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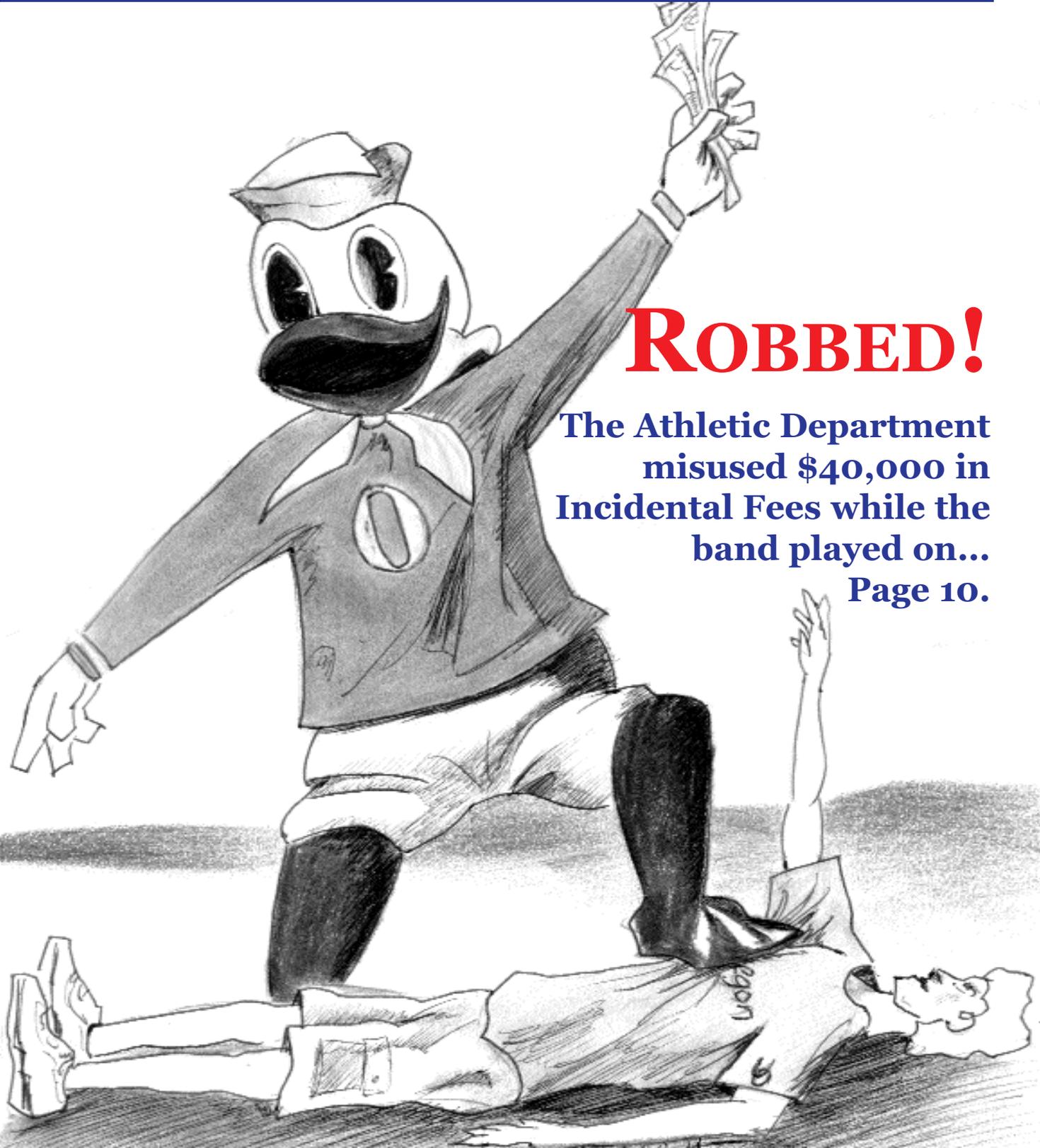
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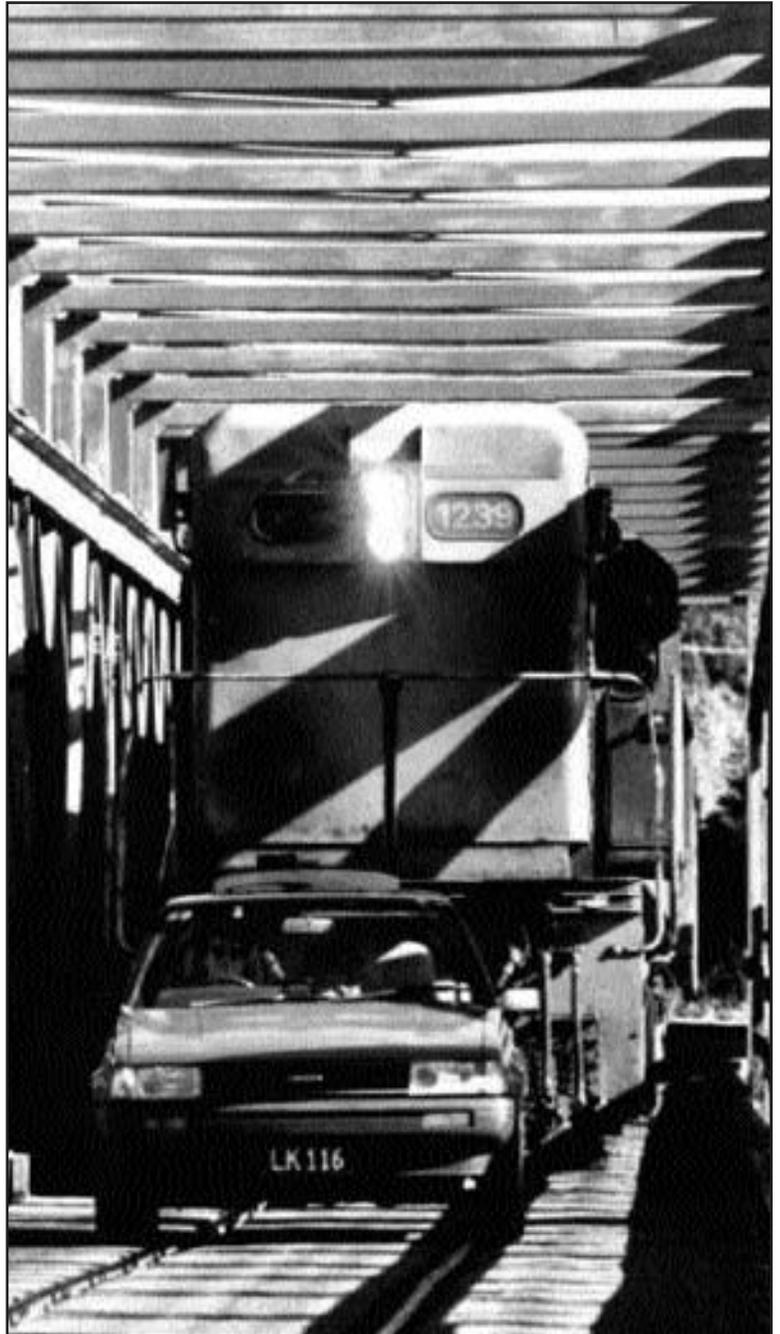
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15 Yards for Unsportsman like Conduct

The Athletic Department has recently taken to upsetting students with unethical behavior and poor public relations. What is the problem? And, furthermore, how can the Athletic Department fix its quickly souring reputation?

There aren't any bigger fans of the Ducks on the field or on the court than us. At least not any who haven't been bought off with Nikes. We love grabbing a draft at a sports bar and watching our boys kick some ass. But with the latest news of an Athletic Department misstep that injures students, the ever-compounding questions about the ethical direction of this school's athletics program demands a clear statement from President Dave Frohnmayer and AD honcho Bill Moos.

The Commentator has confirmed that the Athletic Department has yet again stepped into a mess and offended its core constituency — students. This year the AD moved the school's band into a different section of Mac Court, seating formerly occupied by students. The problem is that it now appears the AD never provided alternate seating for students or reimbursed the ASUO's Athletic Department Finance Committee, which negotiates and pays for student tickets. The cost of lost tickets appears to be around \$40,000. It is just another worrisome step for an athletics program that has of late seen serious allegations against its ethical standards.

Following a Cinderella-like 2001 for the University's athletic department, the three most visible programs have each seen embarrassing moments. The women's basketball coach dismissed the most talented women's basketball star the school has seen in recent memory when Bev Smith ushered Shaquala Williams right off the end of the bench. The men's basketball program has seen disappointing play dash earlier hopes of a run at a national championship, and a scandal in which the AD and Nike representatives tried to artificially boost student support of Mandrake, the unlovable new mascot. Then there's the football team.

Ahh, the football team. Where do you have to start with the football team?

There are the euphemistically labeled "undisclosed team violations." Bellotti seems to really enjoy using that phrase, but it leaves fans wondering exactly what's going on when there is no sunshine of truth. There were the football players who have left the team for too many dope

violations. And there are the football players who left the team for using their tickets in lieu of rent to a local landlord.

Recruiting has been one of the most widely recognized lapses for the football team. The problems did not start with Rodney Woods, the cornerback who plead guilty to manslaughter and for whom Bellotti wrote a note to Woods' presiding judge. Allegations of inappropriate sex and partying had already been leveled by HBO's "Real Sports" that there were shady dealings to land prospects. Then there was running back Lynell Hamilton, who said, after turning the University down on its scholarship offer, that his religious sensibilities had been offended during his official visit to the school. On that visit, he said, he was unnecessarily exposed to drugs, alcohol, and sex.

Then, of course, there was the Pit Crew's acceptance of a quid-pro-quo deal offered by representatives of Nike and the Athletic Department, in which Pit Crew leaders would receive new shoes in exchange for supporting Nike's poorly-received new mascot. Representatives of the AD and Nike would not return further phone calls after the Commentator broke the story.

The Athletic Department has been the source of much controversy this year. The above are a good representation of the current trend over in the AD. Such things do not bode well for the school, our athletic programs, or for the student relationship with the self-funded Athletic Department.

