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# We Love Bulldozers

Two years ago a 52-year old man from Granby, CO named Marvin Heemeyer decided that he'd had enough of his hometown's local government. Heemeyer, who owned a local muffler repair shop, had seen his life ruined by a concrete plant that had been built right next door to his business. Granby's mayor had facilitated the construction of the plant through zoning and ordinance changes, a development which cut off road access to Heemeyer's business, spewed dust and pollutants all over his property, and severed his connection to the city's sewer line. He bought a bulldozer in order to construct a new route to his property, but was rebuffed by city officials and forced to remain cut off from the main road. When he asked the plant owners if he could run a sewer line over a tiny portion of their property he was denied. As an added injury, the city fined him \$2,500 for not being connected to the city's sewer line.

Ultimately, the city government's gross malfeasance forced Heemeyer to auction his home and sell his business. Faced with financial and personal ruin, he decided to end his own life.

On June 4, 2004, Heemeyer sealed himself in the 60-ton Komatsu D355-A bulldozer he'd purchased and promptly demolished his business. He then preceded to destroy the cement factory, Granby city hall, and the former mayor's home. Dozens of police officers (including members of the local SWAT team) shot at the bulldozer, to no avail. In the prior six months Heemeyer had completely overhauled the machine, covering it with a layer of concrete and two layers of steel. His rampage continued until the bulldozer's radiator stopped functioning, at which point he shot himself in the head.

Heemeyer had destroyed 13 buildings, confounded the local police, and ensured that his story would be heard. "Because of your anger, because of your malice, because of your hate, you would not work with me. I am going to sacrifice my life, my miserable future that you gave me, to show you that what you did is wrong," he told city officials in a statement taped shortly before his death. Despite his malice towards the town, Heemeyer avoided injuring anyone with the bulldozer by carefully maneuvering around rather than over the police officers who shot at him.

We bring up Marvin Heemeyer because it's important that stories like his be told in an era where government reigns supreme. The United States, a country whose existence is largely owed to an oppressive system of taxation which could be considered extremely mild by today's standards, has slowly but surely turned into a nation whose citizens accept and even expect the government to dominate every aspect of their lives. At a national level we have a Congress and presidency wholly indebted and beholden to special interests. The Supreme Court, an institution purportedly independent from undue influence, has recently interpreted the Constitution in such a way as to make an individual's property rights extinct. The State of Or-

egon, meanwhile, remains leaderless and utterly devoid of any semblance of sensible fiscal planning. At the local level we have a city government obsessed with restricting growth and stifling business. High unemployment? Who cares? There's a new slug queen to crown and vogue protest to attend!

Of course the worst forms of corruption and petty bureaucracy can be found at the lowest levels, which brings us to the ASUO. This institution will take over \$600 from each and every student next year. A great deal of this money will be spent on political special interest groups like OSPIRG, the Women's Center, Students for Choice, the Multi-Cultural Center, and even the paper you're reading right now. You're subsidizing our political views, whether you agree with them or not.

The University itself is hardly any better. The passage of two recent University Senate motions only underscores the dominance of government in student lives. The first motion approved the University's new Conduct Code—a piece of legislation that significantly reduces students' rights both on and off of campus. To a power-hungry University the role of educator simply isn't enough-- it also needs to involve itself in your life off of campus, presumably because the Police Department and District Attorney don't do a good enough job on their own. The implications of such a code will be significant in the long run, particularly in how it could be used to bully those whose speech is deemed by the tribunal to go against community standards.

The second motion approved was the University's Diversity Plan. Despite what some may think, the Plan represents a point of view with which the COMMENTATOR inherently agrees: diversity and choice of all kinds is, in general, an extremely healthy thing. Having a University environment in which people of many different religions, ethnicities, politics, and socio-economic strata are present and active is extremely beneficial to all concerned.

But we digress—the difficulty with the Diversity Plan is that it is incompatible with itself, since the plurality of those who would accept and promote it could not possibly represent a full range of political viewpoints. We have included one such viewpoint in this issue from former College Republican Chair Anthony Warren. His column, as with all others credited to a specific author, are their own work and do not represent the viewpoint of the editorial board. We could have watered their language and ideas down (while simultaneously ratcheting the writing and level of discourse up,) but we figure that one of our obligations is to help provide part of the range of political viewpoints that every healthy society needs. Ironically, this commitment to viewpoint diversity has enabled Warren to have his anti-diversity piece published.

Now, back to work on that Caterpillar we just bought...



# The Oregon Commentator Blog: Like the Magazine, But Timely

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## THE **OC** ASKS: WHY HAVE YOU HAD YOUR **OC** BLOG PRIVILEGES REVOKED?



### **The Anti-Frohnmayr**

Inciting purges of ideological opponents and calling for the violent overthrow of the state and violating viewpoint neutrality. Can anyone tell I'm positioning for another run at the Governors office?



### **Ward Churchill**

The Man couldn't handle my realness.



### **Zombie Mother Theresa**

For using all caps, for not proselytizing in verse and for feeding on the brains of the living.



### **David Goward**

The OC Blog has no quorum, therefore there can be no discussion.



### **Ailee Slater**

Actually, I've been encouraged to post more. Spew must be filled!



### **Robocop**

The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with.



### **Jeff Gannon**

For advertising my "services." I mean, how else am I supposed to reach the lucrative ASUO markets for faux-journalists and male prostitutes?



## **Sudsy Says**

*Anti-alcohol rhetoric is hate speech! End the jihad on scotch!*

# Haitkus

## *Class*

*Drag me out of bed  
Mandatory attendance  
Just to learn more Marx*

## *Squirrels*

*Verminous rodents  
Blinded by their lust for nuts  
Rifle's bullet cracks.*

## *Haiku*

*How arbitrary  
Fucking five, seven and five  
What a crock of shit*

## AXELROD AND GUZMAN TAKE OFFICE

**A**SUO President Jared Axelrod and Vice President Juliana Guzman have finished selecting their Executive staff for the upcoming year. While the composition of their staff is similar to last year's, there are a two notable differences:

"Looking back, I wish that I had had a Chief of Staff," former ASUO President Adam Walsh said in an interview with the COMMENTATOR. Axelrod, perhaps learning from his predecessor's mistake, has made Ashley Rees his Chief of Staff for the upcoming year. Rees was Legislative Coordinator last year for the Walsh administration.

Additionally, only one member of a rival campaign, Emily McLain, applied for a staff position within the Executive. She will be State Affairs Coordinator, which according to Axelrod was a "very competitive" position to fill and will be particularly important since the state's legislative session will run from January through August. Last year the Walsh/Coy administration had four applicants from rival campaigns, three of which were selected to be on staff.

Axelrod also told the COMMENTATOR that the Recognition Review Committee process, which was established through an Executive Rule by the Walsh administration, would be kept. He did say that he felt there are "kinks that need to be worked out" and that there would likely be modifications made to the process.

Another Executive initiative started last year, the ASUO monthly newsletter *Nobody Ever Tells Me Anything*, will also likely be changed. "It's not a very good publication," Axelrod told us, adding "I'm surprised that I didn't see it in Hack Attack." But he did say that he considers it "a pretty good intern project" since it gives them something concrete to work on and will be a PR asset for the Executive. On a similar note, Axelrod is considering having an Executive blog created.

**Our Take:** Axelrod and Guzman have assembled exactly the sort of staff we

expected them to. It's almost entirely composed of former ASUO insiders and members of ethnocentric student groups like MEChA. No surprises here.

We are also unsurprised at the prominent position given to Ashley Rees, who unsuccessfully ran against Walsh/Coy two years ago and has remained a powerful presence within the ASUO ever since.

Keeping the RRC and *NETMA* is a waste of time and money on the Executive's part. The RRC appears to only add another level of bureaucracy to an organization already heavy with sycophants and paper-shufflers. *NETMA*, meanwhile, offered few tangible benefits to the student body last year. If the publication were converted into a blog, however, the Executive would gain an inexpensive outlet to respond to articles printed in the *Emerald* and the COMMENTATOR.

## SENATE HIJINKS

The 2006-2007 Student Senate began on a controversial note with the approval of \$16,000 in surplus funding for a concert the week before school. Surplus funding has traditionally been used for student groups that have encountered unexpected funding deficits. Last year's Senate first approved the event for \$20,000 in their last session, but a veto from ASUO President Jared Axelrod sent it back to the Senate.

The concert will feature Ozomatli, self-described "Afro-Latin-and-beyond style-mashers [...] commit[ted] to social justice, progressive politics, and anti-war convictions."

But the controversy surrounding the approval of funding for the Ozomatli paled in comparison to the uproar generated by the 2005-2006 Senate's last meeting of the year. Held in the spacious Fir Room in order to accommodate a high level of attendance, Senate members voted to add an item to the agenda which would give time to discuss the *Insurgent's* Aroused Jesus issue. Many of these same members who voted to add the item to the agenda then proceeded to walk out during what was to be a five

minute recess before the heated issue was to be debated.

Senate President Stephanie Erickson, who walked out of a meeting that she herself had called to order, caused further controversy during the June 7 Summer Senate elections. Erickson illegally used a secret ballot system to determine the summer President and Vice-President. Furthermore, after announcing the winners she refused to disclose the vote tally. This was in direct violation of Oregon Revised Statutes 192.650.

**Our Take:** While we expected to see the Ozomatli concert funded, we were quite astonished by the rhetoric which was used to sell it. Trevor Atkins, the student who led the Cultural Forums presentation, claimed that the concert was an "emergency" due to the possibility of students from diverse backgrounds feeling unwelcome once they came to the UO. "We're trying to make a difference," he stated. "Don't let the celebration thing fool you-- we are trying to address something that is an emergency."

But would the direct effect of a concert help, for instance, a freshman student who is derided by fellow students because of their ethnicity or sexual orientation? Would a student come to the UO and then leave because the concert was not put on? "It's very difficult to quantify how many students we would lose by not having this event," Atkins told the Senate.

Of course, any racism, sexism, or homophobia that pollutes the dorms will not be overcome by a concert, and to imply otherwise is dishonest at best. Hilariously enough, one of the reasons the Senate voted to pay so much money is because the organizers complained that students on a budget wouldn't be able to afford to go. Well, maybe students on a budget would have a bit more slack if their money wasn't spent on frivolous niceties like concerts. Finally, Senate President Erickson's bare disregard for Oregon State Meeting Laws was unsurprising and consistent with her style of leadership throughout the year.

## MAIL TIME!

*And now, Kornheiser's least favorite part of the issue...*



**From:** sheilawight@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Christ Bashing Once Again  
**Date:** May 5, 2006 4:38:02 PM PDT

Ad hominem attacks, be they words or pictures, are used by those who do not possess the intelligence to enter a reasonable debate. If the *Insurgent* finds Christianity so threatening and repulsive, then address the issues. This kind of "journalism" degrades your paper and makes you appear mean spirited, crude and ignorant.

I hope you possess enough dignity and honor to publish an apology. Opps, I forgot - it's all about free speech, right? What a very convenient skirt to hind behind.

Sheila Wight  
Coquille, Oregon

**From:** scruggsx4@carolina.rr.com  
**Subject:** Well....who would have thought ???  
**Date:** May 21, 2006 8:57:40 AM PDT

When I looked up your site in order to get the e-address, I was shocked to see you state that you may edit letters you all consider to be obscene, etc, etc, etc....

What a joke !!!

You children apparently have fooled yourselves into believing you are actual journalists, when in fact you simply have a way to produce a paper and find it amusing to stir up a mess and then sit back and watch. How pathetic. If you were real journalists, you'd actually report on things that matter rather than simply try to disturb people you obviously disagree with and call it freedom of speech, or expression, or whatever other banner you want to fly under.

I hope that when (if) you grow up and mature, you either do the journalism profession and actually report news, or find something else to do and quit kidding yourselves that junk like yours matters.

Kathy Scruggs  
Gastonia NC

**From:** rdmazzo@juno.com  
**Subject:** Drawings of Jesus Christ in Oregon Commentator  
**Date:** May 24, 2006 3:54:20 AM PDT

To: Mr. Tyler Graf  
Editor of the Oregon Commentator  
University of Oregon

Dear Mr. Graf:

Recently, my husband and I watched the O'Riley Factor and viewed the drawings of Jesus Christ on the crucifix which you had printed in the OREGON COMMENTATOR at the University of Oregon.

Your freedom of speech, as stated in the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States, does not give you license to say anything you want. For instance, a publication can be taken to court and sued for damages if it published a lie (libel).

Most Christians, we believe, would perceive your published drawings of Jesus Christ on the crucifix as a LIE and SACRILEGIOUS.

We consider your recent publication to be as offensive and hurtful to Christians, and should be considered unlawful just as hate speech against an ethnic minority or sexual orientation is unlawful.

CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, is offended by the blasphemous drawings that you allowed to be printed in the OREGON COMMENTATOR.

Think about this, Mr. Graf ... How would you feel if someone published lewd drawings of your mother, sister, father, brother, or your wife or daughter, depicting them as licentious people, or made slanderous statements about them?

Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Mazzolini

**From:** mike\_halstead@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** A Politically Left-Leaning Oregon Alum is Proud of What He Saw On O'Reilly...  
**Date:** May 25, 2006 6:36:53 PM PDT

Thank you Tyler Graf for your sensible responses to Mr. O'Reilly. I feel cheated that he cut you off when he sensed you weren't going to fall in line with his promotion of censorship.

I was a student at the U of O from 1987-91 and I remember being offended to my core weekly by BOTH the COMMENTATOR and the *Insurgent*. However, I realized, even back then, the intrinsic value of political perspective that both papers offered.

I am encouraged that you, a young, self-described "conservative-libertarian" did not fall for O'Reilly's reactionary red herrings.

