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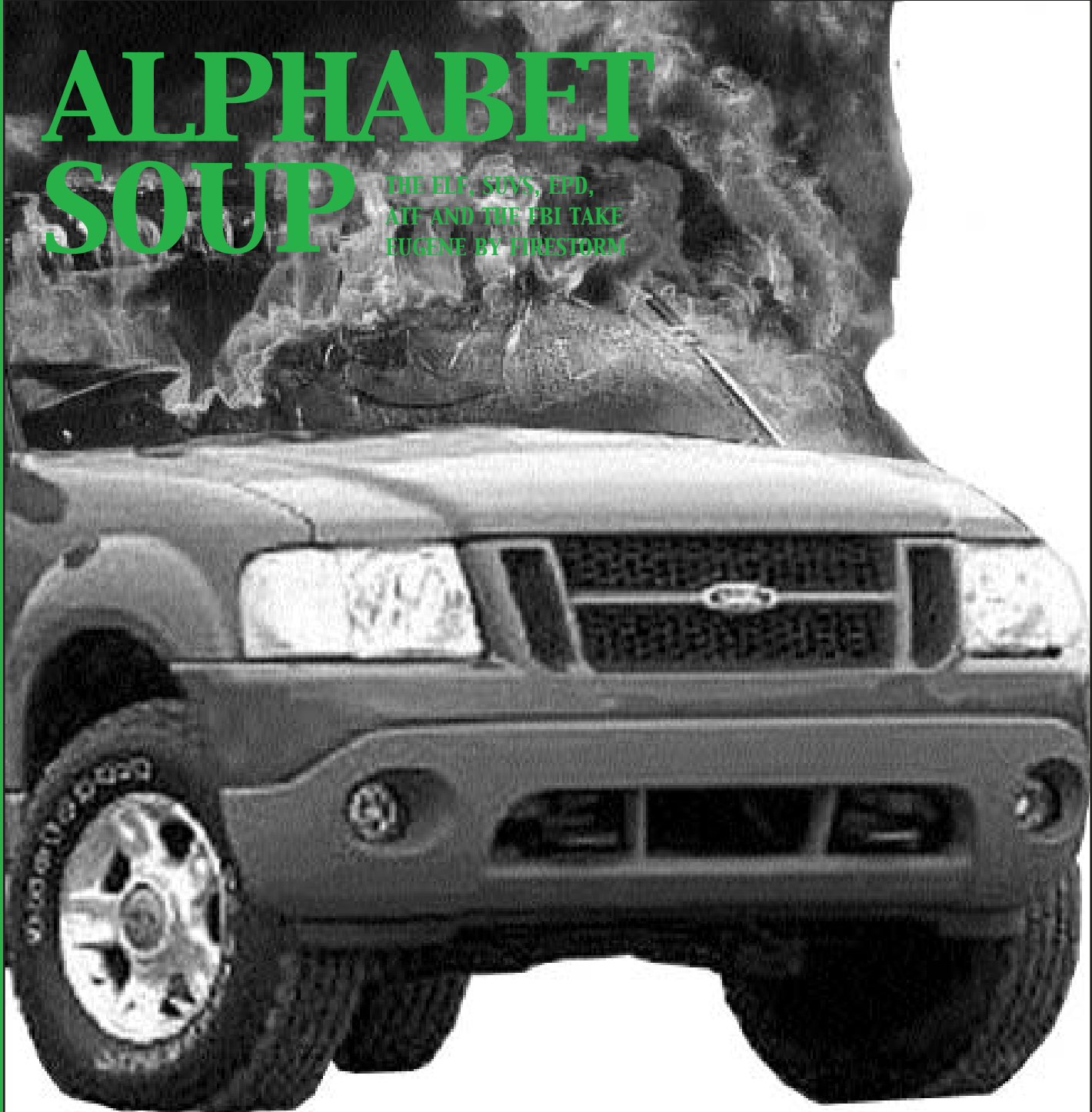
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- We believe that it is important for the University community to view the world realistically, intelligently and, above all, rationally.
- We believe that any attempt to establish utopia is bound to meet with failure and, more often than not, disaster.
- 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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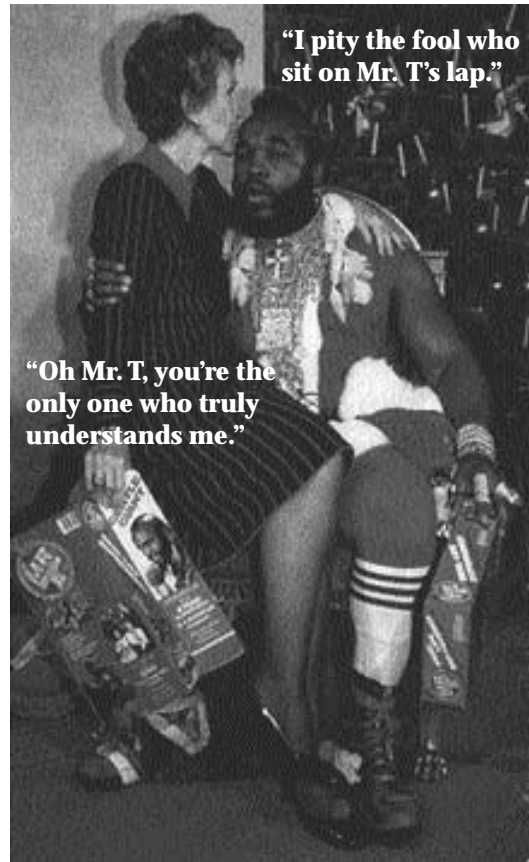
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# All Apologies

Got beef? No problem. The COMMENTATOR responds to reader concerns.

Recent rants in the letter pages of the *Emerald* have convinced us that we are certainly guilty of some elitist behaviour. Here at the Commentator we feel terrible about our past behavior and, under new management, have arrived at a list of apologies for past transgressions. The COMMENTATOR regrets the error.

We apologize for:

## The ASUO Elections

The process by which we choose two students with too much ego and not enough intelligence has once again wrought unspeakable horrors, and as usual the true victims are the students. We take full responsibility for the part we played in that whole ordeal, including putting up several candidates from our own ranks, publicly endorsing a losing candidate and dignifying the whole process with a drop of ink. The ASUO has a multi-million dollar budget, directly affects the life of every student on campus through the massive taxation of the student incidental fee and is a perennial tribute to modern liberal anti-logic, and we had some part in trying to change that. Apparently the saying is true: the best laid plans won't always get you laid the way you planned.

## The Firing of Jody Runge

Sure, some say that the women's basketball coach brought about her own dismissal from the University through a pattern of treating her players like Iditerod wolf hounds and generally behaving like a petulant eight-year-old. But we don't accept that premise on its face. Here at the COMMENTATOR we believe that the coach of a Title IX program should remember where her bread is buttered, but at the same time we feel just awful for never having attended a women's game in protest of her slave-driver style. Oh, wait. We ignored the women's game because it's just not interesting. Our bad.

## Rape Culture

We apologize for the entirety of rape culture, as it's commonly defined in that politically-correct nebulous that reigns supreme around these parts. The Ol' Dirty has spent quite a bit of time

recently on the subject and we thought we would accept culpability for our role. We still watch dirty movies (see "Forgotten Pornos" April 16. By Pete Hunt), listen to Eminem lyrics, enjoy our classic Andrew Dice Clay tapes and we have a deep and abiding love for supposedly misogynistic Gangsta Rap. Sometimes we like to look at pretty girls, which, according to liberals, plays a large part in rape culture. While there is no way in hell the COMMENTATOR would ever publicly or privately condone anything but consensual sex, some behaviors we engage in, such as breathing, thinking, laughing, coughing and speaking have some part in rape culture.

## The China Crisis and Downed U.S. Plane

We fly a little too close to the sun with our humor, and apparently we help Chinese pilots fly a little too close to American spy planes. But that's not what we're truly sorry for. We're sorry for encouraging spying on your Commie-ass country, Mr. Mao. We thought we'd keep an eye on your American-designed rocket technology and massive army movements. Yeah, it's in our nation's strategic interests, but it took formal "regrets" from Colin Powell and George W. Bush to get the crew back so we thought we'd see if formal apologies, combined with a massive trade deficit, could retrieve the plane and a heapin' helpin' of chicken chown mein. A bit too much nationalism on the part of that ever-growing population known as "the people" had quite a bit to do with our anger on the issue, but then again we take full responsibility.

## Register-Guard Labor Problems

Slave labor. Atrocious working conditions. No unearned benefits. These are some of the values we hold dear. There's always room for reasonable people to disagree, but we think that when an employee accepts a job there's a reasonable assumption that they'll complete that task without bitching and moaning in true self-indulgent Taft-Hartley style. The Bakers, namesake of Alton Baker Park and owners of the Red Guard, have been good members of this community and probably deserve better than they've received through this labor dispute. We're sorry we don't have the dictatorial powers to resolve this issue and move onto



more important issues, like whether or not Godzilla could still destroy Mothra. It's three-to-two and pick 'em.

### **NYPD, LAPD, Cincinnati PD**

Some of the **COMMENTATOR**'s staff members are white males. Therefore we share in the angst over the racial strife brought about by the violence of the police forces of America. We think there's no good reason to blame a minority's death on random circumstance when it's so easy to blame on some poor sap who's committed their entire life to the betterment of public safety. That's a ridiculous notion, anyway, to believe in public service and the ability to simultaneously defend one's self on the serene urban streets of America is possible. And, riots are too cool for school.

### **California Power Crisis**

The **COMMENTATOR** with its massive political machinery, overstepped its bounds this time and provoked a capitalist action after decades upon decades of quasi-socialist political movements put into place infrastructural barriers to free market effectiveness in the energy market. So we're sorry if an attempt at capitalism, after a scarring bastardization by leftist legislative maneuvers, didn't work as perfectly as everyone would have preferred and surprisingly led to rampant media claims that once again those wacky ideas known as "market forces" just didn't hold true.

