work.**

-
Kelly McIver
Communications Director & Public Information Officer
University of Oregon Police Department

The OC responds:

One would think that everyone should have access to public records. The Clery Act of 1996 (named after Jeanne Clery a freshmen who was raped and murdered in her residence hall in 1986) was enacted to hold schools accountable and force them to release crime data and publically announce crimes on or near campus.

The Oregon Commentator has requested and is in the process of conducting analysis of campus crime statistics dating back to 2010. Getting the data from our campus Clery Act Coordinator was not hard (as long as we were persistent). But when interest was expressed in learning what a campus "Criminal Intelligence Analyst and Law Enforcement Planner" does our correspondence was quickly diverted to someone with public relations experience.

We are very interested in what a "Criminal Intelligence Analyst and Law Enforcement Planner" does and what conclusions may have been made regarding crime on and around campus. The trick to a strong democracy that people have faith in is oversight, and because there is none for the UOPD you can bet your ass that we will take this upon ourselves.

We're looking for a few good assholes.

Do you think your friends' political opinions are stupid?

Do you recognize that the world has always been a shitty place and will continue to be?

Are you a responsible gun-owner that believes in individual civil liberties?

Do you want to educate students about how their tuition is spent?

Join the Oregon Commentator!

(editor@oregoncommentator.com)

Oregon Commentator Does Not Promote Rape Culture

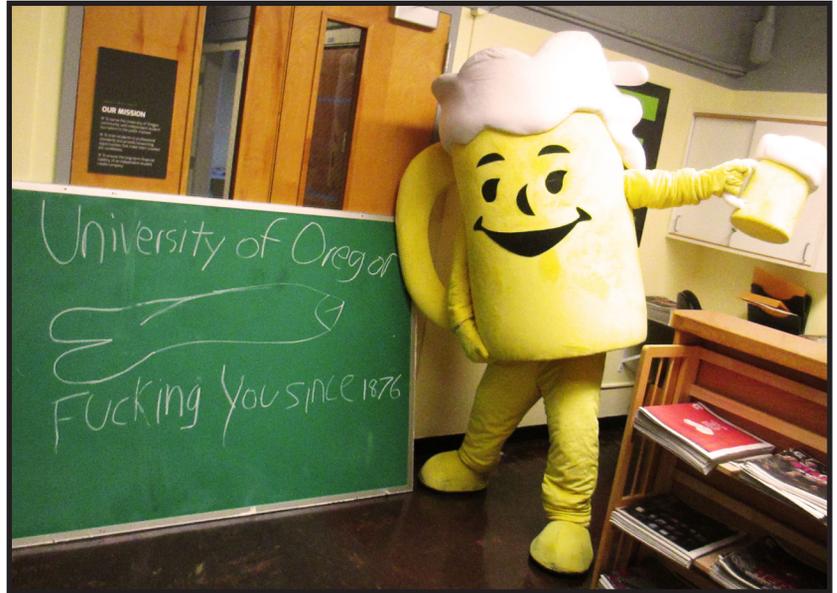
The Women's Center has waged a never-ending vendetta against the *Oregon Commentator* for at least twenty years. According to popular belief, we perpetuate "rape culture" and hate women. Their student staff vandalizes our magazine stands. We understand that part of their socialization process, like the *Student Insurgent*, involves learning to hate us, but their indiscriminate hatred towards our organization is misguided.

Listen to us when we say that there are many groups that perpetuate an unhealthy attitude towards women, but we do no such thing. The newly rebranded *Emerald Media Group* is guilty of promoting rape culture and fostering an unhealthy climate for both sexes. Every time I force myself to pick up an *Emerald* paper or read their blogs I am saddened by the assumptions made by their writing staff.

The article written by Caitlin Feldman "Best place to meet a hottie - The Student Recreation center is the new dating scene on campus" seems to promote the idea that women should go to the gym if they want to find a sex partner. Not only is this not true but it might plant the false idea in some dimwitted students that the gym is the perfect place to begin a romantic entanglement. Obviously Caitlin is going to the Student Recreation Center to work out because she wants to look good naked, and as a man I encourage her in the endeavor to be a fitter piece of meat. But her dribble of an article, like much of the advertising industry, promotes an unhealthy perception of men and women.