You have done your school proud.

Go Ducks,  
Michael Halstead

**From:** ddimmel@harvestgraphics.biz  
**Subject:** Insurgent  
**Date:** May 19, 2006 3:46:42 PM PDT

University Leaders,

Your *Insurgent* Newspaper is to be commended for their pictures of Jesus. It persuaded me to tell all young people interested in your school to stay away from your university.

I'm sure looking forward to the next issue with the large erections on Mohammed, the Pope, Moses, etc; great educational thought there. And I wonder what will happen at the university if you publish a picture of Mohammed with an erection?

It's clear to me that decisions of what to allow on campus come from the top. This expression and the dean's defense of it gives me volumes of understanding about the university's goals for your students.

I also love the name of the paper... the same name the media has labeled those who are trying to kill Americans. You know you could just call the paper the Terrorist. That's another great educational goal for your students.

Finally, the paper's editor states, "We just love pissing off people." Boy, what a great educational atmosphere you all have created.

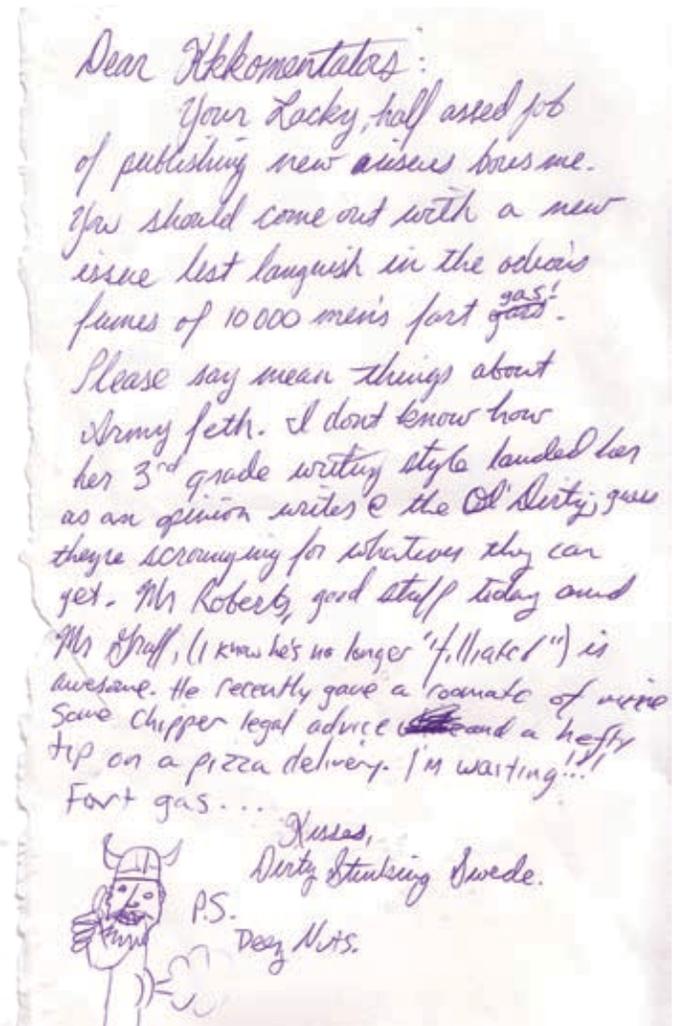
Appreciating your educational leadership,  
Doug Dimmel

**From:** BUTLERSINBEVERLY@aol.com  
**Subject:** the insurgent  
**Date:** May 19, 2006 8:25:31 AM PDT

Thanks to the insurgent my son has further narrowed his applications. He no longer is considering the U Of Oregon. His uncle is an alumnus and always thought highly of the school. If the administration allows this sort of thing, or is incapable of halting it then right minded people have no choice but to not send their children.

Imagine the out cry from the far left if this outfit depicted gays on pogo sticks with the shaft inappropriately placed.

Brian Butler  
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# The Passion of Ward Churchill

by Ted Niedermeyer

Ward Churchill walks into the Ballroom, illuminated and obscured by popping flashbulbs. Eyes shaded from the glare by black sunglasses, he is met with a press of people eager to shake hands, get autographs and have their picture taken with him on their camera phones. Local anarchist John Zerzan is on hand to bask in some reflected glory, along with a diverse gathering of Eugene's political fringe. As Churchill takes the stage, the crowd loudly lets him know that he is among his people. A University of Colorado professor of ethnic studies, his fate weighing in the balance after a committee of his peers has found him guilty of plagiarism, fabrication, and falsification, Ward Churchill has arrived at the EMU. With a packed house and a standing ovation, the city of Eugene embraces him.

Following an invocation in what one must assume to be an indigenous tongue, the man of the hour extends greetings from Leonard Peltier, who "tonight, sits in a Federal cage.... as a symbol of the arbitrary ability of the Federal Government of the United States to thwart the legitimate aspirations of the liberation of indigenous people." Having cast himself on the side of the oppressed peoples of the world, Ward Churchill makes a fascinating point for a person in his position: that a difference exists between a reality and a claim. Because this point is not developed further, one wonders why he brings it up, considering how it reflects upon his own reality. His claim of membership to the Keetoowah tribe is decidedly different from the reality that as an honorary member, he is literally as much of an "indian" as Bill Clinton, who also lays claim to an honorary status with the tribe. The major difference appears to be how well Churchill plays his role. The dark glasses, the American Spirits cigarettes, the long hair, and the barely-there western movie Indian chief accent all

help to facilitate the kind of impression that can get a white man hired as part of a state university's "diversity building program."

But as Ward Churchill is fond of saying, "Whiteness is a state of mind," and it is clearly a state of mind with which he does not identify. "You don't carry any inherent superiority, knowledge, experience [with which] you can automatically walk into any context you encounter in a position to tell them what they need to do to fix their situation... because, there's only one thing to call that attitude, and that's white. White is not a skin tone; it's not a gene code; it is a state of mind—and we have all been infected with it by virtue of the indoctrination..." Whatever the particularities of the indoctrination Mr. Churchill refers to, they are now lost to us, as the overwhelmingly white (skin-toned) crowd has overwhelmed the end of his sentence with applause and shouts of agreement, giving voice to their rejection of the whiteness infecting their culture. Disagreeing with Ward Churchill is what makes you white, and the crowd in the Ballroom is eager for absolution. The scene is akin to an evangelical revival, with a crowd of abject sinners desperate for salvation from a man who, born a sinner like them, has seen the true way and been cleansed of his white infection.

But like all true prophets, Ward Churchill believes that his truth can lead only to his martyrdom. He clearly believes that his ideological opposition to the economic and cultural manifestations of "whiteness" has marked him as a man too dangerous to be tolerated by the system. Claiming the heritage of academics who were discredited for confronting the capitalist robber barons of the 1920's, he posits his violations of academic norms as the basis for his credibility in a system of "indoctrination, not education." In his mind, dissent from

capitalism and dissent from the state system has made him not a marginalized voice in the wilderness, but rather a target for "a continuum of tactics" ranging from "paying Clear Channel radio jocks to defame you" to "pretext arrests". His speech weaves his experience together with the repression of activists of the past, to the point that it becomes nearly impossible to tell whether he is referring to his own experiences or to those of a long-dead social crusader. By blurring the lines between past and present, between himself and his heroes, Churchill locates himself in a mythic landscape in which his professional failings are nothing more than fabrications employed by a power-drunk elite to discredit anyone who speaks truth to power.

Ward Churchill is unafraid to break it down for you. After his speech, surrounded by wide-eyed young seekers, he walks out to the deck off the Ballroom lobby to smoke. I am among this chorus of acolytes, just getting out my tape recorder, when someone asks him to explain the findings of the University of Colorado committee. He seems to jump into the falsification and fabrication charges, particularly surrounding his controversial documentation of the infection of native peoples at Fort Clark. His argument quickly becomes convoluted, a wash of "you's" and "we's", "us's" and "them's"—a blanket of oblique assertions of the need to protect sources à la Judith Miller. He goes on, "I considered the Fort Clark story to be common knowledge, like George Washington cutting down a cherry tree. In fact, I've got it in a junior high school text, saying, straight out: soldiers gave them blankets. There's an illustration in the damn thing. It's called Smallpox and the American Indian." Leaving aside the unfortunate example of what he considers to be "common knowledge," the occasion still begs the question: "If a junior

high school text book makes the same claim that you are basically making in your scholarly work, why is it that you have a problem with your citation and [the textbook authors] don't?" The scholar's reply: "That I couldn't answer. Well, for one thing, this [CU] committee didn't know anything at all about the subject matter. They may be unaware to this day, about the junior high textbook." Ultimately, the crux of his argument appears only when I ask about the utility of standards in preventing blatant falsifications of history. Churchill answers: "All the little mechanisms you are talking about have hardly stopped people.... from just making things up. They've been making things up the whole time. Basically it goes to these [American Historical Association] standards.... see, if you are saying the right thing they never enforce them." And in the final analysis, this argument is vindicated by his presence: mere plagiarists don't get tidy honoraria to speak at campuses around the country; martyrs of the struggle for dissent do.

And Ward Churchill needs some tidy honoraria right now. Although his legal fees are covered by the State of Colorado, and while he continues to receive his tenured salary pending a decision on his employment status, the lifestyle of a professional renegade takes some supporting. Just as he bemoans the ideologically oppressive university system, he complains that "once you've got the job, you still don't have a salary adequate to support a family in a University community... which means you have to please the same hacks to get the funding to get a salary that will actually cover a month's living in a college town." According to CU press releases, Ward Churchill makes over \$90,000 a year, a sum on which many people far less idealistic than he could manage to survive in nearly every college town in the U.S. For a man who makes nearly six figures a year (not including book royalties) to complain about his insufficient salary and to call for the overthrow of the state in the same speech, a purely neutral observer might require further explanation. To this crowd, such dissonance is merely a bump in the road, an inconvenient rant to be forgotten about sometime during the next rant on established (and therefore oppressive) power structures.

But Ward Churchill is not in the business of consistency. He is not interested in presenting unassuming, pragmatic responses to the pressing problems of his time. Like the politicians he rails against, Churchill seems unable to move beyond the comforting realm of myth-making. He exhorts his crowds with legacies of oppression and visions of a better world, without offering a single workable solution beyond giving money to bail out an "eco-terrorist" or attacking the nearest visible representative of "the system." His is a confluence of identities—activist, rock star, politician, sage, rube, rhetorician—that together confer upon him a role of promising everything and de-

livering nothing. His consistent modus operandi for change is to fight fire with fire, as though the dead and displaced Native Americans of the last 500 years demand that he personally exact their pound of flesh. It is not Ward Churchill who must answer to us for ethical breaches in his work, it is we who must apologize to him for the wrongs done to his ancestors.

When asked what he would do to make our campus more diverse, if he were made Vice-Provost of Institutional Equity at the University of Oregon, he presents himself as a rabble-raising talking head: "I would abolish my position, number one. Go do something goddamn useful. Use the money from my salary to fund student organizations to disrupt this place till it couldn't function, until it did what it needed to do. Which is to fire the deadwood from the faculty, bring in people like me who don't give a flying fuck for the way things have been... straight up."



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# The Identity Politics of the Modern Right

by Tyler Graf

Is this the beginning or the end, the Alpha or the Omega? Are we done with this silly business concerning the *Student Insurgent's* infantile images of Jesus' package? Or are we destined to continue listening to the complaints of the Students of Faith – whose cries resound like the wailing of the damned traversing the River Styx?

By now, we are familiar with this situation: The *Insurgent* kids, not generally known for their raucous sense of humor, decided it would be a real knee-slapper if they published offensive images of Jesus. A few campus Catholics were shocked, some filed grievances, and eventually the Catholic League threw its hat into the ring. Bill O'Reilly, having won the war against Christmas, started a new campaign: The war against University of Oregon President Dave Frohnmayer, whom O'Reilly lambasted for having had the gall to do nothing (other than condemn the cartoons in print, rescind the *Insurgent's* bulk mail privileges, and patiently explain to one and all his legal obligations and limitations, of course). Consider this controversy O'Reilly's Stalingrad: for now he has recused himself from taking his crusade any further, standing on the same platform from which he earlier launched it— citing an inability to fight the battle himself.

In late May, the Students of Faith filed an appeal, in which they claimed that the *Student Insurgent* committed libel, defamation, and hate speech, among other offenses – everything short of personally punching a pastor in the face and setting a nun on fire: “The materials produced by the *Insurgent* were deliberately printed with the purpose of angering and offending a specific group of people based on their religious beliefs, i.e. Christians. These materials have contributed to a negative environment of religious intolerance that interferes with a Christian student's ability to

pursue a higher education and promotes hate speech towards Christians.”

But what do we mean when we say that something or someone has been defamed? Do we refer to an infringement upon, or hampering of, someone's right, ability, or natural providence? Does one prove, when one claims defamation, that he or she has fallen into danger of losing life, limb, or liberty, and that this constitutes an infringement upon the protected rights of the individual? Or do we simply mean that a set of rhetorical claims has been challenged in the public domain? What, exactly, is the definition of defamation? Frankly, this is political correctness gone mad.

## “POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GONE MAD”

The Students of Faith represent a growing segment of the American populace: The kvetching conservative. For many on the right, presenting oneself as a victim of a monolithic left wins debate points outright. Raw emotionalism has become an accepted form of argumentation. Nowhere is this pernicious trend more evident than on campus, as we've seen with the *Insurgent* incident. Campuses give conservatives the opportunity to feel like members of a minority group. Thus, many conservative pundits, most notably David Horowitz, have staked careers on the idea that politically and socially conservative students are oppressed on campus.