### **The Portland Trail Blazers**

For long suffering Blazer fans, the season truly started on a bad note. Brian Grant, the perennial fan favorite "Rasta Monsta," was traded for Shawn Kemp, the perennially overweight "Pasta Monsta." As of press time, Shawn was the father of more children than Brigham Young and Joseph Smith combined. Many thought the Kemp trade marked an all time low in Blaze history, but somehow Shawn and company found up a shovel and started to dig. Rasheed Wallace managed to get fouled every time he set foot on the court, or so he seemed to think. Even when Rasheed couldn't find the bucket, he could find a ref to bitch at, setting a new league record for technical fouls. Pippen, poised to be team leader last year, was non-existent during the regular season. Perhaps his heart was in Washington, praying for a Jordan comeback. Steve Smith, Horace Grant, Arvydas Sabonis and the rest of the gang at least managed to suck consistently. The only bright spot of the season was Bonzi Wells, who managed to rise above the bickering of his cohorts and shoot an incredible 53% from the field. As Blazer luck would have it, he went out with an injury just before the playoffs, ruining any chance for a real run against the Lakers. Oh well, there's always next year, assuming Jordan ditched the Wizards and heads to the City of Roses. Where does the **COMMENTATOR** enter into all of this? Well... somebody had to provide those eight-balls of coke to Kemp, right?



## **Apology Addendum**

### *We're Also Sorry For:*

- The modern welfare state
- Oregon's terrible weather
- *Dude, Where's My Car?*
- Woody Harrelson's 4-20 campus appearance
- Mayor Jim Torrey's excessive obesity
- Bruce Miller's existence
- *Oregon Daily Emerald's* Editor-In-Chief-to-be Jessica Blanchard's lazy eye and salty personality.
- No Limit Records
- That twenty bag we shorted you on
- The Wow Hall and bands we've never heard of, or want to, for that matter
- Princess Di. Who knew there was so much in a name?
- Our unhealthy desire for Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen
- That terrible rash we gave you. Honest, we thought we were clean, but one too many nights at Rennie's and look at the fallout.
- Actually, we take that back. Our desire is very healthy.
- The Minus World in the original Mario Brothers Nintendo game. Don't know what we mean? Step off.
- Woody Harrelson's 4/20 campus appearance
- Bill O'Reilly
- *The Mummy Returns*
- Freddie Prinze Jr.'s entire career
- *George* magazine
- *The Steven Weber Show*
- OSPIRG
- Chuck Hunt
- Jeff Oliver
- Hannity and Colmes
- Tim Russert
- Axl Rose, post-1990
- Media Ethics
- John Stockton
- *Temptation Island*
- and... Mason West

## Letters... We've got Letters...

Dear Raechel Simms,

We here at KWVA would like to thank you for your unadulterated banter on the essence of KWVA in the April 16 issue of the **OREGON COMMENTATOR**. You have single-handedly increased our underwriting sponsorship and upped our listener base. Most importantly, you have reassured those of us who dedicate time and effort to broadcasting under-represented music that we are doing an outstanding job and living up to our mission statement. If you would like to bless the airwaves of Lane County with your selections of Weezer and Sublime, applications can be dropped off at the Crisis Counseling Center. Thank you and good luck with your journalistic career.

Music Director, KWVA

*Oh, c'mon KWVA, those Arbitron ratings haven't come out recently, and getting more Goth kids to listen to you doesn't really count as "upping the listener base." Besides, you missed the point completely - no one said that ALL the music you play sucks.*

Dear Vin-Vin:

The nomenclature by which I am addressed is Michael J. Kleckner... I am, needless to remark upon, struck by an enormous sense of pride and self-importance... I am having to physically restrain myself at this point to keep from erupting into spasmodic seizures of a paroxysmal nature; however, the urgency of my mission and the sanctity of the standards and public credibility of the hallowed muse impel me to continue unabated... Vin-Vin says that I... am "totally untrained, mostly unformed and completely egotistical"... I possess, in fact, both traits... This is not to suggest that I am capable, qualified or adept at the tasks... I do, in fact, know how to get quite jiggy with the common people, and I enjoy doing so on a semi-regular basis... Even the drooling morons in Average Land have some semblance of human dignity and I always willing to grace them with a wink or kind word... I would think my columns and editorials would have illustrated this proclivity by now... May goD (sic) have mercy on us all for your destructive misstep...  
Outrage!

-Michael J. Kleckner

Editorial Director

*Oregon Daily Emerald*

*Our apologies to Mr. Kleckner, as his letter was accidentally put through the paper shredder before it went to print. After several hours of carefully rearranging the text, we came to the conclusion that no matter the order of the words, the message remains equally absurd. Logically, one wonders if Michael's columns are actually written in some sort of cryptic code that can only be*

*understood by translating the text to binary code and sniffing a line of glue. Regardless, thank you for the kind words, Mr. Kleckner.*

### **COMMENTATOR** Slipping

I have been an avid reader of the best campus publication, the **OREGON COMMENTATOR**, for a year and a half now. However, lately it seems the quality has fallen off a bit. Here are some complaints:

1) Delivery has always been erratic. During an eight-week span in spring last year there was no new **OC**. Sometimes two come out in a week. Usually there is no rhythm at all. These peaks and valleys have driven many readers to deepened alcohol dependence and bouts of morbid depression.

2) The [sic]s and "umms" and "long pauses" recorded mockingly in even sympathetic letters and unpopular interview subjects are just as unprofessional as missing deadlines for a finished product and distribution. When on the opposite page from Willie Thompson's interview runs an animal research professor's interview clear of any speaking irregularities, your bias is shown in a petty way. Are we to believe that Dr. Morrocco never once said "umm," clarified himself, paused, farted or coughed during the entire interview?

3) Lately the lack of substantive material in the **OC** is alarming. The last several issues have included more of an emphasis on drunken revelry, ridiculing, and silliness rather than relevant campus and conservative issues, upsetting the balance between the two that has meant success for the **OC**. By the way, the Knob interview? Priceless. The undergraduate class reviews? Neither funny nor informative.

4) Lack of visibility is a result of lack of substance and reliable distribution. In one and a half years, I have seen exactly three people on campus reading the **OC**, while countless thousands continue reading the trite dribblings of the **ODE** that will eventually give them syphilis. Promote yourselves. More on this in the solutions section.

5) Most issues have already been fought and resolved badly before the **COMMENTATOR** hits the stands, leaving no chance for student community leadership on the part of the publication. If you want to say, "hey, here is what I think," and then do nothing more, consider writing for the Harvest instead.

Here we go with my solutions to the problems, if indeed this is how your staff and currently invisible readership view them.

1) Meet your deadlines! State when and at what intervals the issue will hit the stands. Have more stands. Put flyers on the front of the stands telling when the next issue will be there and what pressing issue it will address, if there are any. Longer issues wouldn't hurt; I'm done with it in about twenty minutes. I'm sorry to be an armchair publisher and take all the fun out of spending your budget on cheap whisky, but while this has never been a problem before, the quality of the overall publication is suffering.

2) Just fix the errors in a letter, unless the point is to expose

shocking grammar. Use the content of letters and interviews as content for writing them off, not the pauses of a nervous pinko jackass (Thompson). You inhibit even sympathetic letter writing, and more importantly prospective columnists or other help, by making fun of anything you can find about anyone. While this is the kind of shit that splits leftist groups, it is not supposed to faze rational conservative alcoholics, who enjoy chillin' and Reagan.

3) Balance the funny shit in; usually it rocks. However, when it becomes the entire issue your main duty, as a conservative journal of opinion, is unfulfilled. Keep the good pieces on the OPS, ASUO, OLCC, OSPIRG, and all the other stupid acronym programs coming, and keep them balanced with pieces about where in Eugene can be found the cleanest prostitutes, cheapest booze, and most idiotic hippies.

4) Promoting. Make some snazzy T-shirts with built in beer-gut paunch areas and slogans. To appeal to Greeks, try incorporating this into an existing alcoholic product label graphic; they're suckers...for that, too. Dumping your back issues all over campus was a great move. Now use that extra acre of office space for columnists to be recruited more actively. In sum, make the **OC** a relevant, highly visible campus publication.

5) Try to assume more of a leadership role in shaping campus fights against the PC rabble, ASUO and executive, OSPIRG, etc. The OPS issue was the best example of this yet, though it could have contained more funny shit.

I am done now. Thanks for reading, and if a fragment appears in your next issue and ridiculed, I would like to say, "fuck you" in advance. Also, as an avid and concerned reader I am here to help and if spending your money, drinking your beer, and taking your women can be called consulting, I would be a willing consultant. How can we help keep this the best publication around?

Ben Cox, sophomore

*First, we generally do meet our deadlines. The COMMENTATOR tries to put out four issues a term, which translates to a new issue every two weeks or so. Sometimes we'll push an issue back if something big breaks, which is exactly why it took so long for our DPS issue to come out. Still, we try our darndest to be consistent.*

*Secondly, we include the errors in Question and Answer interviews because some people really are jack asses who could not put together a coherent sentence with crazy-glue and an instruction manual. We have tapes, someplace, to prove this. The [sic]s in the letters occur because we are not the copy editors for every half-baked loon that writes to us. If people who send us letters don't want the errors published, they can edit for themselves. It is not our job to make sure people don't make themselves look like morons...quite frankly, we enjoy the embarrassment and pain people often put themselves through.*

*Thirdly, the OC does not lack for substance. The Humor issue was just that, humor. The DPS issue was almost completely news, as was the ALF issue. Recently, there have been articles*

*about the Chinese Student Scholar Association and DPS. We've got news; you just have to read the magazine to get to it. Suggesting that we balance the "funny shit" seems like a valid observation, but you also said that the DPS issue "could've had more funny shit." So, which is it, you silly hypocritical fuck? We do news and you either don't read it or think it needs to be funnier...so we try to be funny and you think we need to do more news.*

*Fourthly, we have a limited budget. Every last dollar of the minimal budget that we get every year goes to publishing the magazine. We don't have the left-over cash to make catchy promos for the TV generation. Ask the PFC for our purchase orders and you'll see what we mean. None of the staff gets a stipend, we don't buy anything we don't need. If we were OSPIRG or some other hippie-run organization we might be able to misappropriate the funds to do a little advertising or buy some more boxes.*

*Fifthly, you're a self-righteous little nancy-boy. You heard what we said. Your entire letter is one big holier-than-thou critique of something you are either too dense or too lazy to understand. Your hypocrisy is amazing. In one part of your letter you suggest that we use the content of letters to rip them apart, but at the end you give us a preemptive "fuck you" in case we rip your letter apart. For Christ's sake, could your head be any farther up your ass? Your so-called "suggestions" are things we've already considered or, in the case of copy editing letters, go against our mission. Thanks for taking a break from pleasuring yourself to write to us, but if you don't like the magazine, don't fucking read it.*

*Finally, our words may seem cold and soulless, but this is the COMMENTATOR after all. What were you expecting, a warm happy thank-you for pointing out all of our flaws? Not bloody likely, amigo. Given your interest in the affairs of the magazine, why don't take your own advice and show up at one of our staff meetings? You sound like our kind of asshole.*

—Ed.

