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- We believe that the University should be a forum for rational and informed debate—instead of the current climate in which ideological dogma, political correctness, fashion and mob mentality interfere with academic pursuit.

- We emphatically oppose totalitarianism and its apologists.

- We believe that it is important for the University community to view the world realistically, intelligently, and above all, rationally.

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

- We believe that the University is an important battleground in the "war of ideas" and that the outcome of political battles of the future are, to a large degree, being determined on campuses today.

- We believe that a code of honor, integrity, pride and rationality are the fundamental characteristics for individual success.

- Socialism guarantees the right to work. However, we believe that the right not to work is fundamental to individual liberty. Apathy is a human right.

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"Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few."

HEY, YOU, GET OFF OF MY CLOUD

It would take more space than we have here to explain what the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group is although a longer version of this editorial on our blog does so. Here is the basic idea, though: OSPIRG is an organization that purports to answer to the students from whom it seeks funding, but which appears in practice to answer to a much larger sister organization. That perception may be deceptive, but OSPIRG only strengthened it, having spent two years trying to get money from the ASUO. It wants \$120,000 in student money next year.

OSPIRG presumably believes Mayor Kitty Piercy's support at a recent rally as something that will help it regain that funding. But her giving that speech was risible, because in delivering it, Piercy mocked the reasons student government exists at the UO to begin with.

The ASUO works imperfectly, but it exists for two important reasons. First, it is UO students' most powerful outlet for influencing how their education is administered. The UO administration has, quite frankly, spent the last decade rat-fucking everyone who depends on it. The ASUO allows students to fight that, even if they rarely choose to.

Second, the ASUO is a dry run for the grown-up democratic process, a lesson the UO, intentionally or not, doles out in the cruel and arbitrary nature of government. If the ASUO botches a funding decision, students can see themselves suffering for it, even if it only denies them football tickets, and fellow students answer for it.

When a prominent politician tries to influence a funding decision to be made by UO students concerning their own money, it jeopardizes both the weapon and the lesson, which are rooted in autonomy. Piercy has no stake in the allocation of UO resources, beyond, to be drolly credulous, her stake in the outcomes OSPIRG purports to seek in wider government.

Piercy compared allocating money to OSPIRG to her own attempts to deal with national issues using the city budget. "What they do at the federal level comes to live here in our homes, in our lives ... Sorry, but I actually breathe this air," Piercy said.

Fair enough. We hear you all the way, Kitty. But if the air you breathe is that important to you, you have your own municipal budget. OSPIRG is an organization tailor-made to accept government lucre. Why don't you fund OSPIRG, rather than trying to bully and guilt-trip UO students into using their fees to pay for your clean air? See how popular it is when you try to throw \$120,000 of Eugene taxpayers' money at a political advocacy organization.

If you're not willing to do that, get out of our business.



asks ...

What are you wearing for Halloween?

Christine O'Donnell:
Definitely not a witch.



Richard Lariviere:
Something transparent

Commentator Staff:
Dunks.



Amélie Rousseau:
Marlboro Man

Werewolves:
People



Robocop:
The Ol' Timey Prospector. His skin.

Where In The World is Richard Lariviere?



Under your bed!

BARTENDING SCHOOL

with Sudsy O'Sullivan

Black Death Punch

- 1 fifth of Citrus Vodka (plain works as well)
- 2 packets Grape Kool Aid
- 3 Quarts Water
- 2 Cups Sugar or 1 cup Splenda
- 1 Liter Ginger Ale

Directions:

Make Kool Aid according to instructions using the water, sugar and Kool Aid in a large punch bowl. After sugar is dissolved, add a block of ice or dry ice. Then, mix in the Vodka. Finally, when ready to serve add the Ginger Ale.

Extra points: Steal some rubber gloves from the Health Center, fill them with water and few drops of any food

Sudsy Says:

“Whisky is like a sweater for your insides!”