Many writers in the *Emerald* feel their opinions carry authoritative weight. For some reason, a girl in her early twenties finds it her place to be the authoritative figure on sex and relationships. That's fine—assuming that she is a sex goddess of unmatched wisdom. Am I a chauvinistic pig for not assuming so?

The *Oregon Commentator* has since its inception stood for civil liberties and equality for all Americans,



regardless of gender, race, or creed. In our most recent years, our writers have waged an unrelenting campaign against the Greek system, warning that women need to be vigilant and able to walk on their own two feet when at a party surrounded by self-entitled spoiled shits.

So, shame on you Women's Center for singling out the *Oregon Commentator*. Our individual writers have their own opinions and do not represent the *Commentator* as a whole. That being said, no voice is more important or more legitimate than anyone else's. We at the *Commentator* recognize that there are two sexes but multiple genders and we love all of them. Focus your time and labor on something more productive like creating a patrol that goes through high-density student areas to make sure everything is normal. Spend more time campaigning for victims of sexual assault to safely press charges against the perpetrators. The enemy is a loss of control, so help create an environment where that is lessened.



Joseph Rouse is the Publisher at the **OREGON COMMENTATOR** and has a bitch tied up in his truck right now.

MARCH MADNESS

The madness is almost upon us and no, I am not talking about the ASUO election. I am talking about the holy basketball crusade for the national championship that March madness is. March madness is one of the biggest events for the NCAA and it is the time when they show off their organization. However, in the shadow of the mighty NCAA there has been trouble slowly growing for a few years now that has the capability to transform the collegiate athletic landscape as we know it.

In late January a district court judge rejected a motion to dismiss made by the NCAA regarding a lawsuit against them created by a group of former college athletes. This group is headed by former pac-12 basketball legend Ed O'Bannon. He and his group are suing the NCAA over the use of their resemblance and names without compensation, years after they all left college. While that might seem like a pretty minor lawsuit it has earthshaking potential. The next step in the lawsuit is a classification hearing in June so there is still quite some way to go. But if the case goes to trial and if the NCAA loses, this case could become a predicate for future cases regarding compensation. But not just for late compensation but for overall compensation.

This opens the floodgates for every single student athlete to demand payment for all revenue the NCAA generates because of them. Just imagine if all former college stars demanded back pay. And why shouldn't they? The NCAA is projected to make almost 800 million dollars in the 2012-2013 fiscal year and that figure is the net revenue aka pure profit. Now, the NCAA is a "non-profit" organization along with the Red Cross and Amnesty International except the good ol' NCAA actually makes a profit. The NCAA claims that the profit goes right back to the schools but

tracking that money is like trying to find a genuinely nice frat-bro. Therefore, at face value it seems very reasonable that the athletes should get a slice of the 800 million dollar cake that NCAA has.

However, many argue that the athletes are getting compensation by getting a free college education, which is modern day sharecropping. These athletes make the universities millions and they get something worth \$50,000 or so; that doesn't exactly seem fair, does it?

But that is just the tip of the giant rotten shithole. The NCAA is very careful to protect their holy ideal: the student athlete. They want everyone to think that these young adults are students first and athletes second. But in reality they are here to make the colleges and the NCAA money. In 2012 the pac-12 schools spent an average of \$102,121 per football player as opposed to roughly \$14,000 per regular student. However, that's nothing compared to the SEC schools who on average spend more than 12 times as much on a football player compared to a regular student. How can a place that is supposedly a place of academic learning not put the student first? The reason is money. The athletes make the schools fucktons of money so the Universities and the NCAA don't want that to stop. They want to continue to trick these athletes by making millions yet "paying" them dimes on the dollar. So I hope the Ed O'Bannon lawsuit goes through and the athletes are getting paid for what they do. Let the puss filled NCAA behemoth be brought to its knees and torch it. Let it burn I say. Go ducks.



*Martin Hallström is the sports correspondent at the **OREGON COMMENTATOR** and saved our fuckin' asses this issue.*

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Once Upon A Public Record

As a student at the University of Oregon, you have no voice. Your voice is that of the University of Oregon and vice versa. The Administration and the ASUO make decisions for you then do all they can to keep those decisions off the record.