**Just begging to have your beautiful prose ripped apart by drunken, lecherous magazine types?**

**Send your letters to us...**



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# Cultural Curiosity

BY TIM DREIER

**What constitutes an EMU or ASUO program? The 'Clark Conversations' seek to find out**

**F**unding of campus programs is always a tenuous issue. How our incidental fees are spent, by whom and for what purpose are questions that every student wants answered. The Clark Document is the primary piece of policy in determining how student incidental fees are allocated. The Clark Document, however, is sometimes open to interpretation. Currently, a panel comprised of staff members Dusty Miller, Gregg Lobisser, Anne Leavitt, and Dave Hubin, ASUO President Jay Breslow, ASUO Senate President Peter Watts, ASUO Senate Member Andrew Eliot, PFC Chair Mary Elizabeth Madden, EMU Board Chair Christa Shively. The talks, being called "Clark Conversations," center on defining the difference between ASUO and EMU programs in order to make a recommendation to University President Dave Frohnmeyer as to which programs should go through the EMU for funding and which should go through the PFC and ASUO.

The programs that will be affected by the outcome of the Clark Conversations include the Craft Center, Outdoor Program, the Cultural Forum and the Students Activities Resource Office (SARO). The panel was assembled as the result of an addendum to the Senate budget that would have had the Cultural Forum and SARO budget heard through the PFC instead of the EMU board.

The primary issue for the Cultural Forum and the other programs that will be affected by the Clark Conversations is their funding. Currently, the Cultural Forum is funded through the EMU. What this means is that the Cultural Forum submits its budget to the EMU budget committee which then makes a recommendation to the EMU Board. The EMU board then decides upon the entire EMU budget which is then sent to the ASUO Senate. The Senate then makes a decision on the EMU budget, the PFC budget and the Athletic Department Finance Committee budget. The budget is then sent to the ASUO Executive who forwards it to President Frohnmeyer. This hierarchy is the way in which all EMU programs get their funding.

This process is not all that different from the process that PFC programs go through, however a budget surplus in an EMU program is handled in a slightly different manner than a budget surplus from a PFC program. If a PFC program does not use all of its budget, the surplus is put into the ASUO over-realized fund, the monies from this fund are then distributed to other campus groups via proposals to the Senate or are carried over to the next year. However, if an EMU program has a budget surplus that money can be used to balance the entire EMU budget. According to the Director of Student Activities, Gregg Lobisser, "The EMU, first and foremost, has an obligation as a major unit

on campus to balance its budget." This means that a surplus from the Cultural Forum or other program could be used to off set a loss in an area like The Buzz. Lobisser also said that the goal in the EMU was not to touch programming monies in Student Activities Programs like the Cultural forum "Although, we leave open the opportunity to touch budgets if the overall unit is in deficit."

Being a part of the EMU, the Cultural Forum runs the risk of having any budget surplus used to balance the EMU budget. The Cultural Forum, however, has an opportunity fund. This fund, according to Linda Dievendorf of the Cultural Forum, consists of surplus fund-raising dollars. "We don't put incidental fee money in there, but we put fund-raise dollars in there," Dievendorf said. Also according to Dievendorf, surplus money that has not gone into the opportunity fund has been used to pay of deficits in other areas of the EMU budget, "Sometimes [a surplus] goes to supplement the EMU's budget, and I know that happened two years ago. I think that year the loss was in the EMU food-service budget."

Two years ago, in the 1998-99 fiscal year, the Cultural Forum had a budget surplus of \$28,089. While most of this was placed into the Cultural Forum's opportunity fund, the rest was used to supplement the EMU budget.

One possible outcome of the Clark Conversations is an end to the Cultural Forum's budget surplus being used in this way at all. Under the PFC even salaries savings, which have traditionally been the only part of a surplus to be used for supplementing the EMU's budget, would revert to the over-realized fund. This would mean that the surplus from the Cultural Forum would be mixed back in with all of the over-realized funds and distributed to programs through Senate requests or carried over to the next year.

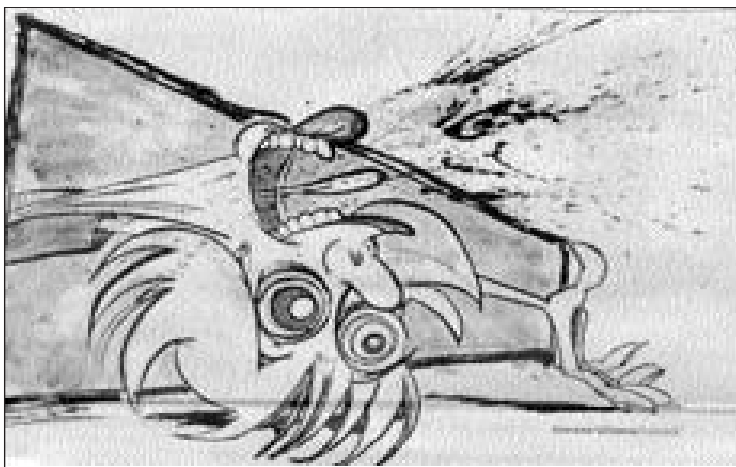
Although their funding may change, none of the programs that will be affected by the outcome of the Clark Conversations have a representative on the board. "The Student Activities staff have been encouraging, very much, to have a program person represented," said Dievendorf. However, the committee has asked for written input from the programs staff and believes this to be appropriate. "We solicited from students and staff their recommendations about what are the characteristics of what are an ASUO program and what are the characteristics of an EMU program. The conversation is at the template level...it is more about what makes these programs ASUO or EMU programs," Lobisser said.

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## **OC** Emerald Watch

The *Ol' Dirty Emerald* is back on the fuck-up pony once again. This week, the ODE has managed to have the same headline regarding the Jodi Runge incident as the Register-Guard (Runge Era Comes to An End), put the wrong year on two issues, and most frighteningly, published the drawing below by Giovanni Salimena. The drawing accompanied an editorial about "rapeculture" and the evils of women being taught to be victims. Ummm... this drawing is obviously of a woman in a position of victim-hood. Way to mix messages, guys. On top of that, the drawing looks like Jodi Runge being raped by the razor cock from Seven. And that's not an image anybody needed.



**Poll:** What was the Giovanni Salimena thinking when he drew this picture?

- 24%** If I eat another eighth of mushrooms, I'll be able to paint this whole thing with kitchen condiments.
- 18%** Mother, why do you torment me so? Mother? Mother?
- 13%** I wonder what Jessica Blanchard is doing tonight?
- 36%** Is there a market for snuff comics?
- 42%** Rainbows and Sugar Drops
- 21%** What the hell is wrong with me?

### **Things to do:**

- Call the Health Center, see about that rash.
- Pick up an issue of the *Oregon Voice* while you still can
- Force all your players to give you a hug
- Master art of dancing with crutches
- Call Woody regarding wack dime-bag full of stems and seeds
- Go buy a drink for Jenna Bush

## **Dirty, Dirty Crack Whores**

On Friday, April 27th, Norm MacDonald blessed a large crowd at Mac Court with his own special blend of drug, death and homosexual humor. Norm seamlessly intertwined such diverse topics as acid flashbacks, sodomy and plenty of whore jokes. All in all, sheer brilliance.

The real fun, though, occurred later in the night when Norm toured the Eugene bar scene. Word spread quickly of Norm's presence at Taylor's and Doc's Pad, but a caravan of celebrity-chasing drunks couldn't seem to catch him. Finally, late in the evening, there was a verified Norm sighting at, lo and behold, the Silver Dollar Club. The roommate of an **OC** staffer swears to have seen Norm enjoying a drink and a lap dance. There was a brief exchange of pleasantries, a head nod and a flirtatious encounter between the two parties.

For the record, though the bounty of whores was plentiful, there was no visible crack smoking.

## **A Rock Star & War God**

You may have heard of Jeff "Skunk" Baxter if you are a fan of Steely Dan and/or the Doobie Brothers because he was a guitarist for both groups in the 1970's, but what's most impressive is his new gig: advising America's armed forces on the issues of National Missile Defense. The college dropout-turned-rock star apparently enjoys a greater command of the issue than some military leaders who have served for over two decades and finds time, when not playing with Rod Stewart, Julio Iglesias and Barbara Streisand, to push for a strong missile defense system.

So basically, this guy was in one band named after a dildo, one band named after a joint and spend his time thinking long and hard about the end of the world. Sounds like our kind of guy. Now maybe some hippies will take a cue from him and find a way artistic and productive.

### **OC Shout-Outs**

- Dave Depper: Castle MegaStore? Where have we heard the idea before? Hmm...
- 2Pac: Still alive?
- Safeway Cashiers: Do you card every 26-year-old who comes through the line, or just the cute ones?
- Blow: Good movie, good drug and a good way to spend a Tuesday.
- J202: If you know what this is, that's enough.

# Making Activists Work For You

BY JEREMY JONES

**Hippies: Can't live with em', can't make em' get a job. What good are they? Read On.**

**R**t's very obvious that the University is full of mindless activists and they aren't going away anytime soon. Now, I could sit here and talk about how senseless their arguments are, but that topic has been covered more than once in the **OC**. Instead, I am going to give advice on how the normal person can use these sign-waving blowholes to their advantage. On a side note, if you have any feelings of guilt for using someone else's blind ambition for your own unscrupulous whims, remember, you now have to give OSPIRG your money whether you like it or not, so you might as well get your money's worth.