The argument is that universities are bastions of fringe leftist thought and that college will turn you into a mindless, Noam Chomsky-spewing automaton. Few would argue against the claim that colleges skew left, but Horowitz's arguments are tired and trite. Once you reach college, black is not white, up is not down, you do not travel through the looking glass, people. Clearly college does not represent the real world, despite claims to the contrary. College

represents college, much to the detriment of those poor souls who took their Sociology: 101 class seriously.

Perhaps it is something approaching irony that here in the pages of a nominally conservative/libertarian college paper we are arguing to unseat Horowitz, our movement's erstwhile patron saint, from his proverbial high horse— particularly in light of the goal, as articulated in our mission statement, of countering “the left-wing orthodoxy” of campus. Yet one can recognize orthodoxy without submitting to an overarching political identity of victimization. Horowitz subscribes to, and proffers to his followers, the notion that college students are victims of a leftist ideology, penitent submitters to the altar of commie indoctrination. Admittedly, Horowitz has a few valid points (obviously, there are crazy-ass leftist professors to be found anywhere, and they do spew vapid inanities), but his focus on the “unfairness” of higher education— that is, on the systematic exclusion of conservatives— speaks to a growing number of young conservatives who find it easier to voice simplistic platitudes than nuanced rhetoric. Think of the College Republicans. Think of the Students of Faith.

What we learn from situations like the *Insurgent* brouhaha is that the hoi polloi of ostensible conservatives are just as eager to co-opt the tactics of the left as the left is eager to maintain them. Their sensibilities have been offended, so they feel compelled to offend others by shrilly declaring a pre-fixed determination of what their opponents *really* mean.

This isn't, however, a slam against conservatism as a whole, but rather against the culture of victimization. How is any rigorous scholar to view Horowitz's “Academic Bill of Rights,” which posits the indefinable concept of “intellectual diversity,” as having any greater merit than the University's Diversity Plan, with its awkwardly indeterminate call for “cultural competence”?

“Fairness, equity and inclusion are American values, and will be supported by the American public whenever they are at issue,” writes Horowitz, in defense of his Academic Bill of Rights. This may be true, but the American public should not respond favorably to anyone euchring a governing body to compel behavior. Tension between factions does not equal oppression. I often feel gaseous, but am I being oppressed by my gas? (Answer: No, but my roommates are.) All the bitching and carping, the hand-wringing and beard-stroking, emanating from the CRs and the Students of Faith will ultimately hurt their cause. This attention, generally directed at the media, repels. It’s a lot like gas that way.

## DEFAMATION: IT’S WHAT’S FOR DINNER

Ideological cosmologies in general tend, at some point on the spectrum of fanatical devotion, toward a vilification of others. This, ironically, means that anti-defamation agitation often begets defamation. Those who so valiantly align themselves with a racial, sexual, or religious movement often espouse ideals that contradict reasoned discourse. Separatism becomes a vaunted ideal. Groupthink is elevated to absurd heights – the rubric for anyone who believes that his or her identity has been denounced.

The right has traditionally expressed distaste for identity politics. Aren’t we all, essentially, individuals first? Not if you believe that your personal agenda – eating, sleeping, making money, having sex – is subservient to your identity’s agenda. Not if you believe that the world is organized against you based on your identification. This is where the anti-defamation industry begins to make its bread and butter. There are hundreds of anti-defamation lobbies organized against every conceivable variety of perceivable offense-- from the Polish American Congress (whose acronym could easily be turned into PoAC, if only they had a sense of humor) to the Deaf Liberation Front (I shit you not). The granddaddy of them all is the Catholic League— and their fearless leader, Bill Donohue.

Donohue enjoys a good thought exercise. How else can you explain his rhetorical style, which relies heavily on his imagining hypothetical and repugnant situations featuring African Americans or homosexuals, then comparing his grotesque imaginings to the “defamation” leveled against Catholics? These “what-if” situations reveal much more about Donohue’s mind than they do about whatever he is bemoaning: “So, here, we have Christianity under attack. Intellectuals like to rap it. And then we’re called whiners,” said Donohue on MSNBC’s Scarborough Country. “Now, you just try to do this with blacks. Can you imagine if you had eight books that are best-sellers right now, saying that blacks are natural-born killers, or that gays are naturally born to be moral slugs, or that Jews are taking over the world?”

Donohue’s thought exercises sound as if they are coming from the fevered imagination of someone with a deep-seated desire to call blacks “natural-born killers” and gays “moral slugs.” When Donohue aligned himself with the Students of Faith and drafted his press release criticizing Frohnmayer, he reached for his Desert Eagle of remonstrance: the image of a

gay, naked Martin Luther King, Jr.: “Are we to believe that if during Black History Month, the *Insurgent* showed a naked graphic of the Rev. Martin Luther King kissing another man, both sporting erections, the same rationale would appear in a grievance filed by black students?”

Let’s not confuse Donohue’s position with a purely Catholic one. Donohue is a bully -- a red-faced, hateful, spite-filled little man who takes obvious joy in hurting people. He adds nothing to any debate. It should surprise no one that he entered the fray during the *Insurgent* controversy— because it is his job to take offense, to get blotchy and blustery, and to then move on to the next topic. Perhaps, if Kevin Smith or Trey Parker or some other infidel emerges with a new piece of entertainment within the next month or so, Donohue might move back to more incendiary pastures and forget this campus ever existed.

## THIS ISN’T ‘NAM, DONNY... THERE ARE RULES

So what exactly are the rules of engagement? The long-held belief that liberals and leftists perpetuate political correctness still holds water, and by and large the trend has grown more insidious, more damaging than ever. Accusing someone of racism will always elicit a response. There are far too many sadsacks, milksops, and poorfish on the left, far too many people looking for personal guidance in the form of a pre-fab identity.

But the right must recognize it, too. The right must distance itself from those who wish to put their identities first and take offense at everything. This is not to diminish the fact that offense is sometimes warranted. But any logical person or argument must refrain from the petulant drawing of overarching generalities based merely on one’s dissatisfaction with an event, a trend, or a personage. This phenomenon runs the gamut from Horowitz stating that colleges are controlled by Marxists, to Donohue complaining that Hollywood is run by anal sex-loving Jews, to the Students of Faith lamenting a pattern of anti-Catholic discrimination at our school traceable to the lurking atavism of the KKK.

If the Students of Faith had stepped back, distanced themselves from the echo chamber, and thought about the issue, they could have framed the debate on their terms and possibly gained a victory. They lost the argument not necessarily because they were wrong, but because they didn’t have a solid grasp of the real issue. All they knew was that they felt bad. Perhaps in the future, conservatives on campus and elsewhere will stop narcissistically believing that they are entitled to special rights. Sadly, such a development does not seem terribly likely.



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# HATE 2006

## I Hate Aroused Jesus

by Olly Ruff

Earlier this year, the COMMENTATOR ran the famous *Jyllands-Posten* Mohammed cartoons, the twelve sketches that were supposedly the root cause of so many bizarre scenes of worldwide destruction. There were a few good reasons for doing so. Firstly, the *Emerald*, the campus publication of record, didn't have the balls – or rather, they made an editorial decision not to include the actual images in their coverage of this fascinating story. (The ODE's editorial did, at least, advise the curious reader to seek the cartoons out online. While this certainly sufficed to cover their collective ass, it does raise the question of why the *Emerald* bothers to editorialize about world events at all, rather than just printing “Check Google News” in big letters on page two of every edition.) Secondly, the cartoons deserved to be seen – I'd go so far as to say that it's impossible to understand the story without seeing them - if only to establish that they were not in any sense anti-Muslim. Also, with student editors in Illinois being fired for printing the cartoons, it was an appropriate time for student journalists across the country to show a little backbone.

The OC presented the Mohammed cartoons in context and with great sensitivity. (I say this as someone who had nothing to do with the production.) There were no protests and no calls for the COMMENTATOR to be shut down. The controversy that actually did ensue was of a less predictable nature, and involved the UO's resident anarchist/Marxist publication, the *Student Insurgent*.

A member of the collective that publishes the *Insurgent* would later claim that their March issue had nothing to do with the OC's publication of the Mohammed cartoons. The person making that claim would have done well to check with whoever wrote the editorial in their March issue – this is the trouble with collectives, isn't it? – who referenced our issue and then went on to say:

“We also intend to provoke dialogue. Why do so many Christians support this war and all wars? Why are they calling for a pre-emptive strike on Iran? Why are there so many dead bodies every time a Christian president takes office?”

This dialogue would seem to be the kind a crazy person has with him- or herself, but never mind. The problem was the way in which dialogue was to be provoked: the issue was centered around a bunch of cartoons of Jesus, including the now-famous cover image of a naked mauve Christ on the cross with a large red erection. This was about the level of most of the cartoons, by the way: Christ on cross with erection, Christ on cross with iPod, Christ on cross with pogo stick. It is amusing to contrast

the cartoons, which look like they might have been the handiwork of a six-year-old, with the accompanying articles criticizing Christianity, which run the gamut from a teenager thinking, like, deep thoughts - “The concept of heaven and hell seems fundamentally flawed to me because it is a very black and white way of looking at things...” – to a bilious old bastard muttering “Thanks to the Catholic Church our legal system remains retarded and based on suspicion and false science to this day.” All seven ages of man are represented here, except for the one where he graduates from journalism school.

As far as the *Insurgent* goes, this is pretty much par for the course, but the reaction to Aroused Jesus has been nothing short of astonishing. In no particular order: the University's mail services decided to start enforcing the rule saying the *Insurgent* can't use their bulk mail rate to distribute their ridiculous pamphlet. The Catholic League of America, led by the perpetually outraged Bill Donohue, organized a letter-writing campaign to President Frohnmayer, Governor Kulongoski and, in all likelihood, the Pope demanding that something – anything – be done to stop the *Insurgent*. The American Family Association, for their part, focused on a spectacularly lame drawing of Aroused Jesus with his hand on the genitalia of a crude representation of Michelangelo's Adam, and organized yet more outraged letters about the depiction of Jesus as gay. A new student group called the Students of Faith filed numerous grievances with the ASUO, protesting the fact that their savior has been depicted fully tumescent while being crucified. Their most outspoken member, Jethro Higgins, has repeatedly expressed a willingness to take the University to court over the fact that the incidental fees he pays are funding pictures of Jesus with a hard-on. Bill O'Reilly ran a segment on his eponymous Factor during which he denounced the University and called for Frohnmayer to be fired for his unwillingness to shut the *Insurgent* down. The term “hate speech” has been flung around promiscuously. After O'Reilly got involved, the story got an Associated Press write-up. A quick Technorati search reveals a vast number of extremely angry Christians holding forth on the issue, some of whom really enjoy TYPING IN CAPITAL LETTERS. Student Senate meetings have been disrupted by showboating student politicians and infiltrated by Fox News cameras. This is the largest campus media controversy in the last five years, and when *Insurgent* collective member Jessica Brown wrote in her editorial that it's “fun to piss people off,” this was probably not exactly what she had in mind.

The COMMENTATOR has done its best to keep the story roll-

ing. The only source of the *Insurgent's* Aroused Jesus issue for people not on campus, given that they haven't updated their website since 2001, is a PDF available on the COMMENTATOR's weblog. In the absence of anyone from the *Insurgent* collective willing to stand up for themselves, former OC editor Tyler Graf appeared on the O'Reilly Factor, arguing against the Students of Faith's Higgins that the *Insurgent* should be allowed to publish whatever nonsense they see fit, as they always have done, and that Frohnmayer is not legally entitled to stop them. The OC blog, where several alums like myself still gather, has been receiving record traffic throughout this affair, and a number of confused yet devout people have taken the time to gloat at us about how we're going to burn in hell for drawing these sinful Aroused Jesus cartoons. It has all been very entertaining indeed. However, there are a couple of popular misconceptions that need to be addressed.

First of all, the *Insurgent* doesn't receive "public money," at least not in the way the term is usually understood. Student groups at the UO are funded from the incidental fee, which currently stands at \$191 per student per quarter. Everyone pays it (even a graduate student with a full tuition waiver) and the ASUO decides how to dole it out to the various groups. Most of the groups then decide to spend most of the money on pizza, or just pay the money to themselves in the form of stipends. However, occasionally the student fee-payer gets to see some return on the investment – and say what you will about the *Insurgent*, they do produce something tangible that you can pick up and read. They waste a lot of money, they have the unbelievable gall to do things like trying to spend incidental fee funds on travelling to anarchist book fairs in San Francisco, but they are at least making some sort of effort. (For what it's worth, the COMMENTATOR produces more issues a year for less money by the cunning strategy of not spending any money on anything but printing the magazine.) Even though the UO is a public university, the taxpayer did not subsidize Aroused Jesus.

The Students of Faith did, though, and a lot of their subsequent outrage had to do with the fact that the *Insurgent* wasn't being reprimanded or defunded for hurting their feelings. Here is another misconception. Frohnmayer can't discipline a student publication just for being controversial, and neither can the ASUO. In the 2000 case *Southworth v. Board of Regents*, the Supreme Court held that a public university could operate this variety of funding model for student groups only on the condition that the funds were allocated on the basis of "viewpoint neutrality." This does not mean that the groups themselves are not allowed to express viewpoints; it means that the process by which the funds are allocated – the Programs Finance Committee, in this case, but also the student government as a whole – cannot judge them based on the viewpoints they do express. The *Insurgent* certainly can have its budget cut because it spends too much money on things that aren't printing, duplication, and distribution, but this principle then has to be

evenly applied to every other campus publication. However, the *Insurgent* cannot be singled out just because they've printed something really, really stupid: which, given their history, is a lucky break for them. Had they been shut down in this instance, the resulting lawsuit against the University would have been settled in a matter of minutes. Frohnmayer used to be state Attorney General; he's argued cases before the Supremes. It is safe to assume that he's aware of the legal nuances underlying this stuff.