But these problems are, thankfully, rather new and don't necessarily indicate a long-standing pattern of abuse of powers from the Athletic Department. But the continuing trickle of news that the Athletic Department doesn't seem to care about the students who constitute this university is wholly unacceptable. So long as the AD doesn't care about students, the trickle of news will continue growing into a powerful tide that will leave the relationship between student fans and the AD irreparably damaged.

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THE COMMENTATOR OFFENSIVE!!!

Building tensions and increased use of WMDs by the Emerald force the Commentator to take action

Despite dire predictions of heavy casualties before the commencement of Media War II, the Oregon Commentator successfully completed its takeover of the Oregon Daily Emerald last week in record time and with only minimal injuries to Coalition members.

The principal motivation for the invasion was to rid the ODE of Weapons of Mass Deception (WMD), which the regime has mercilessly used at will against the student population. Some international reports say that as many as 10,000 students have been savagely deceived on any given day the ODE publishes.

"We had to get that regime out of power so it could no longer threaten the truth and liberty of University students," said Coalition Supreme Commander Pete R. Hunt. "And we took it to them at an hour and in a manner of our choosing. It was an old-fashioned ass-whopping."

ODE Editor in Chief Michael Kleckner had spent much of the year with a despotic rule in which news content has been slashed, editorials are slanted to meet his Bathless Party policies and national wire stories seemed intentionally selected to skew public perception about the second Gulf War.

There were also humanitarian reasons cited for the invasion. Coalition spokesperson Bret Jacobson said that Kleckner

had slaughtered many of his own reporters' futures by destroying a once-proud newsroom. "The tyrant Kleckner killed off all dissent and systematically incorporated identity politics into

every editorial and editorial disguised as a news story," Jacobson said. "It's not like those poor souls stand a chance of getting a job anywhere other than the National Enquirer, so we always knew that more serious journalists would welcome us as liberators."

That prediction seemed to come true as the ODE Sports Desk, considered by many "armchair editors" to be the prime fighting force supporting the regime, quickly turned on the regime and secured Coalition supply lines into the ODE's EMU office.

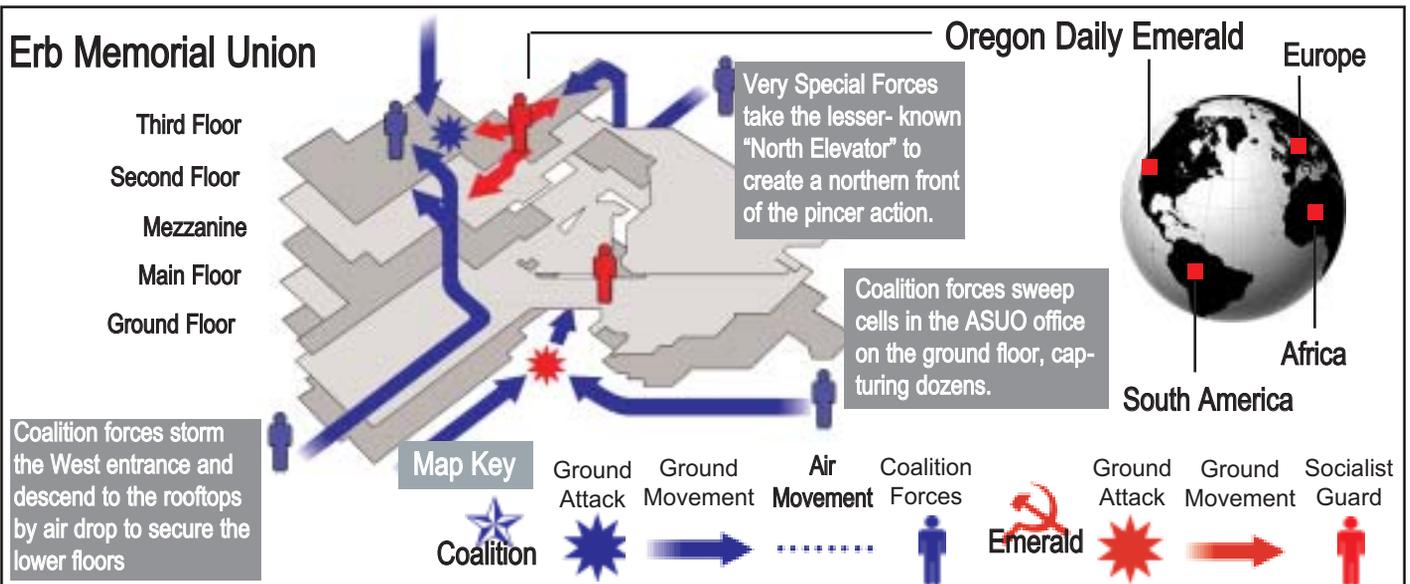
But even as the war wore down in the final hours and it was apparent Coalition forces had been successful, ODE Minister of Disinformation Julie Lauderbaugh said through an interpreter, "These aggressors, these criminals are not even in the EMU. We will kill them all."

The only serious OC casualty was contributor Olly Ruff, a British staff member, who accidentally bumped into himself and fell down before the heaviest action was seen. Ruff incurred an injured typing finger and injured pride, but is said by doctors to be in good spirits and showing a determination to get back to the front lines as soon as possible.



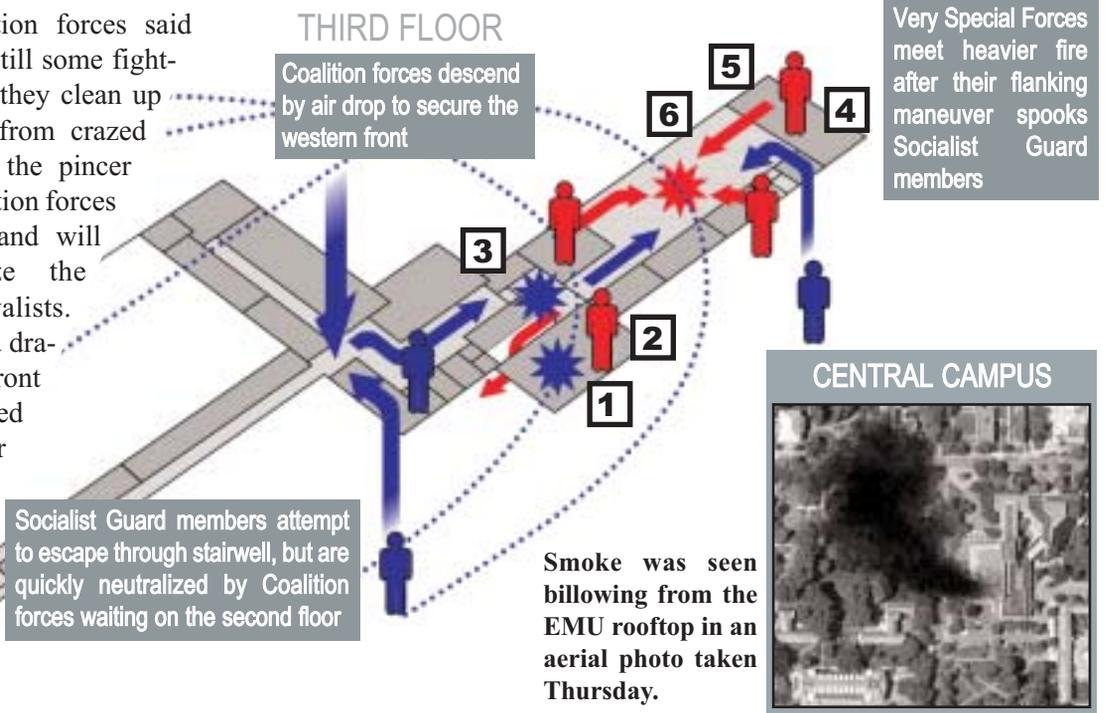
Coalition planners say they sent those Commie bastards straight to hell on a rail. Copy edit that, bitches.

GROUND ACTION IN THE EMU



BATTLE FOR THE THIRD FLOOR

While Coalition forces said there was still some fighting left as they clean up pockets of resistance from crazed Pulse section writers, the pincer action utilized by Coalition forces was a great success and will continue to squeeze the remaining regime loyalists. The pincer action saw a dramatic storming of the front entrance with a combined assault by Commentator Very Special Forces entering through the backdoor elevator nobody in the EMU seems to know exists.



OC TROOPER

The OC Trooper is known worldwide as the most capable defender of truth in the world. A trooper's tact and poise prepares him or her for any and every situation or conflict, and OC training provides skills beyond most mortal capabilities. This is the standard equipment of any trooper:

2 M67
Fragmentation /
2 M83 Smoke
grenades

Smokes. Lots and
lots of smokes.

Colt M16A1
with 4x20 light-
enhancing
scope

For silencing your
big, fat, deceptive
mouths

Standard-issue
fifth of Jack



SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS

- 1** Coalition forces launch attack by striking Classified Ads office with precision-guided maces. Objective realized without complication.
- 2** OC Very Special Forces Unit 1983 meets heavy resistance in the Space Ads department. Some junior Coalition staffers sacrificed to hold the line. OK, they didn't have to be sacrificed, but there were just a ton of contributors to deal with all the time. Nag, nag, nag...
- 3** British Marine Olly Ruff from the Math Rats unit, in an inexplicable war accident, bumps into himself. He is medivac-ed to the Cheerleaders Locker Room where he receives excellent care.
- 4** Surprise invasion from underutilized backdoor elevator leaves ODE in Coalition crossfire. Oh, the humanity. Socialist Guard caves;
- 5** Kleckner thought lost or gone into hiding at WOW Hall.
- 6** Victory declared just before happy hour.

Before the war, protesters from Students for Peace and the Old European Student Union said Media War II would cost "millions of lives" and turn student opinion against the Coalition forces. Register-Guard reports from only ten minutes into the fighting said Coalition forces were caught in a "quagmire" and the scenario looked like another Stalingrad.

The Coalition members, who were led by the Commentator and joined by the College Republicans and three stragglers from Bean Complex, attributed their swift success and low casualty rates to good intelligence, low support for the tyranni-

cal regime and an extremely aggressive ancient fighting style known as "Drunken Warfare."

Members of the Old European Student Union, led by eleven French students and one German GTF, argued that war was unnecessary and problems should be solved through the ASUO. Coalition members said they bypassed the ASUO because it was run by a group of anti-Semitic plutocrats who had little care for the defense of truth on campus.