Public records requests are eligible for a fee waiver if they are deemed to be in the public interest. However, Lisa Thornton revealed early March that she bases her fee waiver decisions on whether or not it is in the best interests of Eugene's citizens in her personal judgment. She is not breaking any rules--but she sure doesn't have any shame in interpreting the ambiguous Public Records Law of Oregon, much less using it to the Administration's advantage--rather than that of the public.

Back in November, a referendum was held regarding the renovation of the EMU. The so-called "educational campaign" that the ASUO embarked on, allegedly "informed" students in an "unbiased" manner, as *Emerald Media* reported it. However, the fact is that the EMU Task Force, made up of students from the ASUO Senate as well as Executive, asked the UO Administration for help with an "educational campaign". The administration then hired RBI, a marketing firm to do the job. Whether the EMU needs renovation or not is irrelevant. RBI's job was not to educate, but to "win" as shown in by the marketing material given to the EMU Task Force, advising, "what we say about our opponents".

The statement, "deviation from a solitary vision of winning will almost certainly yield the opposite outcome" depicts a "Win at all costs" attitude that should scare any freedom-loving academic.

The UO faculty's governing body meets every six months with supplementary committees making goals and carrying out certain tasks. I took interest in a Senate Transparency Committee meeting. However, in that mid-February meeting, I was unable to meet the famous Lisa Thornton. She has been escaping this aspect of her job as Public Records Officer because the STC meetings generate a "hostile work environment," as Dave Hubin, Senior Assistant to the President explained. Apparently, answering questions about transparency is simply too stressful for the Public Records Officer.

"Oregon's public records law is internally contradictory and ambiguous," Hubin stated at the meeting. This is all too true. It then became clear that the discretion to interpret is used as an advantage when he refused explain how Public Records Officers calculate fees for the preparation of Public Records: "That's lawyer-client confidentiality," Hubin said. He even agreed when one member of the Senate Transparency Committee suggested that students might assume that waived public records request fees would be paid for by the student I-Fee.

I could tell they were grasping at straws.

Strategic Assumptions

Winning

The unifying theme to this plan and all the work to follow is winning.

The process forward must be about gaining the 50% + 1 votes necessary to realize the renovation of the student union. Deviation from a solitary vision of winning will almost certainly yield the opposite outcome. This many seem obvious, but the question we must continually ask ourselves as we make campaign decisions in the coming months: how will this help us win?

**Our goal
must be
to WIN.**

The EMU Task Force and Vice President of Student Affairs Robin Holmes hired RBI and these screen shots (shown left and upper right) show their "unbiased" campaign strategy.

Key Contrasts

The following message box lays out the preliminary contrasts to consider and anticipate in the campaign.

What We Say About Ourselves

- Making EMU what it should be, a resource we will actually use
- Change to a better University
- Creating a resource for building your college life
- Improving sustainability
- Meeting PAC 12 standards
- Keeping up with rest of campus
- Creating legacy and investing in the future of campus
- Make a difference

What We Say About Opponents

- Narrow-minded
- Stuck in past
- Stubborn
- Politically active and engaged
- Out of touch, don't realize the need
- Their opinions are based in misconceptions and misinformation
- Don't care

The Public Records Office's worst nightmare is to have all fees waived. Fees act as extra bread on the table and deadbolts on the filing cabinets in Johnson Hall.

This situation snowballed as student journalists at the *Emerald* and the *Oregon Commentator* began to pay out of pocket for simple things like Athletics revenue. The homies at the *Emerald* paid a whopping \$107 for the revenue data of basketball tickets. So whether the students or Dave Hubin like it or not, student money is going toward transparency and it's expensive.

Can't Lisa Thornton and Journalism Dean Tim Gleason see that they are mutilating the idea of higher education by applying this concept of administrative burden to PR requests? The very concept of journalism, which the UO is supposed to be famous for, suffers the biggest blow yet.

Public Records Officer Lisa Thornton, no joke, actually Googles a requester's name before addressing any matter. This is so that she can decide for herself "what the requester is up to" and how he or she intends to use the information. Is this what she is being paid for? Does this factor into a request's fees?