This is not to say that the Christians do not have the right to be offended – although one might argue whether becoming this apoplectic over a few childish scribbles in a marginal anarchist leaflet in Oregon is a particularly mature or sensible thing to do. The *Insurgent* collective certainly has no right to complain about the angry letters they've been getting, although it's hardly surprising that they have been. But citing the First Amendment in this instance is not frivolous, and it's not an attempt to dodge responsibility: because of the funding model used by the ASUO, *Southworth* is directly applicable. What the Students of Faith should be doing, if they'd thought this through, is campaigning to change the funding model: that is, to abolish the incidental fee. This is not an unreasonable thing to suggest – an argument could be made that a subscription model would be a fairer way of funding student groups, and then the Students of Faith could just opt out of funding the *Insurgent*. Alas, this is not the case that they've tried to make.

The *Insurgent* is a silly publication, and it is represented in public by thoroughly silly people like collective members Don Goldman and Pira Kelly. It is unfortunate that the Students of Faith, and their allies, have chosen to try to out-silly them. Leaving aside the almost impossibly undignified spectacle of a large group of adults being worked up into a months-long frothing rage by an issue of the *Insurgent*, their quixotic attempts to get around *Southworth* have begun to defy all logic - various attempts have been made to claim that the *Insurgent's* content constitutes harassment, libel, pornography, and a violation of the separation of church and state, and not one of them has a shred of merit. As for the lusty cries of "hate speech", it's worth noting yet again that there is no good definition for, and no law against, "hate speech." While it can be broadly defined as "speech that someone really, really doesn't like," it is not legally unprotected speech. This is something that the incoherently angry O'Reilly viewers can usually appreciate when, for instance, the *Insurgent* accuses Christianity of promulgating hate speech about homosexuality. It holds just as well in this case. The *Insurgent's* Jesus cartoons certainly count as gratuitously offensive speech, but the day that becomes a legally prohibited category we're all going to be in trouble.

Tactically speaking, of course, Bill O'Reilly is doing exactly what he should be doing. O'Reilly needs crusades to fight, and a notion of the University of Oregon as a festering heathen

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# HATE 2006

## I Hate the ASUO

by Ian Spencer

**T**he ASUO is ineffectual in all ways but one-- that being the act of taking your money. The hard-earned funds you put into the incidental fee primarily go towards things you don't use—special interest political and ethnocentric groups, child care subsidies, Duck game tickets, the rec. center, and opinionated campus publications like the COMMENTATOR, amongst a great many other things. While the majority of students may use one or two of these services a year, the ultimate value of benefits for nearly every individual is well below the \$600 they have paid into the system. This is by design. The people who decide what gets funded and by how much are perfectly content to soak up residual funds and spend them on things like leadership retreats, food budgets, and stipends.

As anyone who regularly reads the COMMENTATOR must know by now, the essential purpose of the ASUO is to serve the major student groups by granting budget increases and special funding requests. As such, nearly every member of student government has previously worked in student groups and consequently has a conflict of interest in most decisions made. The ultimate effect of this is to create an atmosphere of cronyism: why press Group A on their funding requests when two of your fellow Senate members are former members of said group and will surely challenge Group B, who you used to work for? As such, nearly all special requests sent to the Senate are approved with only a minimum of discussion.

Of course the greatest example of economic malfeasance on campus is OSPIRG, the leech king of the ASUO. With a lack of accountability that would make a U.S. Senator blush, the Dirty PIRG sends over \$100,000 a year up to the state PIRG in Portland. While OSPIRG grudgingly offers the ASUO a list of line items on their yearly budget, these items do not actually correspond with where the money will go. In fact, the line items are simply there for show. How exactly the money is actually spent once in Portland is unknown even by OSPIRG-- all funds from the student PIRGs throughout Oregon are deposited into one big lump sum. From there they are used for political lobbying efforts, petitions, office supplies, and rims for Ralph Nader's new SUV. You would think that this lack of accountability and express political purpose would be enough to have the group defunded by any one of the ASUO's bodies, but things like the Green Tape Notebook, the Oregon Revised Statutes, the

Supreme Court and most notably common sense tend to take a back seat to political pressure and friendships.

But while funding student groups is the ASUO's institutional purpose, the reason nearly every ASUO member became involved is because they want resume material. Sure, there are also the meager stipends. And ASUO members will generally tell you that they're in student government because of a virtuous attitude towards students. But ASUO members aren't so daft as to not believe that being, say, ASUO Outreach Coordinator won't look good to unsuspecting employers. And more importantly, positions within the ASUO give otherwise impotent and useless individuals a meagre taste of power. Mmmmmmm... power. Feeling that you can legally defund, for example, a conservative publication can be an exhilarating experience, particularly if you're otherwise unable to resist your own addictions to illegal substances. In reality, the ASUO has very little power. But what power it does have is good enough for some people to reach nearly unheard of heights of megalomania.

People can join the ASUO one of two ways: they can either be elected (oftentimes by running unopposed) or appointed by the ASUO Executive. In both cases the talent pool you're competing against is so shallow both in terms of numbers and ability that it's a veritable children's wading pool. Can you read at a sixth grade level? Are you able to do simple addition and subtraction using a calculator at least 50% of the time? Congratulations, you too could be on the Programs Finance Council!

It's a bit more tricky to get elected than it is to get appointed due to the fact that elections depend on bloc voting rather than number of entrants or relative ability. People from fraternities tend to vote for other people from fraternities while people from student groups tend to vote for whoever their group director tells them to vote for (which lately tends to be a slate candidate-- more on that later.) If you don't belong to either of these minority groups you basically don't stand a chance of winning since pretty much everyone who isn't in a frat or a student group doesn't know that student government exists and assumes the incidental fee goes to something at least mildly related to their education.

So, the key to getting elected is to place yourself in one of these groups and kiss enough ass to get placed in the running. If you're in a fraternity, then this likely means liter-

ally kissing someone's ass. If you're in a well-liked student group, then this means paying lip service to the pet issues other groups on campus have. Usually in an ignorant fashion. When you talk to members of MEChA, for example, explain how you love Chapala's and other fine local Mexican restaurants. When you speak in front of the BSU, boast about many well-spoken black friends you have. When you conduct an interview with the COMMENTATOR, talk about what a fiscal conservative you'll be and how Milton Freewater is the greatest Econometricist you've ever known. When you plead your case to the Women's Center, focus on your efforts to stop rape culture at its source-- the unsheathed penis. Once you've been accepted as the overwhelmingly liberal candidate that you likely are, the student groups will embrace you as one of your own and you'll be added to a slate of "progressive" candidates.

If it's an appointment that you seek, you're in the right place. Turnover is extraordinarily high in the ASUO, particularly in the Senate. When a position becomes available, ingratiate yourself to the current year's Executive and hope that noone from an established group is also trying to get the seat. Assuming you can legibly scrawl your X on a form, you're good as gold. Enjoy your stipend!

Once you're on Senate, you can drop any pretense you may have had about the "dignity of the office." Most ASUO functions have the decorum of a reality TV show. Waiting for your peers to show up at the meeting? Play some telephone, doodle in your notebook, or come up with new ways to spend students' cash. Why, how about a concert? That sounds like a great opportunity for an emergency!

It's worth noting that some parts of the ASUO function better than others. Senate tends to attract the dregs of campus—the sort of people you wouldn't trust to keep a cactus alive over the weekend. The Controller's Office tends to have people who know what they're doing. The Executive is usually the cream of Senate's meagre crop. Well, make that the bilge of the leaking oil tanker. Last year's Executive behaved dramatically better than in the past thanks to the

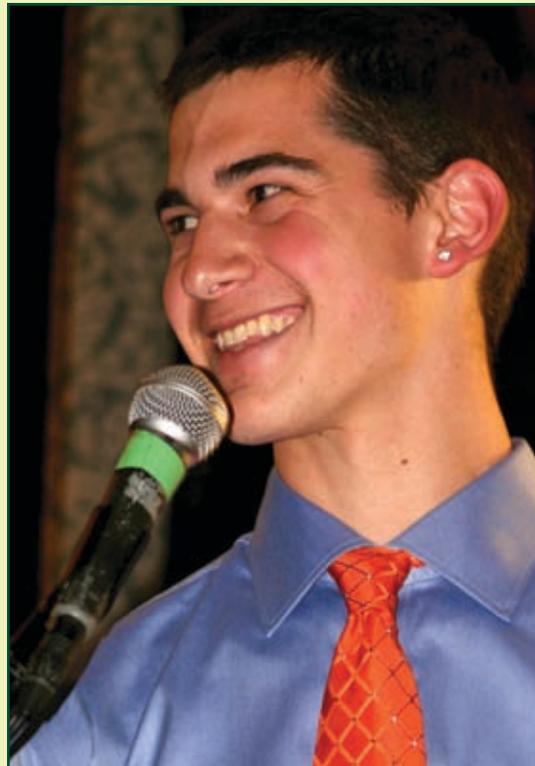
President and Vice-President's lack of prior student group experience. This distance from corruption made them less willing to allow obvious malfeasances go by.

But despite a better-than-usual Executive, the ASUO still managed to prove ineffectual when faced with the most important issue to come up all year: the revised student conduct code. The revision essentially eliminated a student's right to legal representation, further established the University as an arbiter of a student's off-campus behavior, among a plethora of other detrimental changes. These changes were so uniformly harmful to students that the entire ASUO was able to come together, recognize the threat, and oppose the revision in a unified voice.

Predictably, faculty members of the University Senate overwhelmingly voted in favor of the changes. And when faced with an issue that would actually impact students the ASUO was so institutionally marginalized that it couldn't do anything but pout. The ASUO has only an ounce of say in the matters of the University Senate, particularly since student

government is utterly (and appropriately) disrespected by UO faculty.

Ultimately the ASUO's purpose is to placate special interest groups with student money and ensure that students themselves remain marginalized in the University-wide decision making processes. While I'd normally hate any body which ineffectually attempted to take my money and use it for personal and political gain, I particularly hate the ASUO now that I've had a full year to be one of about a half-dozen people closely following its proceedings. It is a wasteful, incompetent, and ultimately impotent institution which, if I had it my way, would be dismantled in an immediate and remorseless fashion.



Current ASUO President Jared Axelrod  
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# HATE 2006

## I Hate the UO

by Michael Guidero

While there is a lot to love about the University, that is not what I am writing about today. While I have a great deal of respect for the institution in some ways, there are attributes I find detestable. Don't get me wrong – I appreciate the education I have received (and paid for, I might add).

Let me begin by mentioning that the University of Oregon was not my first choice among schools. I had intended to go somewhere else, but I ended up here due to circumstances. It really did end up worthwhile. Had I gone to another school, I would have likely been less motivated to set myself above my peers. Of course, had I gone to another school, I would likely have been far less jaded as I approached graduation.

Since I can't really say I hate everything about the University, I will simply list the things that particularly bring out the hate in me. Please note that some of these aren't specific to UO, but nonetheless they make me hate the place. Without further ado:

### OSPIRG

OSPIRG is the so-called Oregon Student Public Interest Group. Not to be confused with (so they say) the other OSPIRG, the so-called Oregon State Public Interest Research Group. OSPIRG (the "student" version) has a 2006 ASUO budget figure of \$120,074, with only ten other programs receiving more.

Here's the rub: all \$120,074 immediately goes off campus and up to Portland. OSPIRG (student) claims that the money is distributed back for campus projects, and some of it is. However, it is the truth that large amounts of it are distributed to places where it has no direct benefit to UO students. OSPIRG (student) claims that they do not share money with OSPIRG (state), yet I find that difficult to believe when OSPIRG (student) and OSPIRG (state) have the same address up in Portland.

Some of the things that OSPIRG wastes money on: Putting out fliers saying that the chemical weapons incinerator at Umatilla might leak VX gas (it's possible for it to leak some chemicals, but VX isn't one of them). They put out anti-logging literature based on questionable research. They run a campaign to lower textbook prices where they attempt to convince student governments to pass "Student Government resolutions for Affordable Textbooks" because "passing Student Government resolutions not only shows textbook publishers that students

are serious about affordable textbooks." Yeah, right. I doubt the publishers care.

Finally, OSPIRG has attempted to (and occasionally succeeded) take money they forcibly took from students via their student governments and spent it on campuses that don't even have OSPIRG chapters, with the intent to force chapters on campuses that don't want them.

### CAMPUS LEFTIES

Unless you've been living under a rock, you know that this campus is full of left-wingers. I don't mean just plain liberals, they don't bother me. It's the pinko commie hippie bastards that are all over campus that really piss me off.

What more can I say? Some of them are professors, some of them are administrators, and a shitload of them are students. The left-wing bias on this campus is hard to ignore if you don't fall in line with their way of thinking.

If this campus were truly open-minded and everyone was in favor of the marketplace of ideas concept where everything is open for discussion, there would be no need for conservative or libertarian students to hide their opinions in class. I've reached the point where I've stopped hiding my views, and surely my grades here and there have suffered for it.

### CAMPUS LOITERERS

From the people with the Jesus signs and the people asking for spare change to the people posing as student or professors and the people passing out fliers, the number of people loitering on campus is almost unbearable.

If you fit into one of the above categories, get a fucking life. I mean, don't you have something better to do than hang out on campus all goddamned day. Take your signs, your grimy change-bumming hands, and your fetish for hanging out with people 30 years younger than you and go somewhere else.