EMERALD WATCH

The last few months have been difficult for the OI' Dirty. Unbalanced and inadequate coverage, terrible and unreadable columns and other affronts to professional journalism have made the ODE a journalistic laughingstock. While the sports section continues to be the shining star of the OI' Dirty, the rest of the paper, with the exception of the crossword puzzle and the classifieds, has become inconsequential to most students at the U of O.

Covering the death of a student is no easy task, especially when people start pointing fingers. The suicide of Eric Dylan Jones, a 25-year-old senior anthropology major, was a tragic and unfortunate event. However, the way the Emerald covered the events around Jones' suicide was unbalanced and poorly conducted.

The Emerald began its coverage of the events surrounding Jones' death by reporting on an assault that took place on March 1. 19-year-old Oregon football redshirt Devan Long was reportedly assaulted by Jones near an apartment complex at the 600 block of East 15th Avenue. Long underwent surgery to repair facial damage. The first article appeared in the Emerald on March 13, 12 days after the incident, accompanied by a large full-color photo of Jones. Despite the fact that more than a week had passed after the fight, only one individual was quoted in the article: UO football coach Mike Bellotti, who stated that the incident was, "a 'sucker-punch' type of attack."

The UO School of Journalism teaches reporting students that quoting at least three different sources in articles is ideal, almost necessary. Why the Emerald chose to print the quotes of only one source boggles the mind, especially when there were several witnesses, including Long's friend, Jones' girlfriend and two other associates. On March 21, Jones was found dead at his parents' home in Salem from a single gunshot wound to his head.

On April 1, the Emerald published an article memorializing Jones with interviews with his loved ones and friends. It also brought out more details to the incident, describing Long and his friend as "inebriated football players." The Emerald article noted that Jones was planning to turn himself into police until the first Emerald article was published.

On April 4, the Emerald published an editorial attempting to deflect blame from the paper to Bellotti. It suggested that Bellotti and his comments were partially responsible for the tragedy: "All of this is Sunday quarterbacking. Maybe things could have been different. Maybe Bellotti could have waited for a legal forum to make comments proclaiming the "truth" of the event, especially when no rebuttal was available."

It is clear that the Emerald did not want to take any responsibility for their poor journalism and instead targeted one of their quoted sources, not a noble move by any news organization

which takes itself seriously.

Opinion columns from the Emerald have continued to be unreadable as many take potshots at President Bush, the War in Iraq or other topics with which they have personal problems. "Cultural Obstetrician" Joseph Bechard, for instance, is inadvertently hilarious in his diatribe against American culture. In a column laden with sarcasm, Bechard points out that, "Under the iron fist of Saddam Hussein, Iraqi people had one choice on their presidential ballot. In America, we had several choices that didn't matter. If you're going to have a completely symbolic vote, it's good to have a few choices. That's freedom."

I suppose Bechard would have preferred to live under Saddam's regime instead of enjoying the "freedom" he has in the

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United States.

Continuing its tradition of pandering to the anti-war movement, the Emerald ran Julie Lauderbaugh's column, "Honest war coverage under fire," (ODE, April 3). Lauderbaugh comes to the defense of former NBC journalist Peter Arnett. NBC fired Arnett for making comments on the war in Iraq on Iraqi state television on March 30. Lauderbaugh fails to note that CNN fired "Baghdad Pete" for false claims made against the U.S. in a CNN documentary back in 1998. Arnett claimed that U.S. Special Forces had used deadly sarin gas to kill American defectors and Vietcong in Laos during the Vietnam War. CNN was forced to retract that charge, fired the producers and did not renew Arnett's contract. Instead of touching upon this significant part of Arnett's past, Lauderbaugh laments that Americans have lost an "honest insider's view" on the war in Iraq and states that Arnett should be commended for "admitting he has a view."

The current editorial staff of the Emerald has let its standards of journalistic integrity slip. It has shown students how unmistakably biased it is in its reporting and it has provided opinions that can hardly be considered diverse. Here's to hoping for some improvements next year.



REVELATIONS REVOLUTION?



President George W. Bush is a religious man. Listening to virtually any of his speeches betrays Bush's status as a born-again Christian. Recently, the President's religious beliefs have inspired his critics to level a new allegation against him: we went to war with Iraq because George W. wants to bring about the Apocalypse.

Since his election, the President has infused the office with a sense of religious zeal and unwavering morality. His famous use of the word "evil" to describe nearly anything that threatens national security indicates that Bush believes there is a moral absolute and thinks it is America's duty to fight that "evil" in all its forms.

The February issue of *The Progressive* ran a story that included harsh allegations directed at the President. Chip Berlet, a senior analyst at Political Research Associates in Somerville, Massachusetts, told the magazine, "Bush is very much into the apocalyptic and messianic thinking of militant Christian evangelicals."

"Many of these people believe that they're living in biblically inspired End Times," Berlet said. "While not all born-again are caught up in apocalyptic messianism, Bush appears to be."

Stan Cook, a national security correspondent for *Business Week* based in Washington D.C., does not buy the idea of Bush's religiously motivated war. He points out that Bush is not the sole actor in creating the war in Iraq.

"Few of Bush's aides share his particular brand of faith," Cook said. "One of the Administration's leading strategists on Iraq and elsewhere, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, is Jewish."

While Wolfowitz is part of the group labeled "neo-conservatives" partly for their hawkish willingness to go to war, it is difficult to believe he would support a war plan based on arcane, Christian prophecy of the end-times.

Cook instead believes that Bush is using his religion as a rhetorical validation for going to war and not a specific battle plan.

"The President may use biblical language to justify and explain his position," Cook said, "but the Bible itself isn't the basis for his strategy."

JEREMY JONES WINS!!!*

The OC would like to congratulate this year's staff candidate for ASUO executive, Emperor Jeremy Jones. In a shocking display of how far whiskey and a blackened, smoldering pit of a soul can take you, Emperor Jones collected 125 votes in this year's election, making him the second highest vote-getter in the illustrious history of OC candidates.

Jones' fourth place finish out of six candidates means that two so-called "serious candidacies" actually fell in defeat to a ticket that openly acknowledged an intention to do away with all future voting rights (UO students may be smarter than any of us suspected).

Not content to rest on the laurels of his strong finish, Emperor Jones has been busy since election day, readying for a power grab intended to ensure him his "rights as promised by God." Jones plans to demand a recount of this year's votes, declaring "I think it is pretty reasonable to believe that 700 votes could have been lost in Duckweb's clearly biased voting system."

Jones has also accused the current ASUO executives of "signing a pact with Satan in order to deny my eventual ascension to supreme student command." Jones plans to purchase ad space in the ODE calling upon his supporters to "rise up" in support of him and "throw off the shackles of open democracy."

Not all the news from the Emperor Jones campaign headquarters has been bad, however. A scantily clad Jones was overheard to have said in triumph, "Hell, at least I beat the guy named Pierre!"

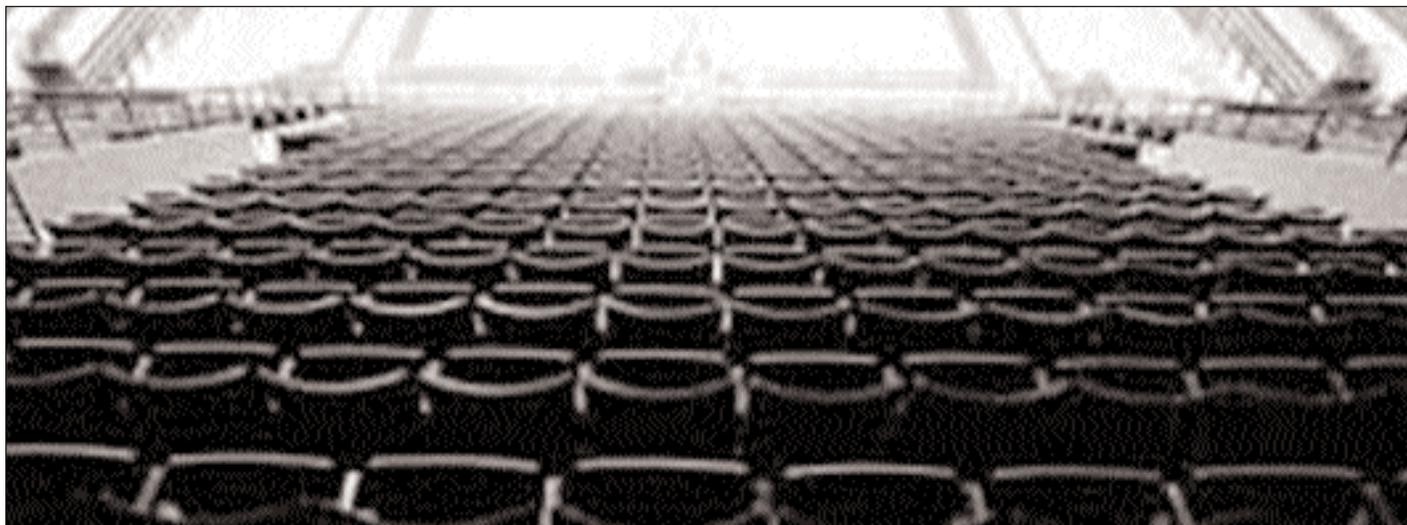


Jones, right, pictured with Christ, our Lord and Savior.

* If you define "win" to mean, "collected 125 votes."

—Lost Under The Seats—

AS THE UO BAND PLAYED MUSICAL CHAIRS IN MAC COURT, STUDENTS LOST SEATS — AND CASH. AT LEAST \$40K WAS MISAPPROPRIATED, BUT POOR RECORD-KEEPING AND A DISINTERESTED ADFC ARE PREVENTING A FULL ACCOUNTING. BY TYLER GRAF



In January 2003, staffers from the Athletic Department convened to investigate a possible discrepancy between the amount of tickets allotted to students in the 2002-2003 Athletic Department Agreement—which outlines the amount of monetary compensation provided by incidental fee monies for student seating—and the amount of tickets that were actually distributed at MacArthur Court. Athletic Department staffers were perplexed by the prevalence of empty seating in the third balcony during the two heavily hyped and supposedly sold-out games played during the Winter break. Thus, after an internal investigation involving the counting of ticket stubs, Steve McBride, head of Internal Operations at MacCourt, made a shocking finding: More than \$40,000 in incidental-fee funded, student-subsidized tickets were not being distributed. The money was simply not being used in accordance with the terms outlined in the Athletic Department Agreement

The Athletic Department determined that students were being shorted tickets as a result of the re-placement of the band, which moved from section 14 to section 13 this season to comply with an NCAA regulation dictating how close to an opponent's bench a band can be seated. The news was relayed to the Athletic Department Finance Committee (ADFC), at which time ADFC Chair Kate Kranzush called a meeting to

discuss what was needed in the form of compensation.