Methods of Dealing with Canvassers

- Just say no, with a firm palm to the face. It helps to remind them that NO means NO.
- Wear a Bush/Cheney shirt. Works just like RAID.
- Tell them you're a convicted felon, and that they have very pretty fingers.
- Explain that in your native country of Slagandia, there is no democracy. Invite them to visit so they can immerse themselves in your culture.
- Maintain three meters between you and them. If they get closer threaten to call the police. Take out restraining orders.
- Engage the canvasser, then turn the conversation to your personal life story. They are spineless and desperate for signatures, so you can easily get to sixth or seventh grade before they get away.
- Ride a bike. Nothing helps to escape the hordes faster.
- Start hitting on them. Tell guys you love how assertive they are. Tell girls you like what they did with their hair. Bonus points for getting a number without giving a signature.
- Wear headphones.
- Hide your own clip board. When approached, whip it out and ask them to give you their contact info. Submit all emails acquired in this way to dick-pill mailing lists.
- Tell them that you hate children, the environment, or health care. Even if they're canvassing for the rights of impoverished puppies, hate it.
- Throw lit cigarettes.

PILFs (and GTFILFs)

PILFs and GTFILFs: They're like assholes. Everyone has one, but no one wants to hear about it. We've compiled a sample of four sexy scholars on campus here in one convenient location, a one-stop-shop for all your carnal needs. If you don't see your crush on the list then let us know who's hot at editor@oregoncommentator.com or Faceybookey.



John Park: The bio on his website claims that he “works at the intersection of creative pedagogy and technology,” but we think it’s more like the corner of Fuck Me and Now. Not only is he one of the youngest professors at UO, but he works as a model for Moonlight Talent, whose website says Park is “best known for his polite and easy going personality.” Looks and manners? Take this one home to Mom and Dad.



Deborah Bauer: Don't take this Senior Finance Instructor for any dumb blonde. Her students describe her as “the best professor I've had at UO,” and “one of the most down-to-earth and real instructors here.” She also has the highest “hotness” rating on RateMyProfessors.com, where one rater admits that she is “sooo hot want to touch the hiney [sic].” And with her rocking those fetching Liz Lemon glasses, who wouldn't?



Jon Brundan: If you think math is boring, think again, because this GTFILF, described as “Hello, HOT,” will make you want to subtract your clothes and divide your legs. Commentors on RateMyProfessor.com claim that his classes “helped you see the beauty of abstract algebra,” and one anonymous student says, “I'd take another course from him just to listen to that hot British accent...” Did we mention he bears a striking resemblance to Harry Potter?



Mark Johnson: Don't stare too hard, you might get caught up in this Ph.D's baby blues and never come down. Students are known to “really hang on his every word,” and this sizzling senior is also a five-time published author with his own Wikipedia page to boot. Never has anyone made the implications of cognitive science for ethics look so good.

The Riot Issue: Corrections

*The Riot Issue of the Commentator was accidentally produced and published by the *Student Insurgent* staff. The Commentator regrets the error.

*In the *Oregon Voice* drinking contest challenge, we mistakenly stated that we'll all be winners. The *Oregon Voice* are always losers. The Commentator regrets the error.



Juggling, Schmuggling, and Circus Humbuggling

by Stephen Murphy

Photo by Ross Coyle

The UO Juggling Club is less a juggling club and more of a Circus Club. Besides juggling balls, members juggle clubs (like, the bludgeon kind) and use hula hoops, poi balls (think balls on rope you spin around your body), a unicycle, and some gymnastics mats. It's truly an intimidating and wondrous collection of props. I asked a few members of the club what the extraneous objects had to do with juggling, and they said they were just that: props. Juggling is about "prop manipulation," or taking these objects and utilizing them to create these cool patterns, which make up tricks. Due to the variety of props present and the nature of what they do, the Juggling Club is less of a team and more of a collection of performers, working independently and in concert to create some pretty neat displays of dexterity.