### FLIERS, PETITIONS AND "HAVE YOU VOTED YET?"

It'd be really nice to walk from one side of campus to the other without some jerk trying to pass his/her litter into my hands. I don't care who your band is. They probably suck. I don't care what you think about the President. I don't give a flying fuck about your cause. I'm trying to get to class.

When I deliberately avoid making eye contact with you or change the direction I am going abruptly to avoid you, that doesn't mean get in my face and ask me to sign your dumb-ass petition. If I'm eating my lunch, don't you *dare* interrupt me with your pointless political cause.

Except, despite how I feel, and how much the above is common courtesy, you do it anyway. Oh, and yes I already voted. I vote in every election I am eligible to. And, frankly, it's none of your business whether I voted or not. But for the record, it was probably for a Libertarian or a Republican and not your pinko bastard candidate. If your candidate was the only one on the ballot, I probably wrote someone else in.

### **CAMPUS PEOPLE HAVE A LACK OF COURTESY AND DISCIPLINE**

Is it too much to ask for people to shut the hell up and not slam doors in places that were quiet before they got there? Take the EMU art gallery (the one just downstairs from the ballroom). Normally it's quiet in there. Some of us are trying to take a nap because we spent all night working on a research paper. When you arrive, you should keep quiet like the rest of the room. I mean, seriously, shut the fuck up and don't slam the fucking door.

This isn't the only example of the lack of courtesy around campus, but it's one of the most prevalent.

There is also a serious lack of discipline on this campus. I don't mean discipline such as punishment, I mean personal discipline: doing the right thing when nobody is forcing you to. There are very few people who say they strive for that kind of discipline. One of them is me. I'm not saying I meet that goal all the time, but I *know* I am better about it than most people on campus and most people in general.

### **THIRD GRADERS IN COLLEGE**

This is to those of you who need mommy and daddy here your first week of classes. What the fuck is wrong with you? You are supposed to be venturing out on your own. When I turned 18, the first thing I did was sign up with the U.S. Army. I didn't need my parents there to do it.

When I left the Army and started college, I didn't bring my parents along. In fact, they've never been to this campus. And they aren't coming to my graduation. And I don't care, because I don't need my hand held every step of the way through life unlike some of you people.

Further evidence that we have third graders on campus: ASUO elections, graffiti, boogers wiped on bathroom walls, gum under desks, conversations where every other word is, like, like.

### **STUDENTS FAIL TO FOLLOW BASIC INSTRUCTIONS**

You know, dismount and walk your goddamned bike. Or getting of your skateboard. Or stopping at the fucking stop sign. Yielding to pedestrians at crosswalks. Or following the directions on the top of the homework assignment.

Disobeying traffic laws isn't fighting the man. Riding your bike dangerously through crowds makes you an asshole. Nearly running me down while I'm crossing the street makes you dangerous. Not following the directions on the homework makes you look like a dumbshit.

These basic instructions exist for a reason.

### **IDIOTS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS**

There many people on campus who can't do basic math. There are people who can't bring out a thought of your own. There are people who still, after four years of instruction at this institution, do not have a shred of the ability to use reason or logic.

Now, the world is full of people who can't do the above mentioned things. The problem with the ones here is that they will still receive diplomas. This isn't really the fault of the faculty here on campus. Rather, it is a combination of a number of things, which I will mention here:

The admissions process is not competitive enough and when things like high school GPA are considered, context is not taken into account. For example, who is the more educated high school graduate: one with a 4.0 who took easy electives, regular courses, and general math, or one with a 3.0 who took difficult electives, A.P. courses, and calculus?

It's too easy for people to cheat. There have been a number of stories about cheating methods that are in use today, and while some of them are easy for professors to combat, others are not. It goes back to honesty, which is sorely lacking everywhere anymore.

There are few capstone projects, in most departments. And I mean serious capstone projects such as doing a thesis, participating in original research, or engaging in a major project as a senior. Other universities have such requirements in order to graduate. So should the University of Oregon.

### **"PARTY SCHOOL" AND "REEFER MADNESS"**

These are two of the categories in which the University of Oregon has scored highly in the *Princeton Review*. Don't you people care at all about the reputation of the University, and therefore the reputation of the education you have received?

I really don't care if you get high or party all the time, but try keeping it a little bit under control. The number of parties

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**FREE MINDS, FREE MARKETS, FREE BOOZE**

# HATE 2006

## I Hate the Party Patrol

by Ted Niedermeyer

Everyone hates the party patrol. Out-of-towners don't get it. "Wait," they say, "so... the cops just cruise around campus looking for parties... they can do that?" Yeah, and if you think about it, it's not that surprising. Marketing companies know that college students represent a \$200 billion per year consumer market, and the dyspeptic rage-inducing truth is that the cops are just getting in on the action. Walk just about anywhere within 5 blocks of campus on a weekend evening, and you pass an obvious party at least once per block. It doesn't take any outside consulting work from McGruff The Crime Fighting Dog to figure out that a party patrol will make the kind of income to allow a cash-starved city government to, say, buy brand new BMW R1150-RTP motorbikes for the hardworking officers. Ok, so students break the law, students get busted... if it means extra donut money then so be it, right? Wrong. This is not just about my sweet party getting busted and being slapped with a \$350 ticket and being told I was lucky to get off so easy. This is not just about a systematic targeting of victimless crimes simply because the perpetrators have disposable income. This is about the fact that our fair city is in the midst of a supposedly drug-fueled property crime epidemic, and our police are too busy busting student parties to worry their pretty little heads over it.

According to its new Strategic Plan Mission Statement, the central goal of the Eugene Police Department, is to "enhance the quality of life in our city." Sure sounds good, but like all vaguely well-intentioned mission statements, it's a crock of shit. All it takes is a brief glance at crime rate statistics in the University neighborhoods to realize that crime really is a problem in the area, but that very little of it comes from parties. In 2005, there were 649 reported alcohol violations in the combined "UO," "West University," and "South University" neighborhoods, as they are tracked by the Eugene Police Department. What does that add up to? About 13 violations per weekend for the three neighborhoods

surrounding and including campus. Now, anyone who has had the pleasure of attending an EPD busted party knows that their excellent customer service is typically limited to the inevitable underaged guests, meaning at least 80% of all citations are Minor In Possession or Furnishing to Minors. An MIP charge sets you back \$250 these days, which can be taken care of by returning a few textbooks as long as you kept your receipt and don't mind bombing a final or two. Woe betide you though, if you get caught hosting a party where a 19 or 20 year old hits up the keg, as Furnishing carries a \$5,000+ fine per charge, which means that 3 MIP's comes to a \$15,000 maximum fine for the party host. Maybe not the appropriate punishment for allowing voting-aged adults to have a beer or two, but as an income source it puts the meter maids to shame.

And why not keep raking in that scrilla, because all it takes to enhance the quality of life in Eugene is a "high-profile, no-tolerance presence in the neighborhoods around the university" according to an EPD press release. Yes, "These neighborhood patrols are a popular community policing effort" say the EPD,



because after all, parties are the real problem. Except that in 2005, according to the EPD's own statistics, there were 1,992 reported property crimes in the same three neighborhoods that the party patrol had so valiantly been defending against kids having some fun. The fact of the matter is that while the boys in blue have been resurrecting a Talibanesque "Ministry For Promotion Of Virtue And Prevention Of Vice," a so-called methamphetamine epidemic has gripped our entire region, bringing along enhancements to our quality of life such as bike theft, check fraud and old-fashioned burglary. In the year before party patrol was brought back, reported property crime went up by an average of 25% in the three campus neighborhoods, while reported alcohol violations went up a measly 3%, even in the hedonistic absence of random state regulation of social gatherings. Unsurprisingly, the infamous "BWI" or Biking While Intoxicated levels plummeted, due to the fact that all the bicycles had since been stolen and sold to Glenwood pawn shops for meth money.

But maybe drunken students are accounting for that rise in property crime, says the naysayer. After all, alcohol makes kids do stupid things, right? Of course to anyone who spends any amount of time at campus parties, the suggestion is ludicrous. Host a party, and you will have to worry about unwanted vomit stains, broken glass, and maybe some asshole who demands to get in a fight to make himself feel whole. Rampant theft at parties is simply not a problem, because people are generally too busy having fun.

Contrast the EPD rhetoric concerning the need to police college students' activities with the larger phenomenon of police departments nationwide (particularly in Oregon) demonizing methamphetamine use as the root cause of most other crime. It's easy, of course, to regard meth-heads with a diminishing eye: they tend to live in Springfield trailer parks; they tend to boast shifty eyes and rotting teeth; they tend to be the very reason wife-beater t-shirts are called by that name. In short, they aren't us, and it's terribly convenient to regard them as less deserving than ourselves of the right to pursue happiness in the manner to which they are most disposed-- all the more easy in light of the police assertion that "75-80% of all property crime in the Eugene area is directly related to the methamphetamine economy." Hell, maybe it's true. Still, two questions present themselves: 1) Assuming the truth of the statement, how does it release police from their duty to combat property crime itself? 2) What relationship exists between the prevailing enthusiasm on the part of Eugene's burnt-hippie long-term resident community for the EPD's party-busting, revenue-raising tactics-- for that community's ready acceptance of anti-student pro-

paganda, for its willful refusal to acknowledge the university community's role in buoying the local economy-- and the attitude among college students vis-a-vis meth-heads?

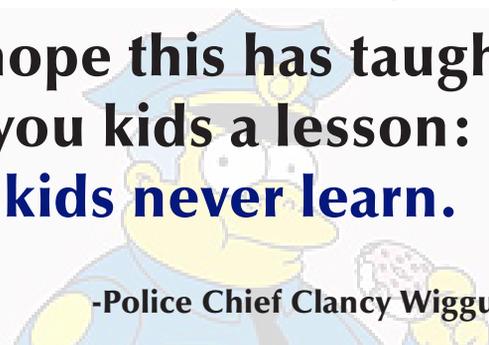
According to the earlier mentioned "whoops our cops are raping hookers, we better get ourselves a Strategic Plan", the EPD's "fleece the students" strategy might just have some negative consequences. In the naively named "Patrol Division: New Issues" section, the Strategic Plan mentions the somewhat embarrassing fact that "Due to the staffing shortage in Patrol, the rotating Property Crimes Unit (PCU) detective cannot be filled. This translates to a staffing decrease for Property Crimes at the same time that theft and burglary crimes have increased by approximately 28%." For them, it is mere embarrassment that they aren't fixing the biggest law and order issue in the city. For us, it is a rage-inducing travesty that police can't

protect our property because they are too busy making sure that we aren't having fun, or breaking puritanical alcohol laws. It is the heart-attack-at-thirty ensuring fact that not a finger will be lifted if my bike is stolen, but if I have a few friends over on a Friday night, Johnny Law will be all over me like flies on Kitty Piercy that makes me want to throw my 40 of OE at the parade of cop cars every Saturday.

Ultimately we can only blame ourselves for this "demographic marketing," because our disposable income is perfectly complimented by a total disinterest in local politics. Because it is difficult to do a lot about the meth economy, the City has employed the time honored political ploy of getting people freaked out about something that is easier to "act tough on", namely the threat of student riots. Kids running amok in the streets and burning things only has to happen once every 15 years or so for the community to justify a strong police presence in our neighborhoods. Once the fear is firmly established, and the city is raking in the financial and PR benefits of "getting tough on student partying," there will be no incentives to ever stop, unless students actually take some action. The woefully low voter registration among students is only half the problem, because while most of us who are registered will vote in a national election, very few see any reason to participate in city government. As it has been so movingly articulated in America: The Book, and immortalized in the music of the Beastie Boys, the right to party is, unfortunately, alienable... and it must be fought for.

**I hope this has taught  
you kids a lesson:  
kids never learn.**

**-Police Chief Clancy Wiggum**



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# TWO MINUTE HATE

## *I Hate Bathroom Reading Material*

**I**t is soooooo gross. How can it possibly be sanitary to repeatedly touch the same magazines while taking a dump? And it's not like Reader's Digest and People were appropriate reading materials to begin with.

-Gonorrhea Pequeno

## *I Hate PETA*

**I** cannot stand their self-righteous caterwauling about how animals are being treated so cruel in the area of food processing. Well, what do you expect to happen? Chicken is good, and it takes cutting off the head to get the desired fryer basket from KFC. Beef is good, and you have to shoot a cow to get it. Pork...well...it's the other white meat, there's not much to go on there. PETA can keep the pigs. What I really decry, though, is the vegetable murder that happens. They Might Be Giants was correct, "carrot juice is murder!" Your borscht is screaming bloody murder at you! You know what sauerkraut is? Embalmed Cabbage! Damn you, necrophiliacs!

-Milquetoast





## *I Hate The Clap*

**W**hy? Why did I have that extra shot of Old Ezra and bed down with that girl I recognized from Taxicab Confessions? Why did I believe her when she said it was her “first time”? Why, oh why did I decide it was a good idea to forgo using a condom? Why, in God’s name, am I telling you all this? Sweet Lord, it burns.

**-Queen Fartley**

## *I Hate Writing*

**I** don’t even know why I am writing this. God, I can’t wait until I graduate.

**-Gonorrhea Pequeno**

## *I Hate the Ken Kult*

**H**ow does it happen? How is it that a single adjunct professor with no office hours, no office for that matter, no recent publications or any other apparent participation in Academia has managed to generate an egghead entourage that bristles with presumptive elitism? The answer is surprisingly simple, so ambitious GTFs take notice. The formula for your own Mao-esque cult of the personality is to assign 300+ pages of reading per week, to run classes purely as discussion, and to encourage the dissing of the inevitably stupid opinions which arise when undergrads attempt to debate serious, complicated issues. To be fair, Professor DeBevoise certainly has the reputation of showing personal interest in the lives and futures of some of his students, however few of those students are members of the self-proclaimed “Ken Kult” (cheesy spelling is mine, their letterhead is quite classy). Sadly enough, this lack of attention seems only to stoke the cultists’ incessant desire for attention and approval from their godhead. As lacking in educational value as many courses at this University are, I see no necessity for intellectual insularity, masochistic reading habits or hero-worshipping a 60-year-old slacker in order to learn a thing or two. If the OC put out a pathos issue, this would be there. We don’t, so I hate ‘em.