"We were not very happy with the news when we heard about it," said Kranzush. Despite this fact, Kranzush did little to investigate the situation. Instead, she tallied up the total number of student tickets that were not distributed—140 seats from section 13 multiplied by 13 home games—which amounted to 1,820 tickets total, at an over-all price of \$44,753.27, and then wrote a non-threatening letter to the Athletic Department detailing the amount of money they owed.

"It wouldn't surprise me if this had happened in the past," said Kranzush. But she insisted that the ADFC would not look into the matter. According to Kranzush, it would be "impossible" to investigate student ticket distribution errors from subsequent years because the Athletic Department does not keep pertinent records on ticket stubs.

Counting ticket stubs is not standard practice, which is exactly the way McBride wants it to stay. McBride insists that it would be wrong-headed to look into the matter further, insisting that, to the best of his knowledge, this has never happened in the past. McBride may be correct about his cognitive limitations—he has only been with the Athletic Department for two years—but he may be quite wrong about this having never happened in the past.

According to Kranzush, the very same situation arose at

"It's not the role of the Athletic Department to prescribe solutions for this incident."

**STEVE MCBRIDE
HEAD OF INTERNAL
OPERATIONS AT MAC COURT**

Autzen Stadium several years ago and at that time the Athletic Department promised that it would never happen again.

There may not be much recourse for students, however. Gregg Lobisser, Director of Student Activities, who has witnessed a myriad contractual errors, said: "There's no real need to go back over the years to seek retribution, especially if there was no ill intent. When you discover an error in a case like this, it's important to correct it and make sure it doesn't happen again."

But the Athletic Department appears reluctant to spearhead changes that could prevent this from occurring yet again. "It is not the role of the Athletic Department to prescribe solutions for this incident," said McBride. So, whose job is it?

Kate Kranzush believes that the Athletic Department and the ADFC should work in tandem to find a middle ground. According to Lobisser, the ADFC could formulate a written agreement stipulating a course of action to prevent the loss of student monies in the future, such as requiring the Athletic Department to keep track of its records concerning student tickets and seating. At this point, however, it does not appear as if this incident will change how the Athletic Department or the ADFC will conduct business in the future. McBride insists that the situation has created a "heightened awareness," and in his view, that is good enough.

Heightened awareness may work for a year, but this sounds ominously similar to rhetoric we have heard in the past. Why can't the Athletic Department keep track of its student ticket distribution? Lobisser offers one possibility: "Income generation is very important to the Athletic Department. They care if they are making money. They want

revenue, but they also would like students to be there because it is important to have that energy and student representation, so it's quite a juggling act."

The Athletic Department agreed that revenues are a primary concern. "We're more concerned with how many tickets we sell," said McBride.

The ADFC is returning the lion's share of the funds — \$30,865 — to the Mac Court Subsidy Fund, which helps finance the private use of Mac Court facilities by student organizations. This money cannot be siphoned into other accounts, such as the Incidental Fee Clearing Account, which could then be used to pay down the fee in future years, because that money had previously been extracted from the Subsidy Fund to make up the difference resulting from the two additional games played this season. Only a small portion of the funds, a mere \$3,126.27, will be retained in the Incidental Fee Clearing Account. The remainder of the finances, \$10,764, will be used to help pay for a computer system that the Athletic Department bought, for whose price the ADFC had previously agreed to pay 25 percent.

The Athletic Department and the ADFC have worked in conjunction to amend this year's ticket glitch, but without the resolve to enact safeguards against future misappropriations, students are left scratching their heads and wondering when this is going to happen again.



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DESTROY AND REBUILD

The Erb Memorial Union is due for its first major renovation in over 30 years. A draft plan being considered calls for greater access, more retail space and a major reshuffling of student offices.

By Pete R. Hunt

Plans are underway for a major renovation of the Erb Memorial Union. A draft plan before the EMU Board calls for the demolition of the west wing of the building, followed by the construction of a new, more spacious and energy efficient wing. Renovations throughout the building will relocate student groups, including the Oregon Daily Emerald, KWVA radio and the Multi-Cultural Center. There is currently no timetable for construction to begin.

The EMU has housed student groups and student government for more than 50 years. The original portion of the EMU, built in 1950, encompasses the primary face of the building, including the main entrance. The second portion of the EMU, built in the 1970s, resides towards the back of the building. It includes the ASUO offices, the ticket office, the Century rooms and the elaborate vertical walkways that tie them all together.

The difficulty in maneuvering between the two wings makes navigating the EMU an arduous task. Giving directions to the Ben Linder room from the International Lounge requires a map and compass. Compounding the problem, student groups are spread sporadically throughout different levels of the building. Active groups like KVWA are housed in the dungeons of the mezzanine level, while more self-contained student groups are located near hub areas like the Buzz.

To remedy this, the EMU Board, consisting of twelve students, three faculty members and one EMU staff member, considered a total renovation of the EMU. The University hired MHTN Architects to work with University representatives in a planning effort.

The design team proposed that the original 1950's building should be preserved. They found the layout to be functional and attractive, with comfortable well-proportioned spaces and ample natural light. However, the bulk of the 1970's addition is due for demolition. The design team and the EMU Board agreed that the branch was inefficient from both energy and functional/ space-use standpoints. To even those familiar with the EMU building, the angled orientation of the walkways can be disorientating. The consensus was that a replaced wing of the EMU should respect, complement and harmonize with the original portion of the building.

The redesign of the EMU would be done in four construction phases that would allow for uninterrupted EMU services throughout the entire construction process, with a maximum of two moves for each program. The existing EMU has 213,202 gross square feet. The proposed renovation would gain 37,376 square feet, for a total of 250,578.

The estimated cost of the renovation would probably extended over \$40 million. The bulk of the funding will come through the building fee, a mandatory fee tacked onto tuition that is allocated through the Oregon University System. No money will come out of the incidental fee. Though the current Recreation Center was financed in part by incidental fee money, that funding model is no longer legal.

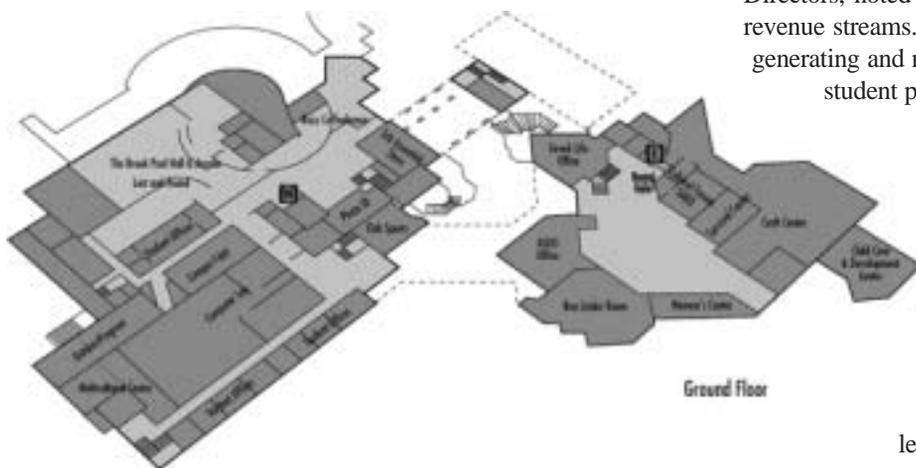
Roughly 50% of the EMU's budget is subsidized through incidental fees, and the other 50% is acquired renting space to retailers and other groups.

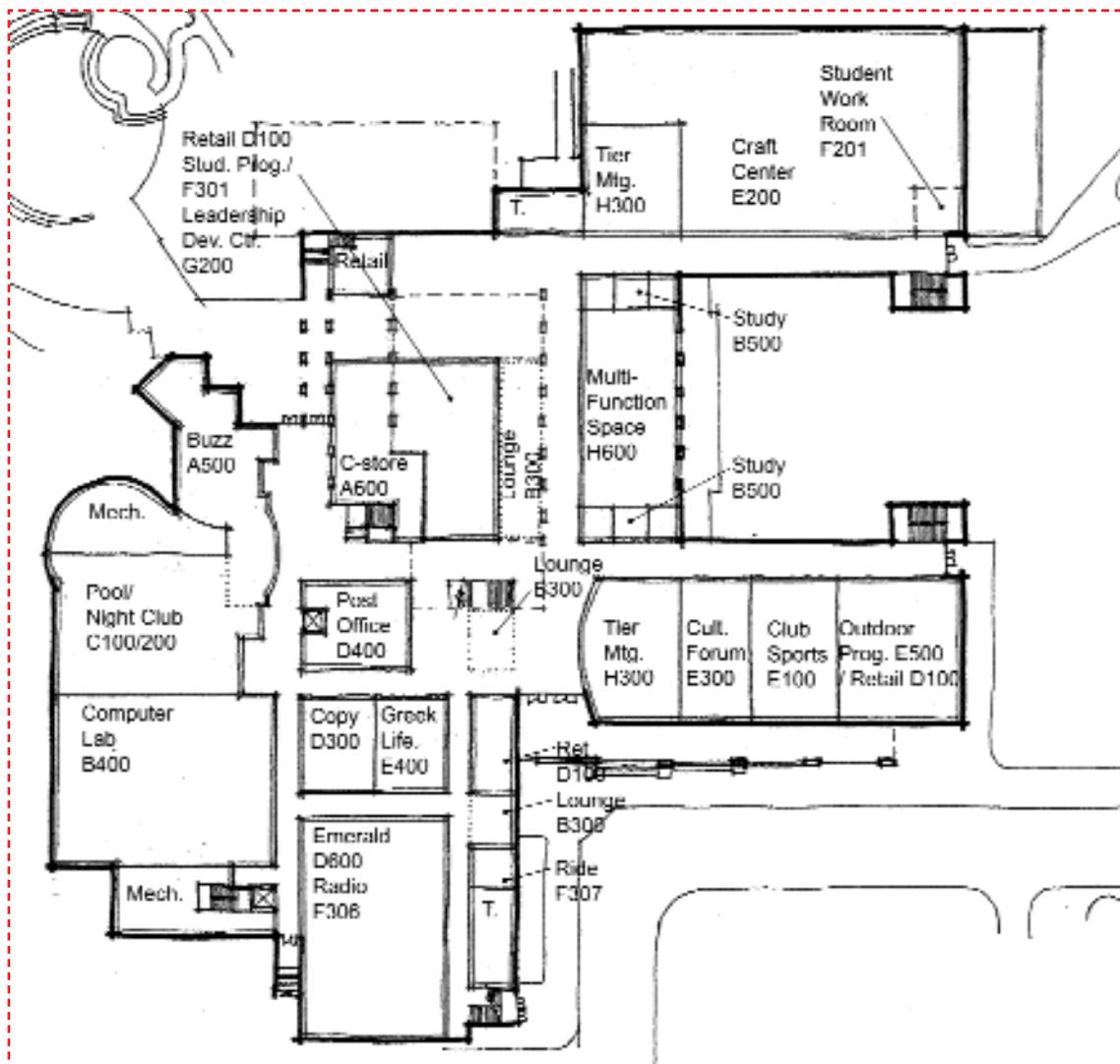
The current design plan delegates much more space to retail and private occupation, though not of all of those spaces have been filled. Christa Shively, chairwoman of the EMU Board of Directors, noted that the EMU is challenged to find new earned-revenue streams. New additions aim to balance between revenue generating and non-revenue generating spaces, while focusing on student priorities.