Let's start with how the normal long-haired hippie can be used to make your life easier. One of the truly great things about Eugene is the fact that no one ever needs to separate their recyclables from the rest of the garbage. Just throw out all the glass, aluminum and plastic with the rest of the filth and some young go-getter will dive head-first into your trash looking for the things you were too lazy to take out yourself. This is especially helpful advice in the dorms. A dorm dweller must make two trips to the sweet-smelling trash room to dump off their garbage and then their recyclables. This method will save you a trip down the stairs, and give some mouth-breathing hippie a reason to live.

Hippies can also provide a reasonable investment opportunity. Simply find a place where one of the evil oppressive lumber companies is being held up by hippies nesting in the trees. After a while someone will just give up and they will find another place, and the hippies will feel noble. Wait for a while, then

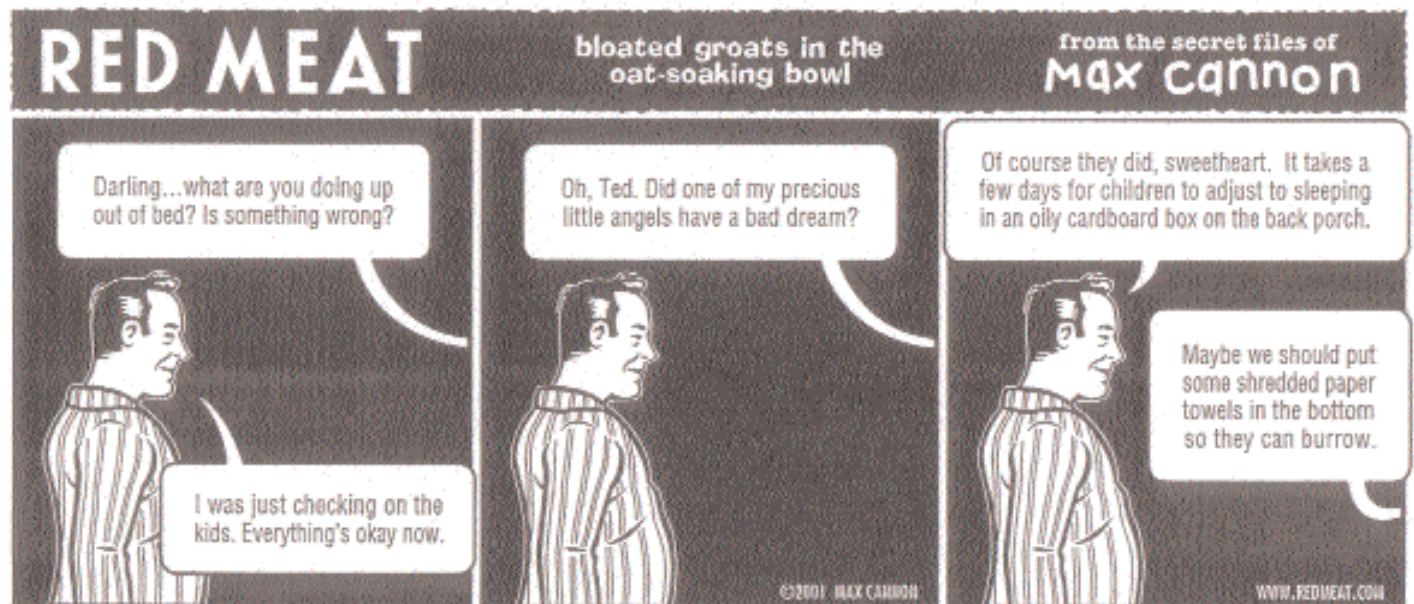
go in, chop down the trees yourself and sell them to the logging company. Make sure to chop down the biggest and the oldest trees first — that way by the time the hippies realize what happened, all the trees they care about will already be gone.

If you have a fireplace at your home, forget about ever needing firewood. Most of these groups produce enough posters, handbills and reports in one month to heat a home from November to March. Copies of the *Insurgent* are not only good for burning, but are also easy to get in great numbers. The only problem is getting enough handbills and posters from them groups like OSPIRG. Even a group like OSPIRG is perceptive enough to suspect something when anyone makes a request for 1,000 handbills and 20 posters. To get around this, simply feign interest in their pathetic cause long enough to convince them to let you distribute handbills and put up posters. After that you will have all the burnable material you will ever need.

The next couple of suggestions are based on the fact that liberals are so blind in their dealings that they will do anything if they think they are shaking up the system. This can be to your advantage. They will believe anything they are told, as long as it follows three basic rules:

1. It is not based on reason and or logic.
2. It is against the "establishment" who want nothing more than to burn the forests and enslave children.
3. See number 1.

First, you must endear yourself to **CONTINUED ON PAGE 18**



# Anatomy of a Rager

BY PETE R. HUNT

**Party House 101: An Adaptive Guide to the Party Culture. No really. We Swear.**

**R**emember your first college party? A lot of people you didn't know offering you beer. The bathroom door locked for 30 minutes while some lightweight pukes out four cans of Hamm's. Pipes of sweet cheeba circulating the room like chain mail. So much booze, so many people, so much stuff you could never get away with back home. For freshmen, parties are a way to meet new people, have a good time, and get snookered in the process. But parties are also an opportunity to get in a lot of trouble, especially for those young students who may never have experienced a massive party in their respective small, conservative hometowns. Having three dozen people crowded in the garage while some guy does a keg stand can be a harrowing experience.

Anticipating this, the good people at the EMU have decided to put together a little seminar called "PartyHouse" during the Week of Welcome that will help educate these young men and women about some of the dangerous scenarios they may encounter. PartyHouse is a simulation of an "actual party," with tour guides leading the students through rooms where certain scenarios will be acted out. Some of the ideas being tossed around by organizers include a "morning after room," in which a girl (or boy) wakes up in a mysterious bed, unaware of how she or he got there, and another room featuring girls trying desperately to comfort their highly intoxicated friend. Other possibilities include rooms with police handing out MIP's, a rape situation, a club drug situation and an alcohol poisoning incident.

Student groups, fraternities and sororities are all being

encouraged to sponsor a room, create their own scenario and act it out in front of passing, confused students. Hopefully the reenactment will make students aware of possible situations they could encounter, and introduce them to positive ways to deal with problems that may arise.

After their tour through the PartyHouse students will be led into a debriefing room in which they will be able to ask questions and get further information. The Counseling Center will be on hand, as well as additional resources.

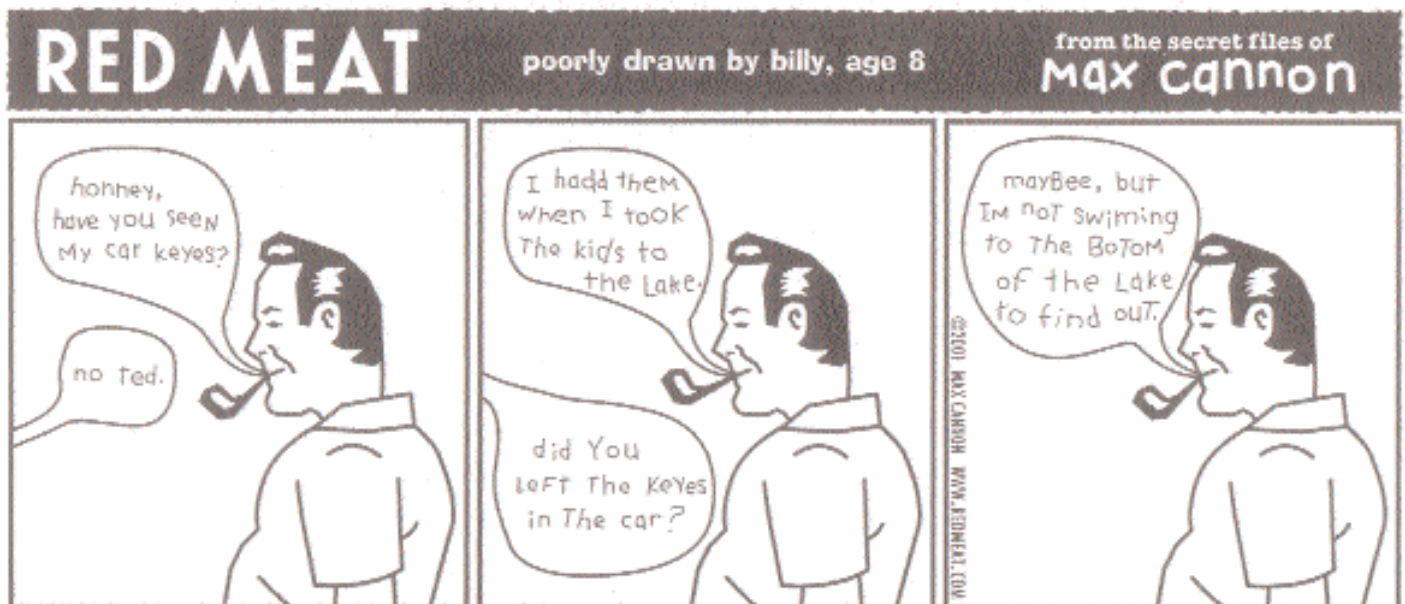
Following the debriefing, students will get to participate in a real party. Alas, the party will be alcohol free, but there is other fun to be had, including music, food, prizes and possibly human foos ball and giant inflatable sumo wrestling suits. The possibilities for fun and excitement are endless!

If your group would like to sponsor a room, you can contact Jackie Reed by e-mail at [jcreigh@gladstone.uoregon.edu](mailto:jcreigh@gladstone.uoregon.edu), or by phone at 343-4317. The Week of Welcome starts September 19th, and the PartyHouse will be held September 20th.

Of course, like the rest of us you may be a little skeptical of the whole "PartyHouse" idea to begin with, but don't let that hold you back. After all, how often do you get the chance to make a fool of yourself in front of people you don't know? At a real party, you say? Yeah, you're probably right....