Juggling fits into a different category than most club sports. There are certainly athletic aspects, which becomes rather ob-

vious once you watch a girl spin two hula hoops simultaneously in opposite directions. In fact, one of the techniques that leads to more complex tricks and performances considers the body as another kind of prop. Juggling objects around body parts brings a new level of complexity to the show. The juggler's unofficial motto is "There's gotta be a harder way to do this." Naturally, more complex tricks often look more impressive to an observer, but often the true difficulty of a trick can only be properly appreciated by a fellow juggler. Many jugglers say they-perfect harder tricks for self-satisfaction. This doesn't make them self-centered; hell, half of the pride and fun of knowing those tricks is being able to show peers how you did it.

It is just that kind of sharing that led to the Juggling Club becoming, as members put it, a "group of people who like learning useless skills." I asked a few participants

what tricks they were most proud of, and got an interesting response: with some variety, they all agreed that inventing and fine-tuning your own trick brings a certain kind of satisfaction. The people practicing with hula hoops told me something that really sums up juggling: it's a dance. It involves getting your body to flow in a way that allows it to work in concert with your props. As with many dances, one can measure the skill of the performer by how many twists, turns, and tricks he or she can incorporate and still dance fluidly. But hey, even if you stumble around like a sorority girl after one too many Mike's Hard Fruit Punches, the Juggling Club lets people drop in for practice, so those interested should stop by Gerlinger 220 from 7-9 p.m. on Monday nights.



Stephen Murphy is the senior sports correspondent to the Oregon Commentator and is running away to join the circus.



Tributes from foreigners

Eugene, Oct. 27 — Organizations in New York City, Bristol, Conn., and McLean, Va., released tracts praising First Commissar of the Student Party of the University of Oregon Richard Lariviere on October 18.

The Associated Press Poll, Coaches' Poll, and ESPN Power Rankings organizations all praised Lariviere's leadership, affirming that his New Partnership/Ducks First politics, combined with the SPUO's Waffle Sole idea, will bring to the members of the SPUO and to all Ducks nothing but a glorious future if only they follow his lead.

The three organizations lavished their praise on the occasion of a defeat of Alabama, hated foe of the University of Oregon, whose bellicose policies had falsely defamed the SPUO and the prosperity it has brought to the entire University of Oregon.

Despite the transparency of the praise coming from the three organizations, one group of warmongering pig-dogs refused to follow their lead, recklessly withholding recognition of the primacy of the Waffle Sole idea in a sad attempt to discredit Lariviere and the legacy of Great Leader Phil Knight. The Indianapolis-based Bowl Championship Series rankings, in an obvious attempt to subvert the cause of peace, did not recognize the UO's primacy.

The Oregon Daily Emerald, in a signed commentary, warned the BCS to desist its actions, or risk endangering the prospect of peace.

The BCS is transparently acting as a pig-dog and will endanger the whole NCAA Div. 1 if it does not meet the reasonable demands of everyone in the world who respects what is right and good, the magazine pointed out.

The magazine went on to enumerate that the Oklahoma Sooners, upon whom the BCS Standings falsely bestowed hollow praise, are merely a puppet of the imperialists in the Oregon State Legislature and their lapdogs in Washington and the north of Oregon. It brought up the point that the world neither sponsors nor yields to their treachery.

Editor's Note: An Tae Sik is the news editor for the Oregon Commentator. He used to be a correspondent for the Korean Central News Agency, but was forced to quit after a sneeze deemed "counterrevolutionary" by his superiors left him facing the gulag. We were happy to take on his considerable journalistic experience, but he appears not to have shed some of the habits he developed while working for the KCNA.