"The more retail space the better the chance that the incidental fee will stay low," said Shively. "The idea behind the EMU isn't to rake in incidental fees."

Shively said that the University and the EMU Board were very concerned about getting campus community input regarding the remodel. The design team used a web-based survey, focus groups and a town hall meeting to gather information. But many student groups felt left out of the process.

Charlotte Nisser, general manager of KWVA,





Below Left:
The Current
EMU ground
floor.

Left: Draft
Floor Plan for
Ground Floor
as of 1-21-04.
Notice the
Emerald/
KWVA media
conglomerate
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placed com-
puter lab and
post office.

said hadn't heard anything recently regarding the remodel, though the final plans are due to pass by the board shortly. She's concerned that the board may be moving on without student input.

"We're not always alerted to openings in space," she said, pointing out that an open space next door had recently been turned into an office.

Shively noted that the design team was only on campus for a limited amount of time. Once a final draft is introduced, students and student groups will be invited to board meetings to comment and recommend changes. The final draft is still only a draft, and the specifics won't be set in stone until a final blueprint is produced.

The most striking part of the plan calls for a relocation of building mainstays, including the Oregon Daily Emerald offices, KWVA, the post office and the computer lab, into the bottom floor of the new wing. This would give these groups late night access to their offices, and make them more visible and accessible to students.

Nisser agreed that KWVA needs more space, pointing out that any more than four people in their offices heavily restricts mobility.

"I want to make sure that we're visible," she said. "A lot of students don't see us, and they don't know that we exist."

Amy McCoy, the CCEMU lab manager, said that the lab could use more space.

"More than anything, I think it's the layout of this place [that needs changing]," she said. "I think it would be better elsewhere."

On the first floor, the dining area would be expanded, and the open atrium area would be removed. The ticket office would be adjusted so that students could have access to its windows from both inside and outside the building.

Shively noted that outside access to the ticket office would serve students more quickly, and prevents disruption of flow within the building.

The international lounge and surrounding offices would officially become an international wing, and the rest of the mezzanine level would be fully converted into maintenance and service space.

On the second floor, a major expansion would occur as a new, larger ballroom would be built, expanding out over the visitors' parking lot towards the Rec Center. The current ballroom would be partitioned, leaving larger office spaces. During phases two and three, student groups may temporarily be moved to these spaces until they can be put in their final locations.

"The earliest construction can begin is three years from now," said Shively, noting that the process wouldn't even begin until an adequate amount of funds had been secured.



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MISSING IN ACTION

By Colin Elliott

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION HAS COME UNDER FIRE RECENTLY. WHILE THE GOALS SEEM NOBLE, THE IMPLEMENTATION IS RACIST, SEXIST, AND DOES NOTHING BUT SEND THE MESSAGE THAT SELECTED MINORITIES ARE INCAPABLE OF COMPETING.

The University of Michigan has been in hot water as of late. Not only did their basketball team suck it up on Big Ten courts this season, but their Affirmative Action policy is currently in a losing battle against public opinion and the Constitution in United States legal courts. And while the U of M might become inclined to fire their coach after a few years of sorry basketball, their resilience in propping up their racist and judgmental Affirmative Action policy has only led to an increase of morons across the country using all their flower power to fight for a dying ideal.

With this light of scrutiny still examining the University of Michigan's Affirmative Action policy, perhaps it would be beneficial to shed some light on what the University of Oregon is doing with student fees and tuition in the name of diversity promotion.

The University claims that it is "firmly committed to creating a workforce that reflects the diversity of qualified individuals in the labor market" (University of Oregon Affirmative Action Plan). One begins to question this statement, however, when viewing the professions these minorities are being "created" for. According to a study completed earlier this year by the ODE, 35 percent of undergraduate black men receive athletic scholarships. Either there is a huge demand for black professional athletes, or something is amiss and the University isn't being straight with the public. The latter seems to stand out even more so when it is revealed that 75 percent of all black males at the University play football.

These figures reflect that, while the University's Affirmative Action plan sounds nice on paper, they could care less about putting it into practice. If the University was really concerned about advancing minorities equally, then we wouldn't see such an abundance of blacks in the professional football career track. Trying to maintain their integrity, the University asserts that "the percentage of women and minorities working in a 'job group' (groups of employees with similar salaries, duties, and opportunities) should be similar to the percentage of women and minorities qualified for such positions" (AAEO website). Blacks make up 64.6 percent of NFL players, yet the University thinks that 75 percent of black students should be on a career track that leads to the NFL. Good intentions? Doubtful.

The Department of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportuni-

ty (AAEO) insists that they do not use quotas, which are prohibited by the 1964 Civil Rights Act and are in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The FAQ on their website even notes, "Affirmative Action programs do use goals. Goals are used as ideal targets." So no, the University does not use quotas, but yes, they do have a specific percentage that they would like to fill with minorities. The public loses another one to the veiled lies of Academic-speak.

There is an incredulous assumption made when using Affirmative Action guidelines to judge people -- what a person looks like is directly linked to their cultural experience. In reality, and most especially in the cultural melting pot that is America, this idea is absurd and outdated. Have schools and parents not been telling children that stereotyping is wrong? It seems that universities across America would rather make assumptions based on students' physical qualities then judge their academic worth. While there is no doubt that there are many cultures and traditions preserved throughout America's minority communities, there is still the fact that some minorities out there share nearly identical cultural experiences with regular, middle-class white families.

For instance, one could envision two boys, one black and one white, growing up in a small town and sharing a similar upbringing. Maybe the black boy volunteers in his high school multicultural club, maybe the white boy writes for the school paper. When the time arrives to go to college, they apply to the same school. If they have similar academic qualifications, then should the black boy have an easier time getting in because he is black? Surely not; they both had the same experiences. Minorities are not to be equated with exchange students or immigrants -- they grow up in the same America as white people.

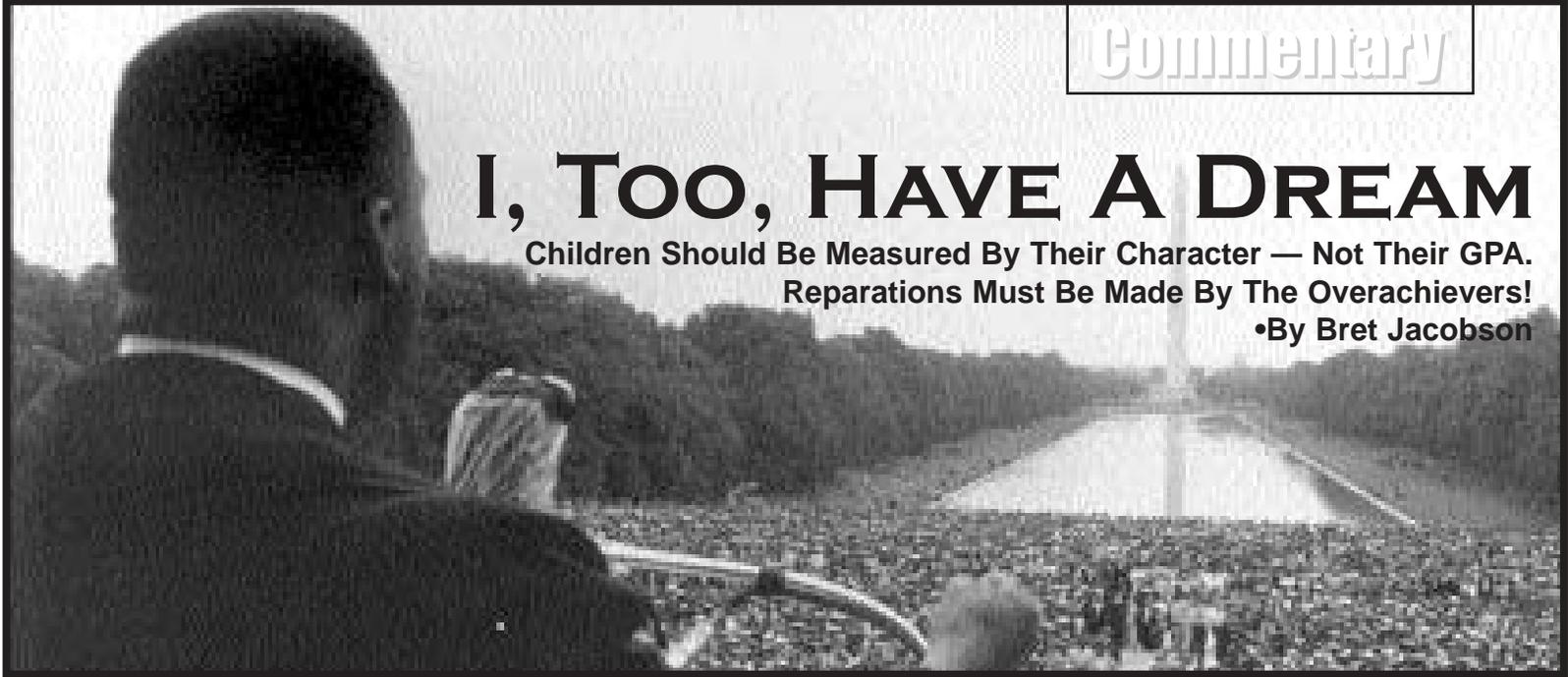
This fact brings up the immediate knee-jerk criticism that minorities, in fact, do not grow up in the same America as the white middle class. While yes, there are going to be some differences, there is essentially no deviation in opportunity for minorities and, fortunately, there is a vast wealth of statistics that soundly refute such notions implied by the left. According to the US Census Bureau, 47.7 percent of whites made \$25,000-\$74,999 in 1999 as opposed to 42.4 percent of blacks and 46.5 percent of other races.