Most recently, certain faculty members have fought tooth and nail demanding that Gottfredson, Vice

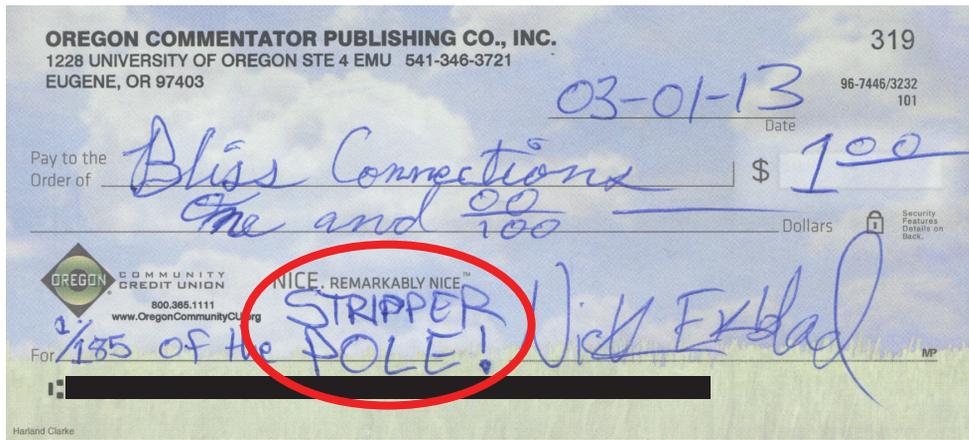
President for Student Affairs, the Registrar, the VP for Enrollment, the Athletic Department, and other necessary offices provide data regarding grades of students vs. student athletes (allegedly protected by FERPA without explanation) to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. When General Counselor Randy Geller refused to provide this information, Faculty Senate ruled that this information was essential to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee's oversight of the Athletic Department.

With the University of Oregon trying to brand itself as a state of the art institution, reportedly spending \$107,000 per year on the strategic communication of their *Around the O* blog, the administration would do well to stop feeding us steaming piles of their waste.

As students we pay more than \$20,000 per year to attend this university. In attending, we are charged with a certain amount of responsibility as to where that money goes. That being said, the ASUO and the Administrative faculty in Johnson Hall need to be checked and balanced. When one of those entities require extra muscle in order to get the students' support, the other will be slithering very nearby ready to help "network" and "campaign."



Nicholas Ekblad is the Editor-in-Chief at the OREGON COMMENTATOR and his attendance at the University of Oregon was funded by tax-payers.



To the ASUO and every single student:
We thank you.

The *Oregon Commentator* is going through a restructuring and rebranding process in no small part due to the ASUO. Since the magazine was founded, our staff has always yearned for a place where we could exercise our core muscle group and work on our general sex appeal. Now, our wish to install a stripper pole may soon come true all thanks to the decision to continue funding in the Stripper Pole Installation fund which began three years ago. We have changed our views on the ASUO in light of the recent decision continue funding for the installment of the stripper pole we requested 3 years ago. Just two years ago, the Program Finance Committee removed the funding for that account.

Past Commentators have called the ASUO many things: a shadow government, self-serving, even useless. William F. Buckley said, "I would rather be governed by the first three hundred names in the Boston telephone book than by the Faculty of Harvard University". While the Commentator still agrees with that statement, the ASUO deserves our gratitude.

I know, I know: it seems like a waste of time, money, and leadership to include a stripper pole in our budget. But the best part of our stripper pole fund is that it comes from our Incidental Fee. Every year disgusting budgetary decisions

are made by students who have no leadership ability. In order to increase their own self-worth they join the student government, put on their big boy/girl pants, go out and make decisions that are ethically wrong and have no lasting consequence.

The intended purpose of a student government is to make students feel like they have a voice on campus, make their voices heard by the administration, and collectively fight for student rights. The Program Finance Committee is charged with divvying up our I-fees in a responsible manner; many of them tout this creed.

And yet, our budget for 2013-2014 includes \$1 in the line item Stripper Pole Installation. This year's Program Finance Committee agreed that to serve the student body we need more sexy student bodies! One dollar per year is just enough to remain a legitimate line item until the EMU renovation is over. What are other groups spending your money on?