**-Bedwetter Liar**

# HATE 2006

## I Hate Christopher Hitchens

by Bryan Roberts

This attempt at a take-down piece on political journalism's pre-eminent take-down artist begins *in media res* in the year 2001, situated rather closely in time to an event you may recall in which some buildings collapsed, a lot of lives were lost, some people proclaimed the death of irony, and the greatest nation in the history of the world responded to a staggering international outpouring of tears and support with a giant upraised middle finger.

Christopher Hitchens had been toiling away at his polemical craft for some time already, and he was widely respected in many circles as an "Iconoclast Leftist". I have never been precisely sure what a Leftist is, myself. For Hitchens, it meant that he was a Trotskyist. Trotskyists, as far as I can deduce, are people who splinter off into affinity groups to express solidarity with one another or castigate their erstwhile peers for not being Leftist enough. They believe that the Soviet Union got it all right until they started getting it all wrong; they sat on the sidelines of the Cold War vigorously rooting for both sides to lose; and they pretend to a sort of moral high ground from which they point fingers at all who do not conduct themselves according to their particular interpretation of the Marxist dialectic of historical inevitability. Peter Hitchens, also a journalist and our subject's younger brother, once tossed out the colorful attribution to Christopher that he "didn't care if the Red Army watered its horses at Hendon." Hendon is someplace in London apparently; the brothers Hitch are British by birth. Hitchens the elder responded to this quip by dashing off a letter to *Commentary* in which he insulted and dis-

owned his brother. This is telling on two counts: Trotskyists are people who prioritize their duplicitous, abstract moral principles far before the survival of the Western world; and Christopher Hitchens has a penchant for publicly shaming his former allies, loved ones, and associates.

Well then, what are these abstract moral principles? Hatred of religion is one; he refers to himself as an "anti-theist". Hatred of dictators and petty rulers is another. We'll get to those. Dropping the names of famous people with whom he's been acquainted seems to be a tenet of his creed. The name Hitchens most loves to drop is that of a historical personage, George Orwell; he wrote a book on the celebrated novelist and reckons himself to be not only a "contrarian" in the same vein but also the world's foremost Orwellian expert. I've read only a few things by Orwell myself, but a perennial favorite is "Politics and the English Language." The essay serves as a sort of catalogue of things to avoid while writing. Here is a pertinent quotation, from the section on "*Meaningless words*": "Many political words are similarly abused. The word *Fascism* now has no meaning except insofar as it signifies 'something not desirable.'" It is very significant that Mr. Hitchens so frequently revels in the invocation of Orwell even as he also seems to oppose most of what he stood for. I'm given to wonder what kind of spectacle their certain public falling out might entail, were Mr. Orwell with us today. I rather doubt he would applaud this assertion: "When we use the weak and vague word 'terrorism' we imply indiscriminate cruelty directed at civilians. 'Sadism' or 'fascism' or 'ni-

hilism' would do just as nicely: all the venom that lurks just on the sub-human level of the human species."

The quote above is from an article entitled "We Cannot Surrender," from a July 2005 issue of the British publication *The Mirror*. I honestly don't know where to start with it. I certainly don't think of "terrorism" as being "weak and vague"—it pretty much calls to mind the experience of being filled with mortal terror, or the practice of actively inducing such experiences in others. I didn't look it up in the dictionary just now, but come on— that's what it means. "Sadism" refers rather simply to the wanton infliction of pain; "fascism" has been pointed out to have slid away from any meaning whatsoever, although it did once specifically refer to a rigidly hierarchical form of socialism that had a brief run in the 20th Century and entailed a mercilessly commodified subclass, a highly modernized technocracy, and a singular exalted ruler; and "nihilism" as a word has been used to refer to everything from the bleak despair expressed in *King Lear* to the giddy anarchy of faux kidnappers in *The Big Lebowski*. The "sub-human level of the human species?" Is he serious? Who is he calling a fascist? I wouldn't expect to hear anything so redolent of Nazi propaganda if I were playing Russian roulette in the bunker with Eva Braun.

Hitchens has been developing a fixation with the word "fascism" for a few years now. Mostly his interest lies in conflating the term with Islam. "Islamic fascism," "Islamofascism"— you name it, he has already coined it. It was his first column for *The Nation* following the 2001 World Trade Center attacks

in which he really began to lose it: “But the bombers of Manhattan represent fascism with an Islamic face, and there’s no point in any euphemism about it.” That one statement sums up his confused position on the issue rather nicely, but still in the same article he continues to provide us with choice inanities: “bin Ladenism poisons everything it touches,” and “the co-thinkers of bin Laden in Egypt.” I have no problem with the fact that he was angry; on that point I sympathize entirely. But the man has clearly lost his intellectual sight and is now volunteering to lead the Western world on a thought exercise straight into battle of the most dubious sort. His analysis, in the same article, continues: “What they abominate about ‘the West,’ to put it in a phrase, is not what Western liberals don’t like and can’t defend about their own system, but what they do like about it and must defend: its emancipated women, its scientific inquiry, its separation of religion from the state.”

I can’t decide whether I’m surprised to see Hitchens, who has so long decried our nation’s moral depravity for our uncritical relationship with Israel and the methods of statesmanship practiced by Henry Kissinger, now declare that anyone who has a problem with America must necessarily have founded their grievances on our greatest qualities, as opposed to our mistakes. Suddenly Hitchens exists among a network of new allegiances; suddenly he stands shoulder to shoulder in the firing line with Rush Limbaugh and Hugh Hewitt, taking careful aim at strangers and former colleagues alike if they should dare to suggest that we attempt to understand the true nature of the problem. I mean, *could we pause for just one moment?* How about the possibility that people in other parts of the world might very well resent our freedom and opportunity, and that a doctrinaire mode of religious observance may in fact be the most available lightning rod for their rage, but that through an insufficiently analyzed network of power relationships developing over time, our policies have contributed to situate them in the status of deprivation from which their resentment fomented? *Oh, please, Rush, don’t call me anti-American.* May we consider the notion that people in every part of the world naturally react with concerted and escalating violence to crass disrespect and random slaughter on their own soil, and that the foreign army whose presence precipitated that turmoil will be viewed by the people of such a nation as an aggressor, regardless of the occupying nation’s stated or intended purposes, particularly when meticulous care toward a more ameliorative relationship is not steadfastly maintained? No, for chrissake, Hugh, don’t accuse me of positing a “moral equivalence”. Would anyone like to weigh the suggestion that the vast set of freedoms enjoyed here in this place called the West, which we used to call “Christendom”, evolved over time and conflict and resolution and new discoveries and understandings, and have largely been made possible through our ability to control our own circumstances? *Oh, stop*

*it, Christopher—it hurts when you say that I’m “not serious.”*

Since his conversion to the war enthusiast camp in 2001, Hitchens has left his regular gig at *The Nation*; he now serves as the token neo-con at *Slate* in a weekly column, in which he seldom strays from the subject of the War on Terror. But he doesn’t contain himself to that; as I said, he’s prolific. In an article called “Why I’m Rooting Against the Religious Right” in *The Wall Street Journal*, he makes the claim that “a large tranche of the once-secular liberal left has disqualified itself by making excuses for jihad and treating Osama bin Laden as if he were advocating liberation theology.” Take a look at that assertion and allow it to sink in that one of the most widely-read pundits in the English-speaking world, a man who quite recently made a public ordeal of his decision to become an American citizen, actually professes to believe that a significant number of his fellow Americans esteem Osama bin Laden with something other than contempt. Marvel with me at the fact that an Oxford graduate claims an inability to distinguish between “making excuses” and “seeking out rationales.” Weep openly at the realization that this man’s thought processes are emblematic of those driving our international policy.

I’d like to return now to the proposition that those of us who take issue with the “War on Terror” as presently envisioned and constituted are “not being serious.” Buddy, I am as serious as a heart attack. I am as serious as a dirty bomb detonating in a major metropolitan area. I am as serious as the barbarian hordes overtaking Rome. Hitchens soliloquized in an article in the *Weekly Standard* that, “If the great effort to remake Iraq as a demilitarized federal and secular democracy should fail or be defeated, I shall lose sleep for the rest of my life in reproaching myself for doing too little. But at least I shall have the comfort of not having offered, so far as I can recall, any word or deed that contributed to a defeat.” The Reaganesque caveat of plausible deniability via diminished powers of recollection is touching, I guess, if you look at it the right way. So maybe Mr. Hitchens ought to commence the self-reproachment now, before the light begins to fade from the eyes. Contributed to a defeat? Chrissy, you magnificent bastard, you may very well have authored it.



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# HATE 2006



## I Hate Government

by Andy Dolberg

*"We can't go to the government, I know those people, you can't trust them."  
- David Duchovny*

The right of the individual to be free from violence and aggression is the seed of all libertarian theory - which I like to call humanist theory - for it places the individual human as the most important, sovereign entity. Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that "to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever and Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it..."

We humans are bestowed inalienable natural rights by our Creator, and those who violate these rights are evil. This is a truth that can bring peace to mankind on Earth. It is more than an idea, although ideas cannot be handcuffed, incarcerated, or shot. They do not get tired, they do not bleed, but they do need believers as hosts.

### JUSTIFICATION

The Founding Fathers believed that a democratic republic was the best form of government to secure individual rights. Although at the time an entire race of people's natural rights were violated, their idea lead to the most people enjoying the highest amount of freedom in the history of civilization. Democracy was better back then because it was liberal, and the Bill of Rights was written to enumerate our natural

rights. Unfortunately, the democratic process has a tragic flaw: it creates a coercive government.



### ABOMINATION

Today, the American people are not represented in government. The taxes we pay are evidence that individuals do not voluntarily approve of their own expropriation, otherwise such laws need not exist. Violence is the tool of enforcement, and ultimate crutch, that involuntary governments use to remain effective.

Empirically, there is a multitude of evidence against democracy. Most recently in the 2004 presidential elections, Bush received 50.73% to Kerry's 48.27%, and therefore almost half of the national voters aren't represented in the White House

today.

Furthermore in a conversation I had recently with a student where I mentioned this fact she flatly stated it was the fault of non-voters not caring enough to make an informed decision.

I responding by saying the constituents have more pressing issues at hand such as spending time with their children, earning a living, or relaxing after work. The best way to understand actions of people is to understand their incentives and constraints. The politics of Capital Hill rarely affect the American people directly, and for that reason low voter turn out results. The majority of political decision making is determined by lobbyists because they are paid to solely influence politicians, where the majority of the populace is employed to be productive. What the



voter-touters refuse to acknowledge is that there is little to no incentive to be involved in politics due to lack of representation and monetary compensation. While politics may be fun for some people, it is ignorant and insulting to lay the blame on the hapless populace which so diligently works day in and out to produce the riches of our society.

### FALSE PROMISES

It is understandable that citizens let the government grow to its outrageous size today, given the pressures of bureaucracy and special interest groups who incessantly advocate for its unlimited power. An additional reason is that all humans are risk adverse, meaning we will pay to avoid future costs of unexpected loss. We pay in many forms for the supposition of insurance; higher taxes, restrictions on our freedom, and an incompetent ruling class. The problem with government is that it lies about the services it offers by offering insurance against the uninsurable. The first step on the road to socialism was insurance against not saving. Social Security is nothing more than a Ponzi scheme, and the current evidence of that is irrefutable. The motive was clearly a power grab to entice unknowing citizens to give up more of their sovereignty. Most people think it's a fair trade because it's a trade they'd make any day – giving up intangible rights for cold hard cash.

### IMPENDING DISASTER

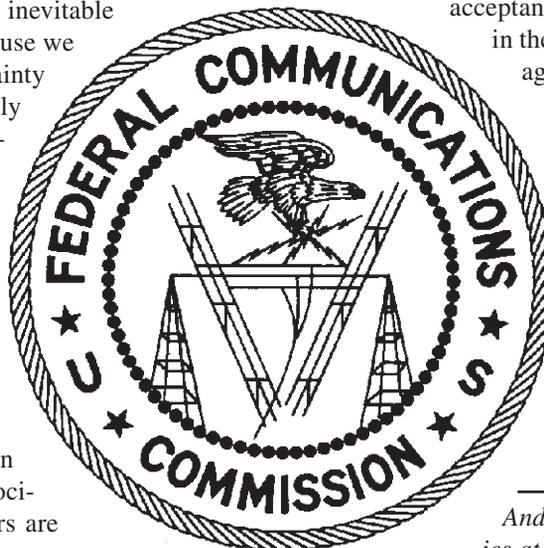
It seems that government is an inevitable circumstance of human existence because we will always want to minimize uncertainty and increase security. Unfortunately most people fall for the lies and disinformation our masters feed us about the impossibility of life without coercive government. We must question how we can continue to live under it when the list of abuses continues unending! Currently, the laws on immigration remain un-enforced, the federal welfare dole grows exponentially, this years inflation is over 7%, child rapists are released from prison over and over again committing atrocities over and over again, grandmothers are stripped-searched at airports, our airwaves are



completely owned by the FCC, it is illegal to defend your life in many states, and we now live in a culture of fear in which we want to ban every weapon yet we are hundreds of times more likely to be killed by cars. The aforementioned doesn't even include the subjugation of citizens under the tax laws – the average family pays 31.6% in combined taxes as estimated by the Tax foundation. Also remember that rate does not include telephone, gasoline, permit, utility, and other various taxes. The insecurity wrought by the state upon our, or our fellow citizens lives is egregious, wanton, and without remorse.