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I, TOO, HAVE A DREAM

Children Should Be Measured By Their Character — Not Their GPA.
Reparations Must Be Made By The Overachievers!

•By Bret Jacobson



I hold a shame, once secret but now revealed, that has prevented the full achievement of my mind and future. I am disadvantaged by birth and there is no rectification, save the reparations so blithely tossed around by those who are more privileged than my family and myself.

The sweat still beads upon my father's forehead as he struggles, in vain, to grapple and claw his way to an equal footing with those against whom he competes. My father is a proud man, not taken to asking others for help. But help is what we need.

We are not native to this land and perhaps that was the kernel from which all other biases against the Jacobsons have grown. Our people hail from the Old State — California. But my father was viciously uprooted by an uncaring overseer (his father, who wanted a better life for his family in Oregon). The sea-sickness from the winding car rides left their mark upon that young man and steeled him for the tough journey ahead.

My father came to this University through a great deal of hardship and toil. The journey away from the city he knew was disorienting and would cause any normal person a vertigo from which they could never recover. And at times when others were studying hard and focusing on the classics, my father was put-

ting himself through school by working as a golf pro at the local country club. Oh God, the shame of it all must have choked him. But beyond the shame, there was a very real and powerful social structure set up to keep my father, and generations after him, downtrodden and relegated to around-3.0-GPA status. He still wears that scarlet "3" upon his chest and in the weary hours there is a faint reflection in those blue eyes that have seen pain heaped as liberally as the hay rolling along the Golden Plains.

I, too, will graduate soon with an around-3.0-GPA. And I too will be looked down upon. There will be separate jobs for which I am considered "qualified," and jobs which use false GPA requirements to keep me and my kind away. So too will there be separate restrooms and drinking fountains for me and the other plebian hordes who still bear our mark of shame. We will not use the same perfect porcelain bowls as our "better-educated" masters. Hell, they'll even make high-class and low-class restaurants and the gatekeepers will seek but one outer sign of our worth — they will not let us eat at the good lunch counter because we are the 3.0'ers.

While it is easy to prove the bias of a time when Oregon had "Thriggers Go Home" and "Keep Oregon Green: Spend Your Money and

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- 1) The 4.0'ers think they're so damn great, and they think just because I'm a 3.0'er that I'm a dummy. That just hurts.
- 2) The Executive Washroom for 4.0'ers — It's where all the big deals go down, so they don't want us to have access.
- 3) The washroom for the rest of us isn't nice and the only deal you can make is with the burrito from the lunch truck. 4) The sweet music of justice! Taxing those overachievers will make life more fair, and I'm gettin' a new Bose system!

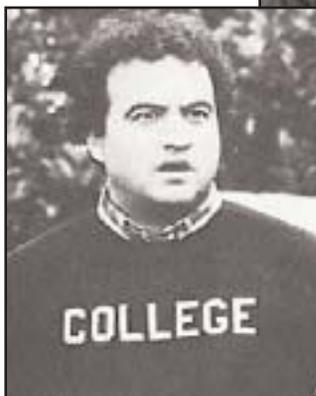
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS of
ANIMAL HOUSE
 DEBAUCHERY

What all U of O students should know about the greatest college comedy of all time:

- Universal Studios production budget: \$2.5 million
- Animal House grossed \$141.6 million plus almost \$71 million in video rentals in the United States. Was the highest grossing comedy of all time when first run.
- The Delta House's exterior scenes were filmed at 751 East 11th St., of what was formerly serving as a halfway house for convicts. It sat between the current Sigma Nu house (also the Omega house of the film) and the Pi Kappa Alpha house. Appropriately enough, these are the same two houses who still refuse to go dry. John Belushi would be proud. Sigma Nu was also the exterior of the Tri Pi sorority. The Delta house has since been torn down because of disrepair while serving as student apartments, and its lot converted to space for a private research center. However, all is not lost of its historical importance; bricks of the building were sold for \$5 each and in front of the lot now stands a stone plaque mentioning one of the sites of the film.
- Homecoming parade scenes, and the Rainbow Motel scenes were filmed in Cottage Grove, twenty miles south of Eugene.
- Pinto and Clorette smacked flesh in the middle of Autzen Stadium while the rest of the Deltas built the Deathmobile for the Homecoming Parade.
- The food fight scene was filmed in the fishbowl of the EMU.
- Trooper the horse was dragged up the steps of Johnson Hall, and left in current President Frohnmeyer's office.
- The classroom in which the University hearing takes place is Fenton 110.
- Donald Sutherland and Junior, Neidermeyer's (Kevin Bacon) white horse Trooper were the highest-paid cast members.
- John Belushi's contract was for \$40,000.
- University of Oregon was the only one of 50 colleges to accept Universal's request to film on campus.
- If Donald Sutherland hadn't taken the upfront payment offer of \$40,000 in sure belief that the film would bomb, he would have been worth an additional \$30 to 40 million.

Crucial geographical facts of campus

• Martha Smith, who played Babs, was Playboy Magazine's Playmate of the Month in July 1973. Dayum.



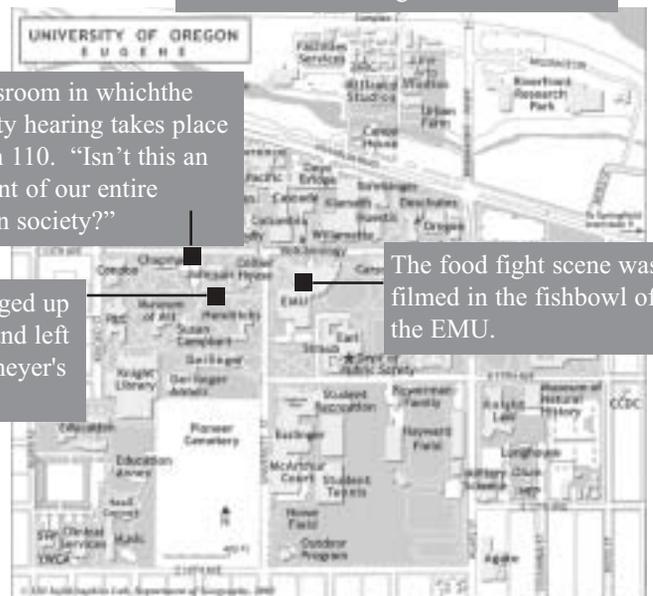
John Belushi, who played Bluto, flew twice a week between Eugene and NYC to film Animal House and Saturday Night Live

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The classroom in which the University hearing takes place is Fenton 110. "Isn't this an indictment of our entire American society?"

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Unaffiliated

BUT STILL STANDING

By Ben Brown

The deadline for all fraternities to comply with the standards or face becoming unaffiliated with the University has come and gone. Two of the fifteen frat houses refused to comply and have managed to thrive without University support.

Early last spring, University President Dave Frohnmeyer and Director of Student Activities Greg Lobisser, along with several others, put forth and passed an initiative to force the University's Fraternity system to meet a "platform of minimum standards" or be disaffiliated. These standards include maintaining a minimum GPA, meeting new safety and fire codes, getting a live-in advisor and becoming a completely alcohol-free house. It was this last issue that was the most hotly contested last year.

One year later, as of September 1st, all houses that wished to remain affiliated with the University were to submit a letter indicating their intention to comply. Thirteen of the University's 15 fraternities did so, leaving Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Nu as the University of Oregon's only wet frat houses.

In both houses, the decision not to affiliate was made by a universal vote and with the full support of each fraternity's housing corporation and national chapter. Pi Kappa Alpha PR Director Jesse Harding said, "We are not going along with this policy because we philosophically disagree with it."

Since then, both fraternities have been subject to what they feel is harassment. According to Phi Kappa Alpha President Todd Brinks, his fraternity has been barred from nearly all campus services and has had trouble doing something as simple as inviting a public speaker to the house due to University interference.

Brinks and Sigma Nu president Ryan Marrs also claim that a memo has been circulated among the affiliated fraternities and sororities "strongly suggesting" that they not interact with Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Nu or risk losing their affiliation.

Both houses have also lost the privilege of participating in the University's rush activities. Last year, many thought that this would be the death knell for unaffiliated fraternities, but as it turns out, non-affiliation has had little to no effect on the number of young men joining these new fraternities, as both have seen strong enrollment this year. In the last year and a half, Pi Kappa Alpha has doubled in size to 40 members, moved to a new house, gotten a live-in advisor and met almost all of the University's requirements while unaffiliated, leading many members to wonder what they needed the University for in the first place. "If we can succeed and do all the positive things that fraternities do and have alcohol, then why should we affiliate?" asks Harding.

Many wonder why this initiative was written in the first place. The University claims that it is to curb under-age drinking, keep students safe and reduce the number of problems that center around fraternities, but for some that does not ring true. Harding claims that the real reason for forcing the fraternities to go dry stems from a number of articles in the past five years that

have labeled the U of O as a party school.

On top of that, two fraternity members at OSU have died in the last two years in alcohol-related accidents and Harding suggests that the University might be trying to protect itself from liability as well as avoid bad publicity.