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Couples Counseling

by Martin Hallström and Ginger Werner

As spring rears its head, young love is everywhere. This is the season of drunk texts, of throbbing members and titillating packs of half naked party-goers. The sun will warm our faces and hearts, putting us in that general state described as “heat.”

Being the animal you are and having found your beau/man toy/ho/bitch/soul mate, you probably want to know how to maintain that fluffy cloud you’re on. You’re living the dream and want to persist with the destruction of yourself and that alleged loved one (or two or three). We’re here to tell you that it doesn’t last. However, you can save your relationship from ending completely. A proverbial comatose is the ideal state for any of your spring flings.

Promises: Start out strong, then falter.

Starting out with an enthusiastic “OH YEAH” which channels your inner Kool-Aid man will quell any issues your partner has with you. Promise to do better and make it seem like change is happening. But follow in the steps of the great Barry, slowly but surely ease of the supposed change because you don’t want your relationship to explode like it was a hit by a drone strike.

Your Sex Life: Don’t sweat it, it’s not going to be this good forever.

After a while, the only thing she is going to want to suck is the life out of you. Just savor those 90 seconds of below average satisfaction you and your partner will share (100 if you’re a firecracker!). If she says she’s too tired, draw her face on your hand (which, let’s be honest is much better) and beat it like it owes you money.

Stay Calm: Like you’re on Prozac.

Don’t waste your energy getting emotionally involved or fighting with your significant other. Paying attention to your partner is time you could have spent on Pinterest. Just go to your happy place when they are shouting at you, and remember to just to say “yes” and smile (even if you are arguing about anal sex).

Give your partner space: Just coast.

It is important that you do not overwhelm your partner. Space is vital. Sleep in different beds. Don’t see it as two separate beds; see it as one big bed. Only hang out with them if it means you’re going to get something out of it, like a free meal, or a hay-jay.

Being an actor is easy: Look at Keanu Reeves.

Pretending is your friend! Feign interest in what your loved one is saying, pretend to like their friends, and most importantly, pretend that the sight of their unshaven nether region is appealing to you. Instead of daydreaming about the other hotties you see on campus, just fantasize about people you will never be with, like Luis Guman as your sexy pool boy picking up those wet leaves, pouring the chlorine, rubbing sunscreen all over his chest...sorry where were we again? Use that imagery as fuel to keep your shipwreck afloat and remain realistic.

Imagine this guy cleaning up all your wet areas in all the right ways.



Stick with it, you’ve made it this far. You can’t win if you quit. And let’s be honest, nobody else wants to sleep with you.



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OREGON COMMENTATOR *and both enjoy*
sodomy by the pool.

The Why/How Behind the Concealed Handgun License



WHY CARRY:

In Lane County, an average of 40 people per day are turning in applications or renewal forms for their Concealed Handgun License (CHL). Damn. Only five months ago, that number was 25 per week.

This is not reason enough to arm yourself, because it is proven most people with permits such as Oregon's CHL or Utah's Concealed Firearms Permit (CFP) are not criminals and are definitely not violent. The first time I shot a .44 Magnum, a priest taught me how to load it. He was a responsible gun owner licensed by the state. He, like every other CHL holder has taken the course, paid his dues and had his fingerprints and photograph taken.

This upsurge indeed speaks to our current social state and climate. A gun-fever epidemic is emptying shelves and packing Sheriff's offices all over the state in the wake of the Aurora, Newtown and Clackamas Center shootings. It must be known that if someone really wants to hurt someone, they will do whatever it takes. Even more so if they intend to inflict mass damage. Violence is not "gun violence". Yes, there exists a gun culture in the United States. Welcome to the United States. This is America and there are guns. Violence is the problem. This is why gun control is a ridiculous idea and a pointless endeavor.

A competently armed citizenry is a safe citizenry. This is straight from all the mouths of rational police

officers out there. UO Police Chief McDermid told me at one of her arming forums, "[Police] don't worry about CHL holders because they're the good guys." In Wisconsin, Milwaukee Sheriff David Clarke told it like it is in his recent radio ad: "Consider taking a certified safety course in handling a firearm so you can defend yourself until we get there."