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# Up in Smoke

**BY  
BRIAN  
BOONE**

**With several arsons in Eugene and beyond targeting Earth-unfriendly corporations, eco-terrorists and the Earth Liberation Front are making their blunt agenda and questionable tactics known.**

At approximately 2:40 a.m. on March 30, Central Lane 9-1-1 received a phone call that reported several vehicles on fire at the Romania Chevrolet truck dealership at 2020 Franklin Boulevard, just east of the University. Fire and police crews were dispatched and the mysterious, deliberately-set fire was under control by 3:25 a.m., but not before over \$1 million in private property and 35 sport utility vehicles were completely destroyed. The dealership had been given no prior threats or warnings of the fire. Police consider the event politically-motivated and connected to a June 2000 Romania fire set by radical environmentalists who went by the names “Free” and “Critter.” The former awaits trial, the latter was convicted earlier this year. The public profile of the eco-terrorism group the men were possibly associated with, the Earth Liberation Front, has significantly increased around the University because of the two fires.

The North American Earth Liberation Front Press Office, operating out of Portland, released to the news media on March 31 an anonymous communiqué they received that took responsibility for the previous day’s Romania dealership fire. The pseudo-confession, subsequent diatribe and the rest of the communiqué was released initially and exclusively to the ELF Press Office.

Here is that statement:

“1 million dollars worth of luxury SUV’s were torched at Romania Chevrolet. Sucking the land dry, gas-guzzling SUV’s are at the forefront of this vile, imperialistic culture’s caravan towards self-destruction. We can no longer allow the rich to parade around in their armored existence, leaving a wasteland behind in their tire tracks. The time is right to fight back.

“Romania Chevrolet is the same location that was targeted last June, for which two earth warriors, Free and Critter, are being persecuted. The techno-industrial state thinks it can stop the growing resistance by jailing some of us, but they cannot jail the spirit of those who know another world is possible. The fire that burns within Free and Critter burns within all of us and cannot be extinguished by locking them up.

“In this continuous assault on both the planet and ourselves, SUV’s destroy the earth while the prison system tries to destroy those who see beyond this empty life. We must strike out against

what destroys us before we are all either choking on smog or held captive by the state. Take the power into your own hands. It’s your life.”

In addition to the brilliant word choice, bad grammar and usual extremist rhetoric, the communiqué is notable for embarrassing clichés such as “it... can jail some of us, but they cannot jail the spirit of those who know another world is possible. The fire that burns within Free and Critter burns within all of us and...” oh, I can’t finish, it’s just so cheesy. But they raise an interesting point, claiming the prison system is trying to destroy those with the foresight to protect the environment. Well, not exactly. Actually, Free and Critter, it’s the legal system, not the prison system, that tries criminal cases and it’s really trying to prevent property damage and physical harm to law-abiding citizens.

The ELF’s press release that coupled the communiqué went on to say that “there has been no indication that this was an action committed by the Earth Liberation Front but rather one claimed by an anonymous group of unidentified individuals.” However, the media information for the Earth Liberation Front identifies the press office as a “public face ideologically in support of the Earth Liberation Front and similar acts of economic sabotage against those who profit from the destruction of the natural environment.” The Press Office is thus the public, legitimate face that spins the underground, essentially criminal activities of the rest of the Earth Liberation Front. And via this press release, the ELF is basically saying that although they didn’t necessarily set fire to 35 SUV’s at Romania, they are glad it happened and



Is this man Andy Dick? You decide...

support those who did do it. The ELF Press Office is closely involved with ELF organizers, yet they claim to have no idea who sent the communiqué or set the fires. That doesn't sound very convincing. To make an obvious point, it appears the ELF Press Office could be protecting the Romania culprits.

The latest Romania fire is the latest in a boom of suspicious fires in the Eugene area. Between April 1, 2000 and March 31, 2001, there have been 128 questionable fires within the city. The peak was last summer, with 26 in June, 28 in July and 34 in August. The only solved, closed case is the first Romania fire. The fires range in size, from trash bins and cars to grocery stores, oil refineries and even one ridiculous attempt to burn down the EPD substation near the University. Most are suspected to be politically and environmentally related. Police resources are strained, as EPD does not employ a full-time arson investigator. In lieu of that, an arson task force has been constructed, comprised of members of EPD, the FBI, Oregon State Police and the ATF. Seven investigators are working on the Romania case and have uncovered 61 pieces of evidence at the charred car lot and all are being analyzed at an ATF crime lab in Walnut Creek, California.

As stated, this is the second time in a year that Romania has been attacked by anti-SUV environmental activists. The June 2000 fire caused \$40,000 in damage, and two men were arrested: Jeffrey Michael "Free" Luers and Craig Andrew "Critter" Marshall. In November, Marshall pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit arson and possession of a destructive device. A mistrial was declared for Luers after the passing of his defense attorney, longtime Eugene resident Ken Morrow. The March 31 communiqué suggests that Romania was targeted this year due to the persecution and wrongful imprisonment of Luers and Marshall. Even as the case goes to trial and guilty pleas are entered, fringe groups continue to demand the men be released from jail. Similar to how WRC protesters at the University were arrested and then had a hissy-fit at having to be officially booked, environmental activists in support of Free and Critter have also fully misunderstood the concept of civil disobedience. The point is to get arrested and then do your time to demonstrate the absurdity of whatever law it is you broke. Thoreau didn't really characterize civil disobedience as committing an act of vandalism and then demand to be released because it's unfair.

While Free and Critter have been charged, the culprits for the new fire remain anonymous and arrests don't appear to be forthcoming. Fortunately, law enforcement have found a scapegoat. Though it has not been proven if the ELF itself is responsible for the fires, though they are in correspondence with the arsonists and applaud the arson, police have gone after, of all people, the ELF Press Office's mouthpiece Craig Rosebraugh. On April 5, agents from the FBI, ATF and state police conducted a six-hour raid of Rosebraugh's home, business and vehicle. He was also subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury investigating the Romania fire. This is the seventh time since 1997 the UO Law School graduate

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## Documented ELF Crimes in Oregon

**October 28, 1996**

### **Willamette National Forest**

Arson of pickup truck at U.S. Forest Service Detroit Ranger Station. Joint ALF/ELF claim.

**October 30, 1996**

### **South of Eugene, Oregon**

Arson destroyed US Forest Service Oak Ridge Ranger Station south of Eugene. Cost estimate, \$5.3 million. Joint ALF/ELF claim.

**March 14, 1997**

### **Mackenzie River, Oregon**

Tree spiking at Robinson-Scott timber harvest site in the Mackenzie River watershed, Willamette National Forest. Joint ALF/ELF claim.

**July 21, 1997**

### **Redmond, Oregon**

Arson of Cavel West meat packing plant in Redmond. Estimated cost over \$1million. Joint ALF/ELF claim.

**November 1997**

### **Burns, Oregon**

Arson of Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse Corrals, eight miles west of Burns. Estimated cost, \$450,000. Joint ALF/ELF claim.

**December 26, 1998**

### **Medford, Oregon**

Arson of U.S. Forest Industries' corporate headquarters in Medford, Ore. The three alarm blaze resulted in over \$500,000 in damages. ELF claimed responsibility in a communiqué released by the Liberation Collective in Portland, Oregon.

**December 25, 1999**

### **Monmouth, Oregon**

Arson of Boise Cascade office in Monmouth, Ore. ELF Claimed responsibility in a communiqué released by the Liberation Collective in Portland, Ore.

# Blind Leading the Blind

BY  
BRIAN  
OULLETTE

The campus elite has spoken, the puppet masters have pulled the strings, now dance pinko, dance.

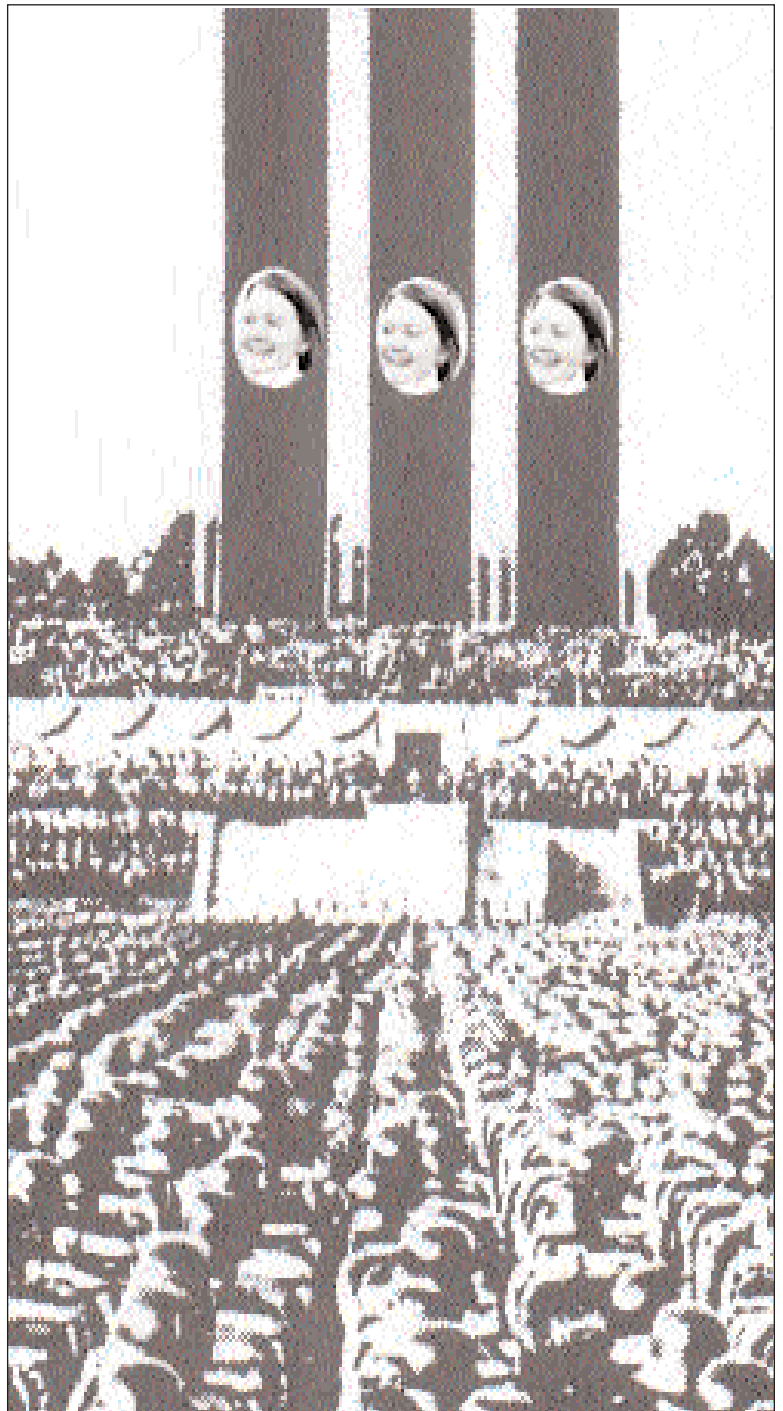
At the beginning of spring term, another ASUO election was finalized. Let's give a warm round of applause to the victors and a hearty congratulations to the also-rans. Okay, that's enough of the pleasantries. Let's get down to business. This election was the same as it has been for the last four years, ironically the same amount of time I have been attending this university. Perhaps it was like this before my time, but only eighth-year seniors can accurately tell. I'll have to ask Autumn DePoe.