Harding and Brinks also claim that parties still occur in the fraternity system, although they are more often held at the houses of members who do not live in the fraternity. "When parties are in the frat houses, there is a high degree of risk management," said Brinks, using his own house as an example. Since 1990, Pi Kappa Alpha has been cited only once for a noise violation. "If you force the parties to live-outs then there is no risk management," said Brinks.

Both men also point out that with parties moved away from the fraternity houses, there will be more need for DDS and Saferide services to avoid students driving home drunk or being attacked when they try to walk. "It will be chaos!" said Harding. Harding and Brinks said that when they brought this point up in

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JESSE HARDING
PI KAPPA ALPHA DIRECTOR

meetings with University officials, it was dismissed. "It's like they're saying, 'we're more concerned about ourselves than our students,'" said Harding.

As for the allegation that fraternities cause problems, only two fraternities have ever been removed from the University of Oregon: Sigma Alpha Epsilon, because their house was in such ill repair that it was deemed unlivable; and Sigma Chi, who was removed by their national chapter for problems stemming from hazing that was supposedly conducted during Spring Rush.

Pi Kappa Alpha plans to become registered as a philanthropic organization so that they may lobby the ASUO for funds directly rather than having to go through the Office of Greek Life. Sigma Nu has tried to stay non-affiliated, but in early February, a party at the house was busted and 25 people were cited as minors in possession. The house itself was cited for having four unlicensed kegs. Marrs believes that the national chapter will require them to affiliate next fall or lose their house.

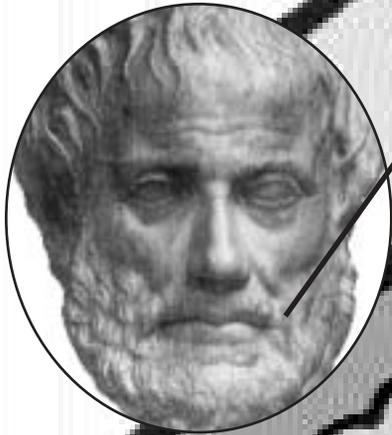


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Coming Next Month....

HATE

With Special Guests:
Two Minutes Hate



Hate is the virtue that separates man from the beasts. It shall set you free, trust hate, and you shall never have cause to fear

I Hate Uncle Moneybags

I own Boardwalk and Park Place, I've got a hotel on each...then along he comes saying "pay your taxes." Sometimes, for no reason, he gives me a parking ticket. Every now and again, Uncle Moneybags drags me down to the judge. I don't know why, it's not like he caught me with that kid. He can't prove anything. Once, I had to pay the hospital \$50 to fix a leg that asshole broke in the first place. He's only ever been nice once; when I won the beauty pageant, Uncle Moneybags collected money from around the board for me. With such deep pockets, you'd think Uncle Moneybags would be more willing to share. But, no, he's a cruel man with unbridled greed, rivaling even the most covetous of businessmen. I hate him, oh how I hate him.

I Hate Waking Up in the Morning

My alarm tears though the wonderful boozed-up dreams at 7:00 am. It is now time for me to get out of bed...if I was in bed. Today, it's time for me to get up off the floor, again. It started so innocently last night. The guys called me for one or two drinks. Hours later, sometime between the body shots off the Mexican hooker and Dennis Leary drinking game, I plowed head-first on the living room carpet for three hours of drunken unconsciousness before class. Now it's just me and hangover, together again. As I brew a metric ton of coffee, I only want to head to my booze closet, add a couple shots of whiskey and go back to bed. Or, instead of slipping into an endless cycle of alcoholism, I only wish I could sleep until 3:00pm. No one cares if you start drinking at 3:00pm.

Also Starring

- I Hate Eugene
- I Hate The University of Oregon
- I Hate The ASUO
- I Hate Everything
- George Wendt
- I Love Everything

THE HATE ISSUE, COMING SOON
TO A NEWSSTAND NEAR YOU.

From Page 15 “Go Home” billboards of a generation ago, I’ll admit it is a bit tougher to prove biases nowadays. The statistics seem to indicate that there is some form of meritocracy in the whole GPA scheme, but I think we all know there is still injustice, although it manifests itself much differently now.

For instance, I’ve been stopped for “Driving While 3.0,” which is a crime around these parts. And I know I don’t have the same access to capital and high-level corporate officers because many golf courses are still “4.0’ers Only.” Can’t they see we 3.0’ers are people, too? All we’re missing is the access — and the estimated \$4.2 trillion we miss out on annually, compared with our “higher-achieving” competitors.

Look, I don’t want a free ride. I just want what was unfairly taken from me and my people. The pride so long ago forced from my father’s brow will be brought back to the Jacobson clan once that fat government check — ripped from those who earned large salaries and paid taxes through the ass — hits my bank account and I purchase a top-of-the-line Bose Home Entertainment System. Then equality will truly be a thing of America. And there will be no 3.0’ers or 4.0’ers — there will only be music and harmony.



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From Page 14 This leads to the defining problem of Affirmative Action—namely, that it is a racist agenda that assumes minorities aren’t gifted enough to gain the same achievements as white people and therefore must be helped. Affirmative Action says: “those poor minorities, we should help them because they can’t help themselves” – an assertion that is vehemently racist, derogatory, and disgusting. Many minorities across the nation have a heated hatred for Affirmative Action because from its roots a thought process stems that declares white males superior to all others.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a patriotic, rational American activist, put it best when he hoped for a world where his children “will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content

of their character.” Dr. King knew that character, not race, was more important. Not only was Dr. King an activist for equality among blacks, but equality among all people.

Right now, the University of Oregon is supporting a program that is racist and against progress towards a colorblind nation. Employers, teachers, and students cannot try to be blind to race while Affirmative Action is still looking them straight in the face.



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*From Bible Jim

BACK ON THE WAGON

AGAIN

By Zach Evenson

[Editor's Note: The OC decided to start off spring term in style by throwing a big bash at an editor's house, complete with a fridge full of alcohol and copious amounts of... other stuff. A telegraph was sent towards Corvallis sending warning to Evenson and his OSU chums to stay clear of Lane County for the weekend.

"Best to house up and study, Zach, work for those As," we said, remembering full well Evenson's notorious drinking habits, not to mention his suspended license and court-ordered diversion classes.

"No way, man, I'm coming down, and I'm bringing friends," Evenson insisted. "Thought you weren't drinking till your birthday," we pleaded.

"I got back on the wagon last night," he stated proudly. "I'm ready to go. It's going to be different this time, you'll see.

But by midnight, it was clear that the old dog hadn't learned any new drinks. And indeed, by the end of the night he was pissing with one leg up and... well, we're getting ahead of ourselves. Read on...]

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Sure I'm an intern. I work over at Sacred Heart. Yeah...I've been there for the last two years. Where? Uhh... Cardiology Ward. I do?

Well, I've always looked young for my age; I'm actually 25. Yeah, I gotta go into pre-op in about 25 minutes. The med-chopper got some poor bastard out in Gresham, I think. Son of a bitch got stung by five bald-faced hornets; went into anaphylactic shock right away. He's probably gonna need a bypass or two. What's that you say? If I'm going into surgery, I should STOP drinking? What are you, nuts? Look, woman, it's not like I'm gonna be cutting the guy open...I'm an intern. I just stand there and hand the doctor the scalpel and shit. Maybe YOU need to stop drinking...

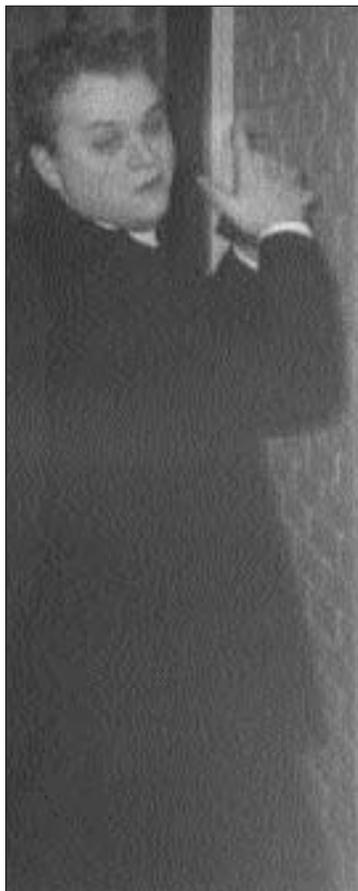
I think Ben Franklin said it best when he wrote: "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

Or maybe my uncle Dan said it best when he said to my aunt: "After I finish this goddamn beer, Kathy, I'm gonna come over there and split your fucking face open."

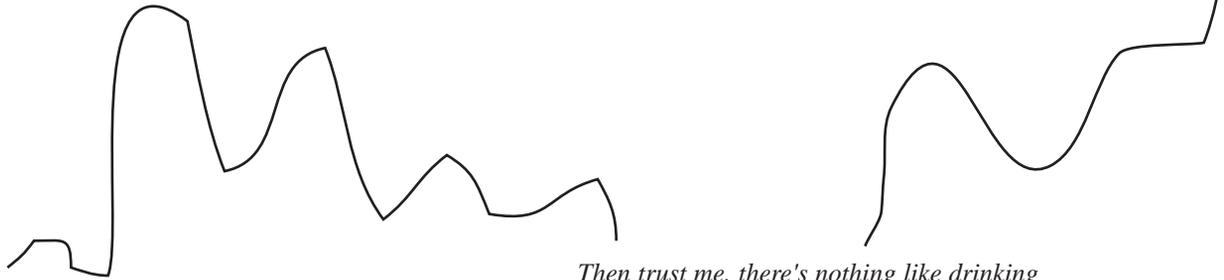
As hard as we try to repress the Beast which lurks inside of each one of us, we quickly realize that our attempts become as futile as keeping a Frenchman's trousers dry during a fireworks display. The Beast needs to be let out, just like the rabid Doberman we kept chained up in the corner of the basement, forcing it to subsist off of a crude mixture of gruel and Jack Daniels, all the while subjecting it to random beatings and the constant flashing of a disco strobe light; the more we try to repress the Beast within, the more severe its attack will be when it is finally let free. Instead of tearing off your genitals and humping the newly-formed gash in your lower abdomen, like the Doberman might be apt to do; the Beast will commit far worse atrocities to your soul.