It should be known that a police officer is not responsible for the safety of your life. They have No Duty To Protect. Look it up. You are responsible for the safety of yourself and loved ones. This is not a new concept: before the mid-1800s, American and British citizens-- in cities small and large-- were expected to protect themselves and each other. In fact, they were legally required to pursue and attempt to apprehend criminals. The idea of a police force back then was repugnant in England and the United States.

Today the need to protect yourself is more apparent than ever. With the unsustainable growth of our population persisting and with thousands of calls to police stations across America being dropped and unanswered every day, one can hardly argue against gaining competency and possessing firearms.

***DISCLAIMER:** Oregon is an open-carry state. Only apply for your CHL if you aren't partial to long-barrel, shit-in-my-pants hand cannons.

HOW TO APPLY:

The LCSO's website states as a prerequisite that a CHL applicant must demonstrate firearms "competency". This is a myth. Certification accepted by LCSO is a \$10 safety course that you take online at or-chl.com. People that grew up around guns may take this more economic route.

However, we at the *Oregon Commentator* recommend that anyone looking to conceal-carry their handgun undergo basic if not comprehensive firearms training. This is never wasted, even on experienced marksmen as a tedious refresher. On top of that, you should shoot your carry weapon regularly, at least once a month. Once you've decided it's time to arm yourself, obtain the application online or in the Sheriff's Office. Complete it and bring it back to them with the following:

- \$65 in cash or check payable to "LCSO"
- Certification of "competency"
- Your U.S. Birth Certificate or U.S. Passport
- Another piece of official photo identification (e.g. Driver's License)
- Proof of Lane County address (if filing with LCSO)
- If a military veteran, bring proof of your discharge status.

As stated above, the Lane County Sheriff's Office has its hands full. People line up outside at 7:00 in the morning. The doors open at 7:30. At 8:00 fifteen people have already grabbed numbers and left; now there is a new group of people lined up. So here's what you need to do that the Lane County Sheriff's Office doesn't tell you.

- Ride your bike to the office to avoid paying for parking.
- Pack a bag for one-day trip.
- Bring lunch or money for the cafe downstairs.
- Bring \$10 to buy an extra fingerprint card (this will be sent in your Utah application, the CC permit accepted in lots of other states).
- You'll want homework or reading material-- *High Times* is probably not acceptable (reading the *Commentator* awards you brownie points with other applicants).

After grabbing a number, go out to breakfast. If you weren't first in line then you have loads of time. LCSO starts processing applications at 8:00am on the dot. Guard your ticket with your life. Ration your food and coffee. Try not to jump out of your skin in excitement when the surprisingly cheery staff opens the door. Stay focused; you are nowhere near complete.

After the clerks process your documents and paperwork, they will send you into the next room to have your picture and fingerprints taken by a certified "fingerprint technician". Unless you dabble in jewel thievery you have little reason to fret over this. The procedure is quick and painless, but feels weird when the guy takes each of your fingers in his rubber-coated hand and rolls them gently on the scanning surface. Note: you will be denied a CHL if you have burned or sliced your fingerprints off.

Now wait 40 miserably uncertain, paranoid days until your CHL comes in the mail. Then that day finally comes, permitting you to carry your handgun wherever you go for four whole years.

WHAT ABOUT OUT-OF-STATERS?

Oregon law allows Sheriffs to issue CHLs to residents of adjoining states (WA, ID, NV and CA). Some county sheriffs refuse to process out-of-state applications while others treat them like Oregon resident applications. Fortunately, non-residents can apply to the county sheriff of their choice.

Stay strapped and stay safe, Oregon!



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Another Perspective

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According to the national weather service you have one in a million risk of getting hit by lightning. Dying in a plane crash is even more unlikely; if you took one round trip flight every day for 30 years you would still have less than a 1% risk of dying in a crash. On the other hand the odds of dying from gun violence in the US is one in three hundred which is only topped by heart disease, strokes, cancer, drug related deaths, falls and vehicle accidents.

Simply put it, gun violence is one of the leading causes of death in the United States that makes me wonder about putting guns on campus. Now I do not doubt the capability or the training of the police officers here at U of O but why would more guns equals less gun violence or lower chance of gun violence? Imagine if knife violence was a huge problem on campus and someone suggests that we would hand out free knives so everyone would have one. Now most people would think such an idea would be the very definition of absurd but if we now switch the knife problem to a gun problem the proposed solution seems totally legitimate somehow.