How was it the same? Again, the Constitution Court got involved, OSPIRG somehow snuck onto the ballot, and the winners of the election for ASUO Executive will be a tag team of people who you just couldn't see getting laid. So much for being a figurehead of the University.

Let's take a look at the Contenders and see how they all fared.

**Jacobson/Cook:** Bret and Matt ran on a platform that seemed to be promising due to the fact that they had rationality and intelligence on their side. Unfortunately, attending a public university with less-than-standard entrance qualifications squandered the pair's chances of playing this powerful card. While hiking through the African rainforests they were bitten by the deadly insect Grievance Annoyous and had to go to the Constitutional Court to see if they violated international treaties in visiting local dorms to deliver fermented beverages to attractive freshmen. This is usually accepted behavior by the elderly students on campus, but jealousy in the form of the Oliver/Bailey-spawned Grievance Annoyous outbreak. (You see, Oliver and Bailey didn't have attractive freshmen to which they could deliver Mickey's.) After having to spend almost illegal amounts of time in the land of Tauber, Austin, and the rest of the elections board, they were successfully cured and allowed to finish their campaign run. They made it to the NBA Finals and lost a tough game four to the L.A. Lakers.

**Brooklyn/Nair:** These two ran on the platform of being women and supporting diversity, which gave them enormous support from those who voted. Boy and Hilda appealed to the voters because their platform was easy to understand and people could relate to it. In fact, their plat-



form allowed for the ideology that any two females could have run with the same platform and won. Unfortunately they also had to suffer through the outbreak of G.A. The Cigarette-Smoking Man called in a tip that the tag team was soliciting votes in the ASUO office. Meaning that they were campaigning in not only an illegal spot, but also wasting time and money when they are supposed to be doing something else. Of course it is the ASUO, so I'm sure we didn't miss anything. I can relate to them on this point because during my office hours I pretend I'm Skeletor while consuming Yellow Jackets and beer and throwing grapes out my window (this is one of the few honest sentences in this article). Apparently, so could the Elections Board, as Hilda and Boy got to stay on the ballot and eventually ran out the clock for a successful victory over the contenders, and allowing for the first transfer of an all-female ASUO presidency to be replaced by an all-female ASUO presidency.

**Oliver/Bailey:** The most irrelevant of all tickets, these two ran on the ideals of past highly successful campaigns, such as CJ and Peter. With a lack of any stances on any issues pertaining to campus, overspending on advertising and clothing lines and interrupting soccer games so they could take pictures by the goals as if they were involved in some sort of way, they were laughed out of the political spectrum.

**Sho Ikeda:** Sho was the dark horse of the election. He was one of the few people involved in the election that got people who normally didn't vote to actually come out and vote. Unfortunately, his view didn't really fit in with about 90 percent of the campus population, so he was unable to complete his dream. Sho went and saw Spike Lee talk and has since fled Eugene and can now be found in the streets of Brooklyn, preaching his gospel to those who would listen.

Approximately 1500 people voted in this year's ASUO election. That breaks down to a very small minority of those who actually attend the University. Again, the stats prove the declarations of all those who have complained over the years. The pathetic actually won this election. Nilda and Joy are not the true presidents, and neither are Brett and Matt. The truth is, no one really knows who the leaders are. There is a collective that deals with a huge conglomerate of cash, and pitches it out to whomev-

## Stats That Shape Your Life

1560	Number of Students who Voted
844	Number of Students who believed being an ethnic female was a job qualification
808	Students who let ideology overcome reason and logic
601	Students who are scared to death of squirrels
752	Students who care about how their incidental fees are spent
476	Students who are members of MENSA
16,440	Students who don't give a rat's ass about the ASUO

er they deem fit, but since only the activist community votes, only the activists get the money whether they deserve it or not. My contention: The ASUO and those who are active in it are equivalent to the barnacles on the bottom of my surfboard (excluding Jennifer Greenough).

Example one: OSPIRG once again got back onto the ballot, and despite the gallant efforts of the HONESTY campaign, which attempted to prove that OSPIRG was in fact an exuberant waste of money and that the local leader is the evil clone of Cookie Monster, or maybe Grimace from the McDonalds commercials. While the activist community on campus did not seem to heed the advice and pass the ballot measure, the rest of the community, whether they believed it or not, refused to partake in an association that is illegitimate and childish. The people did not win. They lost. Hard.

Example two: The people running for ASUO presidency were as immature as a child in a candy store. One only had to read the editorials in the ODE to see that facet. Secondly, it takes a lot of balls politically to issue a grievance against your opponent. If that doesn't scream "wussy" I can't possibly comprehend what does.

Example three: When was the last time Everclear was on campus?? Oh, wait. Not too long ago...Bring 'em back! If you do that, I'll stand up for the ASUO steadfastly!

Unfortunately, when all is said and done, large amounts of our money are still being spent upon wasteful bureaucracy and the elected will do absolutely nothing about it. After this electoral session the ASUO is still circling the drain. Unfortunately, I cannot see its demise in the future because all schools demand this sort of thing. Perhaps one day we will have a legitimate one, but not in my time here.

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**B**etween February and April the Oregon Daily Emerald published 38 individual pieces on this year's ASUO elections, yet still failed to provide its readers with balanced and comprehensive coverage. The *Emerald's* failure was not a direct result of their clear bias toward one side of the political spectrum. And it says nothing about the capacity of those employed by the *Emerald*. What it does say is that those who guide the coverage of the *Emerald* are apolitical by nature and chose to impart their own prejudices upon the whole of their readership.

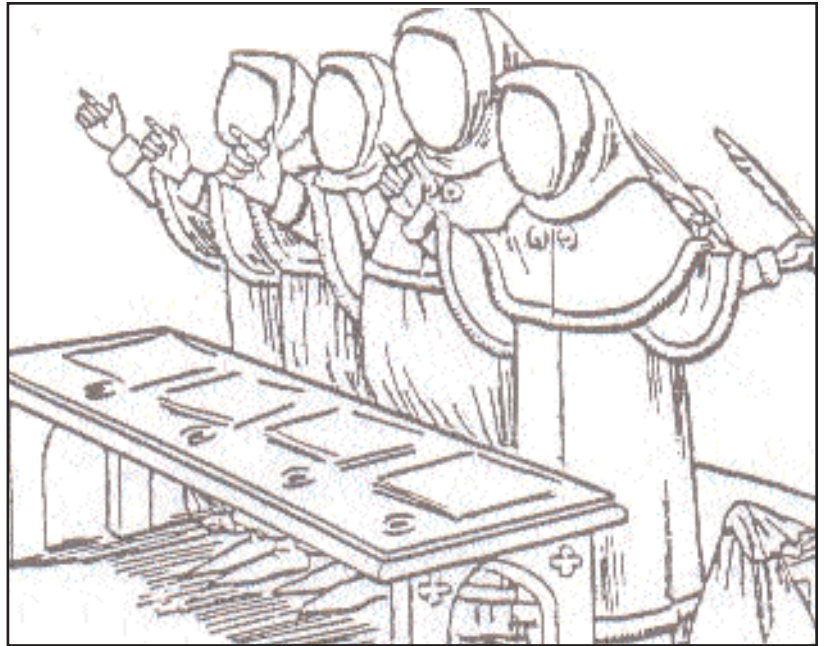
There is a reasonable argument to be made for mainstream corporate news publications who avoid many of the specific details of the political process. A private media corporation is allowed to direct its coverage however it sees fit, so long as it stays within the loose guidelines of the law. Besides, the market provides many alternatives to the mainstream press that do offer detailed insight into an endless assortment of specialized topics. But when your organization includes \$40,000 of student incidental fees in its budget, you quite literally owe it to the entire student body to provide a fair examination of the political process. What the readers of the *Emerald* were instead served with was something far less satisfying.

Consider a few statistics: Out of 32 hard news stories, the *Emerald* published four which featured candidates or ballot measures in a positive manner. Out of six published editorial pieces, zero were published that took a positive or even neutral stance on the candidates or the democratic process. Fourteen stories covered controversies in the campaign and 12 discussed problems with the democratic process. In contrast, there were zero stories that focused on the various issues the candidates were promoting.

The *Emerald* criticized the candidates for not being visible enough, yet refused to publish a single article that focused on specific candidates or ballot measure issues.

In a campaign that featured an openly partisan liberal ticket countered by an openly partisan conservative ticket this is both confusing and disturbing. While the future of millions of dollars in student fees and the very direction the student voice would take was up for grabs, no one outside of the direct process could have been informed on the issues at stake if they looked to the *Emerald*, "the voice of the students," for their information.