### FREEDOM FOR THE FUTURE

Luckily, there is hope because we have revolted against our instincts in the past, and continue to do so every day doing activities such as working together, thinking logically, and saving for the future. Doctors before the 1900's refused to use soap to wash their hands as they went between operations. For them it was a professional sign of hard work to show how many patients they had helped by being soaked with their blood. Today, we know better and we realize how laughable that practice is. Until we at least start to question the basic assumption of why we tolerate our rulers, we can never identify coercive government as a defeated ideal. We accept democracy because we don't know better as a whole – just as why doctors didn't use soap in the civil war. Only the dissemination and acceptance by our society of ideas such as those in the Bill of Rights can deliver us from bondage. One day, humans will live in a voluntary society in which the individual is the sovereign political entity. One day we will live in a world of respect for individuals to be free from aggression, where property rights are respected, and violence is not an acceptable political tool.



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# HATE 2006

## I Hate Eugene

by Anonymous Republican

I have lived here for three years of Hell. The city of Eugene has aptly been called “15 square miles surrounded by reality” and I whole-heartedly agree. Eugene is Leftist, even for the Left Coast. Socialist mayors and city councilors, anarchist campus magazines, cyclists who are worse than ignorant asses of drivers, and city planning inspired by the wrapper of a great big joint and powers of Europe all combine to make a city worse than Portland.

First off, I hate Eugene drivers. I don't know who in the hell gave these people driver's licenses, but whoever it was needs to be shot. Eugene drivers are the worst I have ever seen. I will grant you I haven't done as much traveling as some of the people who read this, but I've done plenty of traveling and nowhere have I seen more un-educated drivers. These people couldn't negotiate a four-way-stop if their lives depended on it. Whenever I come to a four-way-stop, I pray that I'll make it. When it comes to my turn, I floor it and pray no-one else does the same. Also, there is nothing that irks me more than driving straight through a green light, only to have to slam on my brakes so as not to hit some woman with a buzz cut in her Subaru Outback with a pink triangle and God knows what else stickers as she turns left out of her “yield” light. Rules of the road need not apply within city limits.

Along those lines, who in God's name did the street planning for this urine-soaked Hell hole? I understand that anything Europe does is far better than anything the United States can do according to the socialist Red Diaper Doper Babies who run this city, but I could've sworn those stupid “roundabouts” were proven useless, even when they were in use in Europe. John Kerry wanted to consult Europe on our foreign policy; I guess our city council has decided to consult them with our planning as well. Well, Europe and their local bong, anyway.

Secondly, and this was alluded to in drivers section of this rant, I loath hippies entirely. Eugene seems to be the place where aging hipsters come to die. News flash idiots: the only way a flower can win a war is if entwined in its scent are deadly poisons. That's what I call flower power, man! The campus hippies are the worst. Case in point: Frog. Talk about aging hipsters. One thing I've never understood about Eugene hippies is their apparent love of capitalism. No matter how much they whine and complain and bitch about the “bourgeois”, they're all trying to make a buck. Frog's joke books are in and of themselves a joke. They are the worst photocopied piles of



dog crap I have ever seen in my life. And to top it off, he wants you to give him 5 dollars for it! I would tell him to get real, but I doubt that it's physically possible.

What's even worse is a hippie's apparent belief in freedom of speech. It evidently only applies to them. While the hippies on campus were perfectly all-right with the *Insurgent's* disgusting depictions of Jesus Christ, they tried to de-fund this great publication because of a stupid penis joke, decrying it as hate speech. I hate double standards and hippies and Leftists are full of them. I need a bumper sticker, as hippies seem to be quite fond of, that says “Free Speech Isn't Just for Liberals”. Do you think that would go over well?

Along the lines of hippies comes Eugene's most public citizen: Mayor Kitty Piercy. Oh how I miss the days of Jim Torrey. Kitty Piercy is the worst mayor I have ever seen in my life. Socialists should not be running even the smallest governments. I wouldn't wish Piercy on the world's smallest un-incorporated hamlet. She was a mistake to send to the state legislature and she was a mistake to be elected to replace Jim Torrey. I have never seen a more irresponsible mayor. It seems to me that all she does is attend protests. Can anyone think of anything really constructive she's done since being elected? If so, please let me know.

Socialism does not work, and this woman wants a “living wage” for everyone. Sure, a living wage would be nice, but simple economics then kick in: When people make more money, companies are able to charge more and they do. There-

fore, there is no such thing as a living wage. Besides, how can jobs be worked if there are no businesses left who are willing to pay the taxes that Piercy wants to impose. Taxes are vital to be sure, but I think Eugene was doing just fine under Torrey's tenure.

You know what else really grinds my gears about this piece of crap town? Bicyclists. My freshman year at this bastion of liberalism, I brought my bicycle. If the drivers of automobiles are piss poor, then the bicyclists are just retarded. How do these people expect to be granted their full lane of traffic if they don't even follow the rules of the road for cyclists? There's that whole double standard thing again. These people want rights without responsibility. Why just a few weeks ago, a bike gang called Critical Mass was holding one of their rallies and was blocking the Ferry Street Bridge, as usual. Well, a police officer came to let them know that an ambulance was on its way carrying a man who was in a state of cardiac arrest; the protestors refused to disband and the man died in transit due to having to take an alternate route. I hope those who refused to disband are proud of themselves. I'm for the smallest government possible to be sure, but with idiots like the residents of the People's Republic of Eugene, I'm thinking that perhaps more regulation is needed.

The citizens of Eugene seem to be milling around aimlessly, waiting for some grand revolution; probably the overthrow of government as we know it. I say we give these pot smoking dirty hippies exactly what they're looking for! Conservatives and Libertarians alike need to stand up to these people (it can't be too hard; they're all passed out on the couch with their organic potato chips) and take our city back! Long live the Reagan revolution!



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## I Hate Fatties

by Guy Simmons

Not so long ago, when I was working as a lowly server, I encountered three particularly massive fat people with some particular traits. They entered the restaurant with a strong desire to feed their horrible faces, idiotically prattling and gurgling about picking out something "healthy and nutritious" because they "need to watch their weight."

The hostess led them to a table and I let them pretend to read the menus for a couple minutes, even though I was well aware of their complete inability to read. I came to take their order and they predictably ordered "low fat" meals, except they wanted all the extras. They wanted additional blue cheese dressing, double the bacon, more butter for the rolls and of course, to balance it out, "diet, make sure it's diet coke, diet."

When the food was delivered they descended upon the table like wolves or sharks, whipping themselves into a terrific feeding frenzy! They proceed to eat everything on the table. When I set the last plate down, I tell you the biggest, fattest, ugliest of the bunch took a bite at my hand. These three shoveled food into their mouths like it was going out of style eating everything on the table. They even drank the creamer packets like alcohol shots and snorted lines from the packets of sugar.

This is why if I ever have my own revolution fat people would be the first against the wall to be socially reconstructed. Basically, fat people are foul and disgusting. It all breaks down into four main points:

1. They are ugly, disfigured hu-

mans: Fat deposits, huge hideous stretch mark riddled thighs and arms, giant necks and big fat fingers.

2. They are stupid. A fat body means a weak mind. If this was not so, they would simply look into the mirror and say to themselves, "I'm unbelievably fucking fat. I have got to stop putting more food into my mouth than I can shit out." Instead, weak-minded fat people say to themselves "I'm not fat, society just promotes unrealistic images!" and continue to pour food down their throats.

3. The act they pull about how being fat isn't their fault or not a big problem. They think it is no big deal that they can't pull themselves out of the water cause they were too obese to properly fit into the kayak in the first place so when they flipped it over dumping their huge asses into the Pacific Ocean they were unable to pull themselves out forcing me to wrench their gigantic waterlogged asses out of the water.

4. All of the contrived bullshit about losing weight. Somehow these deluded wackjobs have convinced their itty, bitty micro-fucking-small brains that if they have skim milk in their quad shot triple chocolate latte they will somehow lose the extra 150 pounds.

All in all, obese people are ravenous, gravy-loving beasts who don't deserve the time of day. I don't hate them for who they are, I hate them for what they are: disgusting.



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# HATE 2006

## I Hate Diversity by Anthony Warren

Since the first day I stepped onto this campus as a freshman in the fall of 2002 I was instantly bombarded with this silent killer known as diversity. UO Housing made sure that they did everything within their liberal loving power to introduce to me to the overblown lie that is diversity. As a Resident Assistant I had to sit through mandatory training learning about my supposed white male privilege and should hate my white ancestors and relatives for being white. I kid you not I was told that because my parents told me that they loved me I had white privilege! And here I thought that was just good parenting. Attention all students if you want a job where you don't have to do anything and get paid good money work for UO Housing.

*Webster* defines diversity as the condition of being diverse. Great, fantastic how is it that all these crazy dirty liberals have managed to twist that simple definition from my boy *Webster* into what I know how to deal with everyday on campus? Thanks for UO Action, another waste of space in the long line of wastes of space student groups, I have to sit back and watch a bunch of commies push for expanded departments around "subjects" and I use the word very lightly such as queer studies. You have got to be kidding me, queer studies huh? How about white guy studies? How about Anti-defamation studies? I know at least one guy that would sign up for that just for the laugh of it. How about dirty liberal studies or why communism sucks studies? Or my personal favorite if I could create one, American loving heterosexual studies? I think that one could be shortened and advertised as the study of our glorious leader Ronald Reagan.

Where do we draw the line with this diversity movement and all its garbage?

Why aren't students protesting in the streets for government regulated implanting of native squirrels to counter the invasive radical foreign squirrel population brought here courtesy of the bums who bring them as pets on the railroad cars? College is SUPPOSED to be a market place for ideas, beliefs and different ideologies. Have you ever seen anyone on campus or within the administration say or do anything to address the problem this campus, like so many others, have with these raging communists and feminists that have overtaken the campus and do everything within their power to hold down the conservative viewpoint? The answer is no, because everyone from the Bias Response team to student government to the majority of the school administration are nothing but a bunch of self-in-

dulged hypocritical pinko commies who believe that I and the rest of the tax payers should have to pay for a bunch of retarded positions with titles such as the Vice Provost for Equality and the Inclusion of Diversity for a more open minded campus... where children run free and play in the gun drop rivers and cotton candy meadows. Enough is enough with all this trash.

All diversity and its crusaders do is further erect barriers between different groups of people. The black student union complains about being a minority group on campus. Well I bet if you didn't seclude yourself in a little office all day you wouldn't feel so alone! At least other student groups like College Republicans are out about on campus screaming and yelling about things. And another thing, what is a minority anyway? *Webster* defines it as the smaller of two groups constituting a whole; a part of a population differing from others in some characteristics and often subjected to differential treatment. Hmm... well according to *Webster* everyone is a minority at some point. I am a white heterosexual conservative Christian male. Last time I checked when I applied for grants, scholarships and loans there wasn't much to choose from because I was a white guy and didn't have Asian, African or gay in front of my personal description. Here is a wake up call to all of those who preach the absolute need for diversity. Shut up! This isn't communist Russia or Cuba! People are different we understand this leave it alone at that. If we spent more time viewing people as individuals instead of part of a eight different minority groups life would be better off. Why do people feel the need to try and impose what they think a campus population should be just because they want some utopia commune where we all can live together in peace and braid each other's hair while discussing OSPIRG's next big event on campus? Peace is a pipe dream and until all bad people die we will still fight wars. As for OSPIRG they haven't done anything on campus other than annoy the student population and waste precious air in the last 4 years I have been here. It saddens me that future students will have to be subjected to this evil nine letter word known as diversity. These are a few of the reasons why I hate diversity



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Portrait of "Glorious Leader" Ronald Reagan

# TWO MINUTE HATE

## *I Hate People Who Ask Me If I'm a Registered Voter*

**A**m I a registered voter? Wouldn't you like to know, Mr. Clipboard. NO! I'm not a registered voter, I don't plan on being a registered voter, and even if I was a registered voter, I would not tell you so. Why? Because I don't like how you look, how you swagger around acting like you're the king of the world because you're "trying to make a difference". Even if I cared that you were trying to make "a difference" I still probably wouldn't even agree with the "difference" you're attempting to push. What is it going to net me in the end? Nothing. And don't worry Clippy, you too will be apathetic one day.

-Milquetoast



## *I Hate Snuff Films*

**M**an, why is it that every time I sit down with some buddies to watch the latest snuff film, I'm totally disappointed. No plot, no characters, no production values – nadda. It's all just grainy, video-taped, methodical killing. Hey, perhaps that's cool for the hipster kids. Whatever gives you indy cred in the Portland scene, guys. But what about us discerning cineastes? Will Jaglom or Herzog ever direct that one defining snuffer – the one that shows the ennui of the human existence? A man can wish.

-Smiler Barf

## *I Hate Hallmark Holidays*

All this expectation to buy meaningless gifts and, worse yet, cards. Why do people think that cards are meaningful? Sending something witty that an underpaid hack wrote in the basement of Hallmark corporate headquarters is like forwarding a horrible chain email. How about instead of sending a store-bought card you just send a generic note that reads "Happy Holiday! You'll be happy to hear that my lobotomy was a complete success."