God did I ever miss drinking!

So, you're from Finland huh? That's pretty cool. Yeah, I'm an American. What? No, I'm fine...I can hold my liquor. Shit, my cell-phone's ringing...hold on a sec. Ok. It wasn't that important. What's that? Why does my phone say "RAPIST" in the front of it? Uhhh...It's pronounced "rah-pist"...it's French. What does it mean? How the fuck should I know...do I look like speak French to you? Ok, you go and leave. You had a big head anyway. I need another drink.



Hey... where did all the vicodin go? Paging Dr. Evenson, paging Dr. Evenson.



Don't believe the bullshit you hear about "what happened last night." "Last night" is usually nothing more than a figment; a fabrication concocted by those who never really knew the score in the first place. Such illustrations usually come in idle conversation "the next morning."

*"You know, you should apologize."
 "That used to belong to my grandmother for Christ's sake!"
 "God, Zach...I'm your cousin."*

It's all deception and half-truths. Even if the pictures do surface that show you slumped over in the corner of the bathtub with your pants around your ankles, while your flaccid manhood lies limp in your hand; these are still nothing more than crude manifestations from a collective delusional mind. A person is most vulnerable during his blackout. Be weary of the attempts to "help" you regain your memory of the last twelve hours. Sometimes not knowing is the best thing. "Rough night?" Clem from the AM/PM might ask you as you're desperately trying to buy a gallon of water and 10 Excedrin without giving the DTs the upper hand. Even though the retort to his harmless rhetorical chit-chat required nothing more than a simple ragged glance; a response as arbitrary and revealing as "Yeah...I fucked a midget," might be met with a questioning stare, but I assure you it is no more out of place than the construction crew jack hammering out the inside of my skull.

What do you want? Do you know how early it is? It's 3 PM? Well...it's 3 AM somewhere. What is this concerning? No, I don't even own a vacuum cleaner. Oh...it was your vacuum cleaner? What does this have to do with me? I didn't throw anything down five flights of stairs. How do you even know that I did it? I was yelling, "I'M ZACH EVENSON AND I'M THROWING THIS VACUUM CLEANER DOWN FIVE FLIGHTS OF STAIRS!!" Doesn't sound like something I would do. You sure it was me? Oh...I threw up on myself at the bottom of the stairs and then started crying? OK. I'll get you a new vacuum cleaner.

Mindless destruction is the backbone of every alcohol-fueled bender. Why, you can't even say "mindless destruction" without "mindless." And alcohol and mindlessness go hand in hand. I once got into a fight with a Smint machine.

Charles Dibdin, a British actor, once wrote in the 19th century:

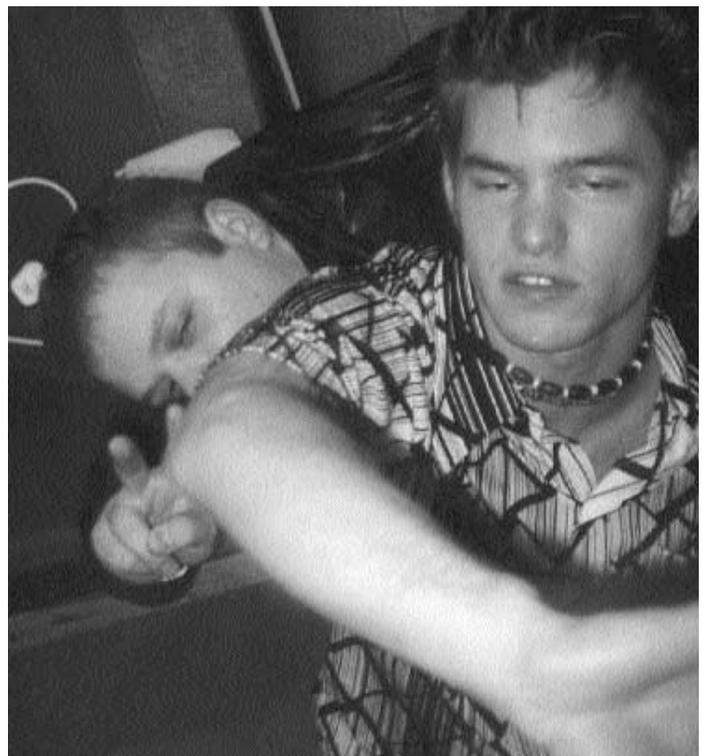
*Then trust me, there's nothing like drinking
 So pleasant this side of the grave;
 It keeps the unhappy from thinking,
 And makes even the valiant more brave*

This prompted me to write my own poem, which I hope will go down in the annals of drinking history:

*They say that drinking and driving
 Ultimately brings one to shame;
 But I was quite prideful when trying
 To convince them it was all just a game.*

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[Editor's Post-Note: "Dr. Evenson," as he insisted on calling himself, hit on every female in stumbling distance that night, but the only person he went to bed with was the editor on whose bed he passed out. No word yet as to the fate of hornet victim from Gresham.]



Evenson, you drunk ass. Get out of the frame! Get out of the frame!

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ON **CUMMING TO GET YA', CUMMING TO GET YA'**

With points at more of a premium, the importance of turnovers and empty possessions become magnified. Thus, caution is every coach's byword, flashy hit-or-miss passes are no longer worth the risk, and prematurely ejaculated shots are absolutely unacceptable.

-Charles Rosen, speaking about the forthcoming NBA playoffs in his ESPN column. Rosen should be commended for spicing up his rather utilitarian writing style, but what bodily fluids running down thighs has to do with missed jump shots is beyond us.

I'm just going to say this once. There is no such thing as premature ejaculation. There is ejaculation, and there is non-ejaculation. If your husband is ejaculating, then count your blessings. Congratulations, you just had sex.

-From Esquire's parody article, "Sex Tips From Donald Rumsfeld."



ON **DIVERSITY: PROS, CONS AND GIVENS**

Diversity is extremely important. It's everything, actually.

-Greg McNeill—always a bridesmaid, never a politician—addressing the issue of diversity during the debates. You know what else is extremely important? Not losing to a gag candidate. It's everything, actually.

We have a bunch of stuff that people protest about and march about.

-ASUO Exec. Candidate Jack Mantel, taking a different approach to the same question. It's extremely important that people have a diversity of causes to protest for and against. It's everything, actually.



ON **BEING GREATER THAN THE SUM OF YOUR PARTS**

Injuries were part of our problem. Talent, of course, was another part...

-Pat Toomay, of the justly-maligned 1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, quoted on ESPN.com.

ON **MAN MOUNTS DOG WORLD**

In every society, the definition of marriage has not ever to my knowledge included homosexuality. That's not to pick on homosexuality. It's not, you know, man on child, man on dog, or whatever the case may be.

-From an unedited section of the Associated Press interview, taped April 7, with Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa. Yes, somebody actually said this.

ON *HEALTHY ETHICS*

Could you go get me a beer? What time is it? 9:00 a.m.? That's a reasonable hour.

— *Mass Media Ethics Professor Tom Bivins, finding it hard to get through his own lecture without a drink or two. Frankly, after the hour and a half lecture on Utilitarianism, we started adding a splash of coffee to our morning whiskey ourselves.*

Who walks the streets at night? Besides criminals...or the occasional person walking their dog...and stupid people jogging way too late. Anyone who jogs at night is stupid.

— *Bivins again. Well, we were going to go jogging in the morning, but we were far too drunk to walk after your class.*

ON *MASON-IC RIGHTS*

As if there wasn't already enough speculation about my latent homosexuality, I'd like to recount my Sunday-night adventure watching the all-male revue at the Hot Body Club.

— *Mason West, in his April 11th ODE article "The Full Mason." As if there weren't enough... What do you call a stripper with.... You know what? Never mind. This one's too easy.*



TALKING POINTS



As we reported last night, The Factor-led boycott of French products is crushing the French wine and tourist industries.

— *Bill O'Reilly, on... you guessed it... the O'Reilly Factor. Note to Bill: Just because you vocally endorse a cause does not mean that you are its de facto leader. Props for hitting France where it hurts, but come on... was The Factor-led war with Iraq also successful?*

ON LAW AND ORDER

I am not Ben Buzbee's frat brother, but when Ben went to court, I was down there, and I also typed up a letter for the judge. What did you do?

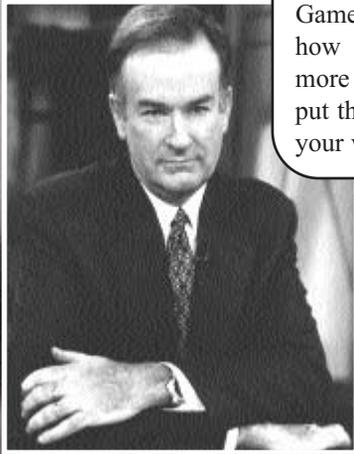
— *Bruce Miller, lashing out at potential vice-Exec Greg Bae in one of his epic handwritten manifestos.*

He's my teammate, he made a mistake, and I can't retaliate, trying to fight him or beat him up, because I'm on probation, so I would get in trouble.

— *Ruben Patterson, after he got bitch slapped by Zach Randolph. We have the same policy in the OC office. No brawls unless your probation officer is out of the room.*

THE O'REILLY FACTOR

BINGE DRINKING GAME™



In the drunken stupor section tonight, we have the O'Reilly Factor Binge Drinking Game™. When you're watching TV, how do you decide when to consume more of life's sweet nectar, and when to put the bottle back under the sink where your wife and kids can't find it?



THE RULES

Take a sip:

- Every time I say "shut up."
- Every time I claim I won't gloat, but proceed to sneer my wicked smile.
- Any time the "No Spin Zone" obviously contains a spin.
- Any time I refer to the children as the "promise" or the "future" of America.

Take a shot:

- Every time I address a minority in a mocking way, i.e. calling a black woman "sister."
- Every time I say, "Nobody owns me, I'm an independent."
- Every time I claim someone owes me an apology.
- Every time O'Reilly speaks of his greatness in the third person.
- Every time I call any entertainment star a bigger threat to America than Al-Qaeda.
- Every time I refer to myself as "your humble correspondent."

Fun for the whole family!