The single time the *Emerald* editorial department solicited opinions for this year's elections, they didn't approach any of the candidates for the ASUO Executive, nor a spokesperson for either of the proposed ballot measures. Instead, the opinions offered on the *Emerald's* "Perspectives" page were two



**BY ERIC PFEIFFER**

**Eric Pfeiffer Reports.  
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**FAIR  
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separate guest columns on why the democratic process was a failure, written by a '98 University alumni and a virtually unknown candidate competing for a seat on the student senate. Contrasting perspectives on the process would have been acceptable. However, two slightly varied mantras on the same subject, one penned by a source with dated insight into the process certainly did little to nothing to impact the war of ideas. The *Emerald's* commitment to generating negative political stories, as opposed to reporting on actual news, was exemplified in the article "Professors say ASUO Election Lacks Interest" (ODE, 6/13/01). The article makes the argument that the democratic process is not something of interest to the average student because of the failures of student leaders and a failure of the system itself. However, the reporter Hank Hager, and more importantly, the *Emerald* leadership, failed to provide any balance to a story already conceptualized by the *Emerald*, an organization that claims to be independent and fair. The facts: the article featured a total of three sources, all of whom expressed negative opinions about the ASUO democratic process. There were no quotes, facts, or even examples offered of a different perspective.

In reality, the *Emerald* had shown no interest in the democratic process this year until they stepped dangerously close to losing 25 percent of their own student fee subsidy. Almost immediately, the heads of the editorial department lost any sense of professionalism by publishing an anonymous editorial titled "PFC the Cowardly Lion" (ODE, 1/26/01), and a subsequent news story, "The Budgetary Power Elite" (ODE, 1/30/01) that featured mug shots of the Programs Finance Committee in a highly negative context. Without any cohesive message, the editorial managed at least two potentially libelous accusations against the board of students. During their subsequent appeal to the committee, the *Emerald* regained nearly all of its lost student funding.

For the past three years, voter turnout in the ASUO elections had actually been moving in a positive direction. Four years ago, voter turnout was at around nine percent, nearly identical to the national averages for state universities. While last year, voter turnout numbers peaked at just under twelve percent. Perhaps not the ideal results, it still was about the best you can expect from government facilitated programs: incremental progress. The positive swing can be attributed to four main factors: increased accessibility through new voting options such as the Internet, a budgeted publicity campaign by the ASUO Elections Board, effective and fair coverage by the *Emerald*, and, of course, controversy in the democratic process.

However, voter turnout returned to nine percent after three

of the four stated factors were reversed. First, voter accessibility declined with the closure of voting booths in favor of an all on-line system. The exclusive on-line voting method encountered a number of technical problems, most notably during the first day of the primary elections when the network system crashed in competition with student registration, which had begun on the same day. However, the Elections Board was operating to the best of its ability with an inexperienced staff operating under a highly constrictive time frame. The difficulties faced by this year's Elections Board are subject matter for an independent discussion, but it can be fairly said that the process was hampered by the unexpected obstacles the board faced. However, the third and arguably most damaging factor in decreasing voter turnout was the direction of coverage taken by the editors and reporters at the *Emerald*. I can speak to this not only from statistical evidence, but from firsthand experience as a former employee of the *Emerald*. Serving as freelance editor the previous year, I worked in conjunction with

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former Student Activities editor Jeremy Lang and former Editor in Chief Laura Cadiz to facilitate coverage not only on election controversy, but on how other forces, such as the Elections Board, were working to improve the democratic process. While the actual positive impact of this approach is always up for debate, it can at least be fairly said that the approach did nothing to hurt the democratic process.

It is suggested this year that the *Emerald* did hurt the democratic process by providing unfocused, unfair and unprofessional coverage in the election process by the statistical ratio of 84 to 16 percent.

After a season of disappointing foreplay and sporadic coverage, the *Emerald* shot its proverbial load in a climax of journalistic masturbation in the April 25 editorial "May we offer a few suggestions?" — an insult not only to the victors, but to all those involved in the democratic process. It was a full-page dedicated once again not to the issues facing the University's community, but the emotional issues at stake for the actual members of the *Emerald* editorial department. It's enough to make even the most new age hypocrite wretch in disgust. If any respected publication were to dabble in such self-serving, tabloid journalism the outcry in the professional community would be great. What it boils down to is the clash between those who feel entitled to vomit their emotional waste in pressed ink with those who balance informed opinions with factual evidence.



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Lobisser also said that anyone with input was welcome to provide feedback on program transfer. “We’ve tried to accommodate the desires to be a part of the conversation by soliciting feedback, but to have a conversations limits how large a group can be,” said Lobisser.

Without a representative on the board, the programs who will be affected by the Clark Conversations have only tangential input into where they should fit in under the ASUO or EMU. Also, the talking points released after each meeting are vague and do not include everything that is gone over in the meetings. “Many of the topics we’re addressing would probably raise passions among different people, so we’ve agreed as a

group not to share all of our conversations,” Lobisser said. Without a representative and without access to the entirety of the conversations going on in the meetings, the programs that will be affected must leave the decisions on their funding up to the committee. Fortunately, the Clark Conversations are being held between persons with many different perspectives on the issue at hand.



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the self-righteous twits. This isn’t that difficult as they already believe that everyone already agrees with them. The only hard part is avoiding brain aneurysms or laughing fits while they explain their views. After that, these mindless drones are yours to abuse. If one deviant sniffs out your impending treachery, the situation can be smoothed over by saying, “Brothers and sisters, I apologize. But we must always be watchful of the corporate machine.” Then mutter some more sentences about freedom and oppression, and you will be ready to exploit them again.

One of the great things about Eugene is the variety of small animals for hunting. Especially around campus, the great numbers of small defenseless animals can provide several hours of entertainment. There’s not much meat on those little critters, but hunting is not about food, but about the opportunity to blast a small animal with a big gun. Unfortunately, supplies of little furry animals can run short, especially in the spring. To combat this problem, I have found that animal rights groups can come in very handy. All you have to do is convince them that they should break into one of the labs and free all the animals. Convincing them is not as hard as it sounds. Just mutter something about “oppressors” and “the corporate machine” and they will go out and turn the streets into a virtual shooting range.

These professional whiners also comes in handy when you encounter some jerk with an attitude problem in any form of franchise. Simply make some obscure relation to the business of child labor, the exploitation of the lower classes or the raping of

mother earth. After lighting the fire under a few caffeine-torqued butts, they will go out and protest in support of your supposed cause. Soon, hundreds will join because they have nothing better to do. In a day or two there will be a friendly mob outside the said franchise and that jerk’s day will be made a living hell while dirty, smelly hippies scream at them.

And finally, all these people are a never-ending source of amusement. Let’s face it: all you can do about these people is laugh at them. Arguing with them is pointless, and the law prevents you from killing them. So go out of your way to entertain yourself. Attend one of their anti-free trade meetings wearing every form of Nike apparel known to man. Sit down in front of the vegan booth while eating a bacon double cheese burger. Or go up and ask the person by the poster showing pictures of clear cuts, and ask them where it is saying, “Give me a bulldozer and a flame thrower, and I’ll bet I can make that boring square into 50 square mile dollar sign.”

Activists: providing you with mindless drones for your own evil whims for over thirty years.



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has been subpoenaed in relation to ELF activities.

The search coincided with a national environmental “day of action” called for by the ELF. A press conference and likely subsequent uprisings, were supposed to go down at 10 a.m. that day in front of Portland’s federal building but ended quickly because Rosebraugh never showed up to lead it. Instead, he was at home, watching his house being raided and removed of over 100 pieces of evidence including computer equipment, phone books, literature and videos that police thought may have information on ELF activities.

The Romania fires are not the only ELF-related eco-terrorism as of late. This group is getting very active nationwide with an onslaught of fires and vandalism. The ELF has admitted, via communiqué of course, that it set fire to three cement trucks at Ross Island Sand & Gravel in Portland on April 15. Damages are estimated at \$210,000. In the communiqué, the ELF accused the company of misusing the earth and mishandling toxic waste. “Let this be a warning to all the greedy corporations who exploit our earth’s natural resources,” the memo said. The ELF also has claimed responsibility for an attempted arson of a Nike store in an Albertville, Minn. mall last March. The group opposes Nike’s involvement in global economics.

It is because of ELF’s admission to setting the Nike fire, as well as connections with Free and Critter and the fact that the same dealership has been attacked twice that has led the FBI to believe the ELF is connected to the Romania arson. That’s some real expert detective work there, boys. Following the raid of Rosebraugh’s property, Leslie James Pickering, Rosebraugh’s roommate who was also searched, told KGW that things are only going to escalate. This is because the ELF supports, if not commits, acts of sabotage, including the Romania fire. They believe destruction of private property somehow protects the natural environment. It is hard to argue with someone whose inherent argument is essentially flawed and highly sophistic. It’s a case of “yes it is” versus “no it isn’t.” The ELF truly believes massive gas fires are beneficial to our planet’s ecology and no amount of logic is going to convince them otherwise.

It’s not that the Romania arsonists didn’t have a point. Yes, SUV’s are high-polluting consumerist crap, but blowing them up is not the way to stop their onslaught. That’s juvenile, ignorant and just as aggressive and ruthless as these eco-terrorists say corporations can be. Don’t these arsonists realize that there are millions of other SUV’s out there, and despite poor pollution and safety records, car companies will continue to make and sell them as long as there is a market to buy them? People are just going to think of eco-terrorists as confused goons if they blow up cars to make a point. There are better ways to make the point:

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raising awareness, company boycotts, introducing legislation, political lobbies, peaceful protests and the ilk are much more effective and attractive than committing crimes that are as bad for the environment and surrounding community as these activists seem to think SUV’s are.

This whole deal of blowing things up in the name of mother earth really just reminds me of that Steven Seagal movie “Fire Down Below,” where he preaches about the importance of the environment and conservation and all that and to hammer a point home to the evil polluting corporations by blowing up an oil rig and releases more toxins into nature than those polluters ever would have. Similarly, these Eugene eco-terrorists think a good way to save the environment is to blow up massive metal vehicles that smell toxic while burning. And that’s not counting the attempted fire at the Tyree refinery.

Oregon is now the official home of white trash scandal and self-righteous political wackos. With the ELF and it’s kind, it’s like the Rajneesh all over again, with all of it centered around

Eugene. The world’s news media’s lasting image of Eugene as a patoulie-scented, granola-eating, pseudo-hippie wasteland has been replaced by an image of a city run by crazed, violent, extreme leftists. Not only is Eugene annoying, but now it’s dangerous too. And if these anonymous eco-terror-

ists want to start an environmental revolution, they aren’t going to get very far in a Northwestern college town with a population of barely 130,000. Then again, Eugene is nothing if not interesting with its long history of protest and extremism. It gives us a chance to get on CNN between football seasons.