**-Gonnorhea Pequeno**

## *I Hate Hipsters*

Hey Asshole! Yeah, you; the douche with the faux-hawk and the messenger bag. You suck! You aren't hardcore. You're a bigger sellout than Bob Dole's Penis (or Elizabeth Dole's Penis). The "Krispy Kreme" T-shirt you bought at Banana Republic doesn't make you cool. In fact, it makes you an ass pipe, and I hate you. Your only redeeming factor is that when you spent \$90 dollars on those jeans with the manufactured tears and scuff marks, you were helping the economy much more than I, when I bought my smelly, used pair at Goodwill for \$5.99. Without nimrods like you, all those children in Bangladesh would be out of work and surely starving. But while those teeming millions across the globe may love you, get used to the fact that everyone here, particularly myself, hates your carefully-coiffed guts.

**-Queen Fartley**

## *I Hate Not Having a Fake ID*

If the overbearing, socially-conservative government makes it illegal for the average college student to imbibe alcoholic beverages, why in the hell is it so hard to get a fake ID? Whoever came up with the idea that owning a fake ID for purposes of purchasing alcohol should constitute a felony and terrorism charges was an asshole on the level of Hillary Clinton. Sure, I suppose there were some good reasons concerning actual terrorist activities, national security and other such bunk. But the only terrorism I'm going to be committing is against my own liver and self-dignity.

**-Queen Fartley**

## 'JESUS' FROM 15

cesspool ties neatly into his view of the culture wars. If the crusade is unwinnable, then so much the better – it fills up more airtime that way. But the Students of Faith should be taking a longer view. Christians on campus regularly wish to express views that, to put it mildly, are not shared by all of their fellow students. If the Students of Faith achieve their stated goal of making the UO campus a place where “hate speech” of all kinds is unwelcome, they should bear in mind that a lot of speech they consider quite reasonable is considered “hateful” by others. Just as the *Insurgent's* prior support for restrictions on speech has come back to make them look like a bunch of deranged hypocrites, the Students of Faith should dread a future in which a student government has broad powers to restrict speech that some students find objectionable. If they ever get their way, Christian groups will suffer as much as anyone else, particularly when they start in about abortion and homosexuality.

Finally, what of the *Insurgent*? To judge by the public statements emanating from the collective, this has been yet another teachable moment squandered. They declined to defend themselves in public for a month or so – hence Tyler's appearance on O'Reilly in their stead - and when Pira Kelly did eventually write an op-ed in the *Emerald*, she spent most of it taking shots at the COMMENTATOR. Goldman and Kelly have fallen back on claiming that they are the victims of Christian oppression, which doesn't make a great deal of sense and hasn't made them any new friends. It's a pity, because for once they had an airtight case, both legally and morally – it was just based on a principle that they don't understand.

A college campus is a world in miniature. On campus, just as in the country as a whole, we are confronted every day by a dizzying array of information from a great panoply of different sources. We inevitably find much of it offensive, and much of

what we find interesting offends various other people. A vital skill in a free society – maybe even part of this “cultural competency” we keep hearing so much about – is the ability to deal calmly with the fact that other people have beliefs that you find absurd or offensive. (This is particularly true for those of us who are neither fire-and-brimstone Christians nor far-left wackos.) In return, they have to put up with you. That spirit of pluralism is what a viewpoint-neutral fee system is designed to inculcate in the student body - ideally, it would do so through something a bit less egregiously poor than the *Insurgent*, but you take what you can get. And really, aren't we all better off for the *Insurgent*? Their publication is reliably hilarious, although never intentionally so. What's more, thanks to their recent output the Christian protestors got to act like aggrieved victims for a while, which is something from which they seem to derive a great deal of masochistic enjoyment. And the silent majority of reasonable Christians can take some solace in the fact that if this is the best the *Insurgent* can come up with against Christianity, then Christianity is in better shape than I had thought. In the long run, we all benefit from having a lively mix of opinions - reasonable, unreasonable, offensive, obstreperous, sanctimonious, jejune, and sometimes downright crazy - bubbling away in the EMU.

In fact, now that I think about it, my title for this piece really isn't true at all. I don't hate Aroused Jesus. I suppose I'm just jealous that he seems to be having such a good time.



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**It's Bloggy.**

## 'UO' FROM 19

that have turned to riots or near riots around campus is staggering. The number of times I've seen people smoking weed in public at the University is amazing.

As you are doing it, admitting it, and being proud of it, just keep in mind after you graduate: you put your success at college on your résumé. Do you really want the first thing that pops into your future employers mind to be questions on how much weed you smoked or how much you partied?

I think ten things is enough. I could go on about all kinds

of things that I hate about the University, but its pretty much pointless. Most of them won't ever change because the University already has a reputation that attracts the people that perpetuate the things I hate.

I'm graduating, and I respect the education I have received. All of my professors have been outstanding. I would have rather met them at a school I hated less.



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# SPEW

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## ON WHITE GUILT

The UO's predicament reflects the greater Eugene community's struggle with diversity: In an overwhelmingly white population, black Eugeneans are most prominent on local billboards depicting young university athletes. Primarily from other parts of the country, they are brought here for a short tenure on a sports team, not to establish permanent residency, and most don't.

*-The Eugene Weekly tackles the diversity issue in an article entitled "Culture of Whiteness." Yes, but even white students unaffiliated with a sports team desperately want to leave this condescending hell hole. And most do.*

A black person voting for a Republican is like a chicken voting for Colonel Sanders

*-ODE columnist Ben Lenet's amazingly patronizing quote from Facebook. Maybe the Eugene Weekly is right; there is a culture of whiteness at the University*



## ON MY RIGHTS AS A HUMAN

What an atrocious display earlier this month at the EMU Amphitheater.... there was hip hop music playing. I didn't want to listen to hip hop, and I didn't want to have to look at a large screen television and video game system. Even if I plugged my ears and looked away, I could still tell it was there.

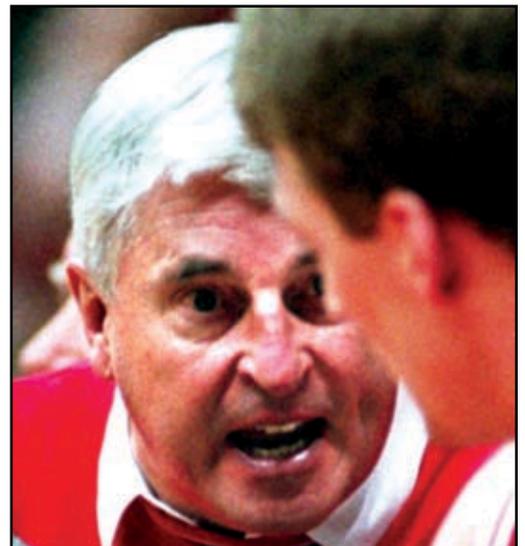
*- Erik Talbert, UO Alumnus in a letter to ODE. But Mr. Talbert, did you try screaming LALALALALA.... I CAN'T HEAR YOU?*

I certainly do not want little kids being exposed to this stuff.

*- Ibid. Because unlike myself, a "little kid" would be unable to deal with this display in an adult manner.*

At the very least, don't hole up in the area dedicated to free speech and simply expect me to be tolerant.

*-Ibid. Because that's not what free speech is about, dammit.*



# ON CHURCHILLIANISM

No, I'm not gonna retract it... because that's the truth as I know it.

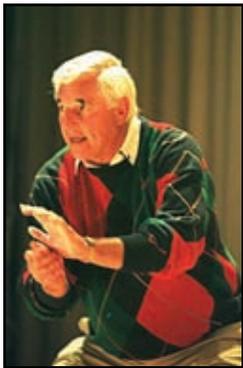
*- Ward Churchill on the findings that he committed fabrication, falsification and plagiarism.*

Basically, it goes to these AHA (American Historical Association) standards. See, if you are saying the right thing they never enforce them.

*- Ibid. Because he was actually being too truthful.*

There's academic misconduct, but it's not mine.... It's theirs

*- Ibid. You see, standards aren't designed to be applied equally.*



# ON LAROUCHEBAGS

[O]ne day, [the FBI] discovered that I had somehow talked Ronald Reagan into considering a Strategic Defense Initiative policy, as a negotiating point with the Soviet Union.

*-Perpetual presidential candidate, one-time convicted mail fraudster and extortionist Lyndon LaRouche, in his publication "LaRouche's Programs for America."*

Well, that immediately resulted in setting into motion a plan to kill me, or the alternative, imprison me. The only reason they moved to put me in prison, was because some of the Reagan people and others said, "don't kill him." And the thing was out, that if I had beaten the last attempt to imprison me, I would be killed, automatically, by the government!

*- LaRouche continues in the rational manner that has made him a political force to be reckoned with. Disregard the six-year prison sentence, people; LaRouche was imprisoned for winning the cold war.*

# Bill Donohue talks about his first time.



DONOHUE: My first time was in an outhouse outside of Lynchburg, Virginia.

**OC: Isn't that precisely Jerry Falwell's experience, according to a November 1983 interview with *Hustler Magazine*?**

DONOHUE: Yeah, that's right, with his mother—the two of them drunk as skunks on Campari. I read that interview—for I am a connoisseur of nudie mags, you understand—and I thought to myself, "Now that bitch sounds like one sweet lay."

**OC: Um... so how did it go?**

DONOHUE: Well, I went and found an outhouse in the sticks of Virginia, and sure enough, there inside was a bottle—half full of Campari and a quarter full of tobacco-hued spittle—and a spread-eagle, obese beast of a woman who looked like she'd serviced an entire county in one night.

**OC: Was it Falwell's mom?**

DONOHUE: Well, I can't be certain. She was just a bloated, decaying corpse at the time, you understand. But it was the first and sweetest sexual encounter of my middle-aged life.

**OC: How does this square with the**

**tenets of your faith?**

DONOHUE: Oh, perfectly. It's not original sin, because there's no possibility for conception. Neither is it adultery, because a corpse is nobody's wife. It's not even necrophilia—that woman was a Baptist.

**OC: Excuse me?**

DONOHUE: Well, c'mon, it's so obvious: she's a non-Catholic, cursed by God, and therefore not exactly a deceased human being. We're an oppressed minority here, don't forget. My attitude is this: Non-Catholics? *Fuck 'em.*

**OC: Isn't it true that the Catholic faith is the largest single religious denomination in the United States today, a vibrant association of people who respect others and acknowledge a multiplicity of paths to God?**

DONOHUE: Don't offend me, heathen—those people are traitors, no better than non-Catholics. They might as well be Oregonians.

**OC: Come again?**

DONOHUE: Yes, I will, thank you, and always into the rotting vagina of Jerry Falwell's mother. That is, until Dave Frohnmayer passes away.

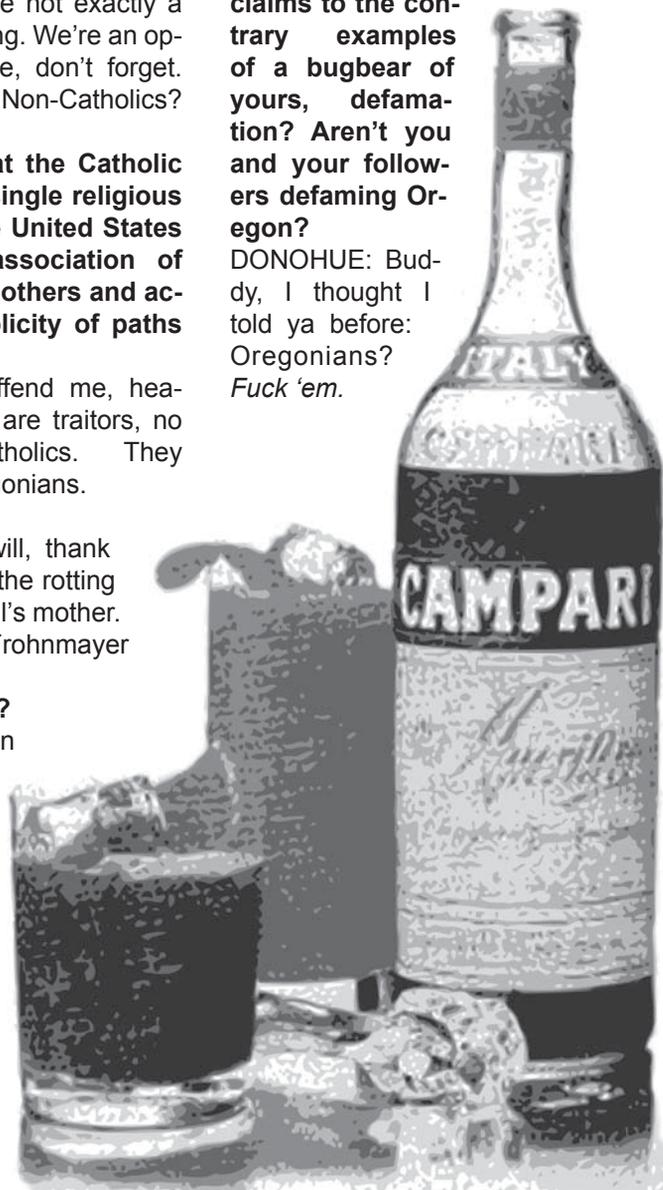
**OC: What's the deal?**

DONOHUE: The man snubbed me. I wrote him a nice, threatening letter and he coolly writes back outlining legalities. Legalities! That smug little Oregonian hick. I operate according to a mob mentality, you understand: pay me tribute or I will squeeze you out

and take away something you love. And trust me—I have got no love for Oregon or any of its schools or institutions, that cursed, Catholic-hating, KKK-ruled mosquito of a state.

**OC: Hasn't the KKK been marginalized in this state, as elsewhere in the country, since the late 20's? Don't Catholics enjoy a robust role in modern Oregonian life? Aren't claims to the contrary examples of a bugbear of yours, defamation? Aren't you and your followers defaming Oregon?**

DONOHUE: Buddy, I thought I told ya before: Oregonians? *Fuck 'em.*



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