But I understand the allure, guns are similar to cars, they are shiny, sleek, loud and powerful. I am extremely fascinated by guns and how they work but truth be told is that guns scare me. They scare me because they give a false sense of security. They give scared people a feeling of power and entitlement. They appeal to the inner delusion of grandeur in some of us; that if we had a gun we could stop bad things from happening. We could be John McClane, saving the day, shooting bad guys "yippee ki yay motherfucker" if we just were at the right place at the right time.

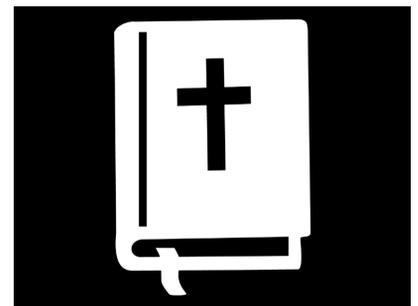
To me, the idea of having more guns in my everyday doesn't make me feel safe; it does the exact opposite. Furthermore, giving guns to the campus police is like putting a band aid on a gunshot wound; it is an easy solution that doesn't help shit. The complicated issue of violent crime will never be solved by employing more guns. Giving guns to the UO police or allowing Concealed Handgun Licensees to carry on campus will not create actual safety; it will just increase the chance of someone getting shot.



“Atheist Cop sues after being demoted to car washer for refusing to pray.”

Yes San Juan, Puerto Rico seems as foreign a place as Trinidad & Tobago and it is sometimes easy to forget that it is an American territory and is subject to U.S. jurisdiction and sovereignty. Puerto Rico for all intents and purposes is a state within the United States, however it is not allowed to vote the same way we are.

Nonetheless our founding fathers envisioned a secular state not driven by the ancient beliefs and hatreds that had torn Europe apart (such as the Thirty Years War and the English Reformation) but ruled through informed discourse, voting, rationality and intelligence. Demoting a cop because he refused to pray is a serious blow to democracy.



“Former Newark Airport TSA screener says the job does little to keep fliers safe.”

We all know that the Transport Security Administration (subdivision of Department of Homeland Security) is a vile organization created to appease voting suburbanites thumping their chest demanding an illusion of safety. If you were not aware a fake bomb was easily snuck past TSA screeners and that the TSA currently has an ex-catholic priest working in its ranks that was never convicted though 100% guilty of molesting children (his name is Thomas Harkins).

Thomas Harkins regularly patted down children and adults alike and in 2004 was promoted to a supervising role. For a TSA screener, the writer of this article was very articulate. The fact that he started with the statement, “A lot of what we do is make-believe” means you should always be vigilant regarding authority figures. The TSA is a blow to democracy and the sooner it is disbanded and replaced with a plan not based on post 9/11 fear the better off we will be.

ON SURVIVAL

“If you plan on taking an adventure this spring break you would be wise to leave with a concrete plan. Let me offer you the ideal checklist to get you through this weeklong adventure: Checklist (other than this one) of things to do on your destination, toiletries, a backpack, extra shoes, cash on hand, phone charger.”

-Kyle Shneider of Emerald Media listing “Road Trip Must Haves” in their Spring Break Guide March 7th. At least we are agreed that another checklist is required in addition to the pile of shit a sorority girl throws into her car before driving to Shasta. How about a road map, compass, and first-aid kit? How about sunblock or a flash light? I hope students don’t look to their campus newspaper to remember their basic toiletries.



ON PHYSICS

“Students are people who pay taxes, breathe air, drink water, vote, etc., and as such experience the results of our victories in their daily lives”.

-Lisa Nikodem as quoted in the Emerald on February 25th, referring to the victories of OSPIRG’s professional advocate who works and lives in Salem. Ummm...

ON JUSTICE



“For the participants in the action (many of whom had never attended a protest before), this led to the realization that power is not something wielded solely by corporations or robber barons, but by a community coming together to fight for what is right.”

-Jeremy Hedlund of the Student Insurgent attempting to define power. However, the Student Insurgent should be more than aware from Comrade Mao’s experiences that “political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.”



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