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# BEER BOTTLE EXODUS

By BRANDON HARTLEY



1. AND THE DAUGHTER OF PHARAOH CAME DOWN TO WASH HERSELF AT THE RIVER; AND HER MAIDENS WALKED ALONG BY THE RIVER'S SIDE; AND WHEN SHE SAW THE ARK AMONG THE FLAGS, SHE SENT HER MAID TO FETCH IT. (EXODUS 2:5)



2. AND HE LOOKED THIS WAY AND THAT WAY, AND WHEN HE SAW THAT THERE WAS NO MAN, HE SLEW THE EGYPTIAN, AND HID HIM IN THE SAND. (EXODUS 2:12)



3. AND THE SHEPHERDS CAME AND DROVE THEM AWAY: BUT MOSES STOOD UP AND HELPED THEM, AND WATERED THEIR FLOCK. (EXODUS 2:17)



4. AND AFTERWARD MOSES AND AARON WENT IN, AND TOLD PHARAOH, THUS SAITH THE LORD, GOD OF ISRAEL, LET MY PEOPLE GO, THAT THEY MAY HOLD A FEAST UNTO ME IN THE WILDERNESS. (EXODUS 5:1)



5. AND THE LOCUSTS WENT UP OVER ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT, AND RESTED IN ALL THE COASTS OF EGYPT: VERY GRIEVOUS WERE THEY; BEFORE THEM THERE WERE NO SUCH LOCUSTS AS THEY, NEITHER AFTER THEM SHALL BE SUCH. (EXODUS 10:14)



6. THAT YE SHALL SAY, IT IS THE SACRIFICE OF THE LORD'S PASSOVER, WHO PASSED OVER THE HOUSES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL IN EGYPT, WHEN HE SMOTE THE EGYPTIANS, AND DELIVERED OUR HOUSES. AND THE PEOPLE BOWED THE HEAD AND WORSHIPPED. (EXODUS 12:27)

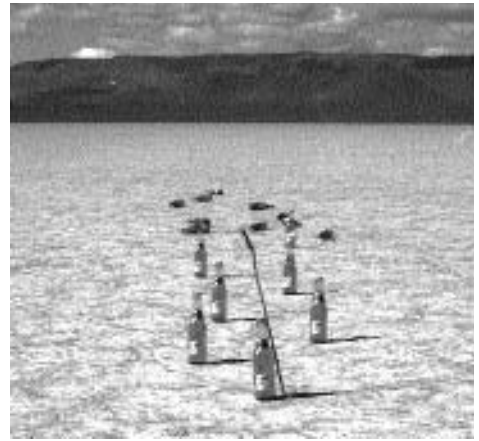
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7. AND IT CAME TO PASS AT THE END OF THE FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS, EVEN THE SELF SAME DAY IT CAME TO PASS, THAT ALL THE HOSTS OF THE LORD WENT OUT FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT. (EXODUS 12:41)



8. BUT LIFT THOU UP THY ROD, AND STRETCH OUT THINE HAND OVER THE SEA, AND DIVIDE IT: AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SHALL GO ON DRY GROUND THROUGH THE MIDST OF THE SEA. (EXODUS 14:16)



9. AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAID UNTO THEM, WOULD TO GOD WE HAD DIED BY THE HAND OF THE LORD IN THE LAND OF EGYPT, WHEN WE SAT BY THE FLESH POTS, AND WHEN WE DID EAT BREAD TO THE FULL; FOR YE HAVE BROUGHT US FORTH INTO THIS WILDERNESS, TO KILL THIS WHOLE ASSEMBLY WITH HUNGER. (EXODUS 16:13)



10. AND WHEN THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAW IT, THEY SAID ONE TO ANOTHER, IT IS MANNA: FOR THEY WIST NOT WHAT IT WAS. AND MOSES SAID UNTO THEM, THIS IS THE BREAD WHICH THE LORD HATH GIVEN YOU TO EAT. (EXODUS 16:15)



11. AND IT CAME TO PASS, AS SOON AS HE CAME NIGH UNTO THE CAMP, THAT HE SAW THE CALF, AND THE DANCING: AND MOSES' ANGER WAXED HOT, AND HE CAST THE TABLES OUT OF HIS HANDS, AND BRAKE THEM BENEATH THE MOUNT. (EXODUS 32:19)



12. AND MOSES COMMANDED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, SAYING, THIS IS THE LAND WHICH YE SHALL INHERIT BY LOT, WHICH THE LORD COMMANDED TO GIVE UNTO THE NINE TRIBES, AND TO THE HALF TRIBE. (NUMBERS 34:14)



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## ON ***SUBSTANCE ABUSE***

Throwing up has to be uncool.

—*Suggestion thrown out at Community Campus Task Force Relations meeting as a way to curb college drinking. Fortunately, acid and hash don't mess with the tummy much.*

## ON ***RECREATION***

When the weather gets nice, we spend most of our time hanging out on our front porch.

—*Girl from a co-op at CCTFR meeting. Liars. We've been to your co-op. We were on the roof. At night. Smoking weed and drinking Fat Tire. Maybe it was sunny, who knows. Critter?*

## ON ***VERTICAL INTEGRATION***

When it all comes down to it, isn't it all about living, and being a living organism on this planet, and figuring out how to deal with it.

—*GTF Christine Quail in J386, Media Economics. There's nothing living nor organic in the J-school. Carl Bybee, for instance.*



“It’s the worst.”

—*DPS director Tom Fitzpatrick, in response. Alcohol only seems to make these kids stronger. It takes at least 50 whacks to the head to subdue them.*



The redistribution of wealth in this country is non-existent.

—*Student in J386. You're white, you're male, you spent \$10,000 for an education in economics and you apparently haven't heard of welfare or Social Security.*

## ON ***REALITY BITES***

Before I came to OSPIRG, I really didn't know who I was mad at.

—*Random OSPIRG petitioner overheard outside of EMU. And before Munger, none of us knew what it really meant to love.*

## ON ***REALITY CHECK***

Wait a minute, I need to get a Frappucino like the yuppie trash that I am.

—*A dorm rat's provocative declaration. If you're really yuppie trash, you'd live in Chase Village, poseur.*

## ON LOGICAL THINKING —

It's surprising. It's a shock. I suppose a lot of people saw it coming, but I for one thought she was going to stay around.  
—Jeff Oliver on KEZI news regarding Jody Runge, demonstrating the pride in his own ignorance that placed him a triumphant third in the ASUO elections.

I started out like most of you — a drug addict.  
—Woody Harrelson, speaking to a crowd of reefer addicts in the EMU Ampitheater. Woody, smoking raw hemp stalks may have made you a little wacky, but at least you're true to your roots.



## ON KEEPING IT REAL —

My bottom line is respect. Other people's bottom line is money. I think both arguments are correct.  
—Rapper KRS-One in an Onion interview. Mad props to KRS for being a rapper while also managing to be living.

But I never again will join in on the rhetoric that the white man is the reason people can't get ahead in corporate America. That's bullshit now, as far as I'm concerned.  
—KRS-One, again. Quick: name three songs by KRS-One.



## ON TAUBER TIME —

Can't do it, too bad, so sad, see you next week.  
—Alan Tauber to Student Senate when deliberating a money request from the Ad Club. He may not be a poet but at least he'll make appointments.

## ON BULLS AND BEARS —

The economy remains in that situation until animal spirits are lifted and investment increases.  
—Actual quote from a macroeconomics textbook, proving once and for all that economics is a pseudo-science invented by failed math majors.

# Knight Donates \$40 Million to University

Entrepreneur stipulates money be spent on “endo and bitch-es”

**By Andrew Adams**  
Oregon Daily Emerald

As he approaches release from prison this summer, Death Row Records impresario Marion “Suge” Knight, is turning over a new leaf. Rather than return to his former underworld of drugs, crime and countless posthumous 2Pac releases, Knight will become a philanthropist, investing his vast fortune back into the community from which he has taken so very much.

“I think it’s time I did something for the world,” Knight said at a press conference yesterday outside Johnson Hall. “I mean, other than have my violent, unpredictable ass locked in jail.”

Among his first actions as a humanitarian are publicly apologizing for the hack film *Murder Was the Case*, serving as a Cub Scout den mother — and allocating a generous \$40 million to the University of Oregon.

“As Whitney Houston once said, children are our future, and they are our

most precious natural resource,” Knight said.

“Sho nuff, biyotch,” concurred University president Dave Frohnmayer.

Knight’s initial sum would more than pay for planned renovations of Autzen Stadium, a beer garden in the EMU every Friday, and a long-delayed parking facility. However, these projects look to remain as much a fantasy as responsible reporting is by the Insurgent. Though the sum of money is large and will go into a general fund, Knight has stipulated that the \$40 million be spent on hydroponic chronic and big-booted bitches for select faculty members.

“I am aware that many programs at the University desperately need financial support — a Gilbert Hall remodeling, an outmoded theater facility, constructing more knobs in the EMU — but I think the University community and the greater Eugene area as whole will best be served if that money is spent on endo and bitches,” Knight explained. “And that’s it, motherfucker.”

“Anybody got a problem with that?” Frohnmayer inquired, addressing the assembled members of the media while waving a loaded Mack 10 in the air and consuming an unspecified brand of malt



liquor, concealed by a brown paper bag. Knight has pledged more than just financial support for the University.

“Not only will I personally make up for the vast monetary void left by my cousin Phil’s sudden departure, but I am also willing to offer my personal thugs and goons to hunt down Mr. Nike and make him reconsider his charitable contribution choices,” Knight promised.

When asked why he has suddenly decided to share his fortune with good

causes and especially a second-tier northwestern university with which he has no affiliation, Knight responded: “When Dr. Dre turns up dead, pale and bloated in the trunk of an Impala in Ingleswood next week, the po-pos gotta deal with a humanitarian.”

The press conference ended as Knight waddled away and Frohnmayer sped out of the Johnson Hall parking lot in his inexplicably bouncing, hydraulic-enhanced ‘78 Coupe.