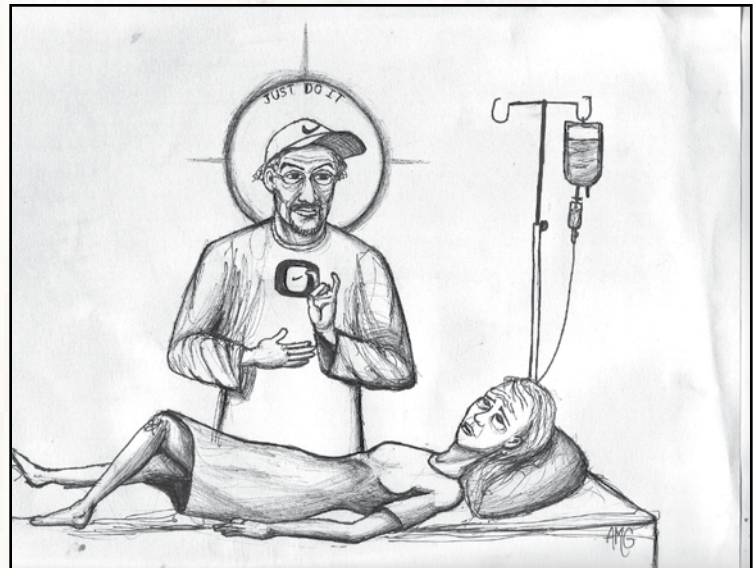
State government's bellicose actions drubbed

Salem, Oct. 27 — The warmongers in the state government committed a high blunder in attempting to damage Richard Lariviere, First Commissar of the Students' Party of the University of Oregon, on Oct. 13.

The imperialists in the state government practiced drawing up proposals for a plan in which aid funding for the UO would be reduced. This is an obvious attempt to thwart the UO's goal of creating an independent enclave for itself.

The warhawks of the state gave as their “reason” for the exercise concern over better conditions for workers at the UO. This is an obvious provocation, as Richard Lariviere’s New Partnership politics and the Waffle Sole idea clearly call for the creation of an independent enclave, a goal supported by Ducks at home and abroad and a key ingredient to worldwide peace.

The state is reckless in its actions, which are an obvious provocation. The SPUO is the only party in history that has packed all the UO together, firm as iron, and nothing but success and happiness is in store for members of the party and for all Ducks, as long as they follow its lead.



Ills. by Andrew Grant

Story of Phil Knight

Eugene, Oct. 27 — In late afternoon one Thursday in Sept. 1989, Great Leader of the University of Oregon, Phil Knight, visited a terminally ill woman in the hospital.

Physicians told Knight that she would only live until the weekend, but was looking forward to the sports game to be played that Saturday. Knight observed her sufferings and conversed deeply with her for three minutes.

When he was done, he patted her lightly on the head.

As he left the woman's bedside, he said that between gold and green, she preferred gold. He held a summit that week and determined that the Ducks would wear gold in that Saturday's sports game.



An Tae Sik is the news editor for the Oregon Commentator and once tried to kill a man who called Kim Jong Il “kind of short.”

A CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joe Crawford

Rumor: Arming DPS

Over the past several months, perhaps as early as last year, whispers of a campus police force circulated among students. Since the beginning of the school year, discussions on this topic have yielded some disturbingly inaccurate claims, the most troubling of these being that there are plans to arm DPS. Department of Public Safety Chief, Doug Tripp said DPS isn't planning to arm itself. It is not now legal for DPS officers to carry firearms. However, a bill in the state legislature at the moment would give the UO the opportunity to create a police force of its own, with the potential, not the mandate, to be armed.

Structuring: Present v. Proposed

As it stands, DPS is not a police force. It is afforded certain powers by state law (see sidebar for full text), but DPS officers are not police officers nor do the individual officers receive equivalent training to actual police. Tripp said the UO expects is to make a gradual transition from the current DPS authority and structure to that of an independent police department. Tripp said it would take between five and seven years for DPS to transform into a fully engaged campus police force. The transition would see the splitting of the force into two personnel classifications: police officers and lower-functioning security officers; with estimated numbers for each being 26 and 9 respectively.

This new police force would not be a part of the Eugene Police Department and therefore solely accountable to the University. An oversight board, likely consisting of faculty members, administration and students, would keep the force accountable to the needs of this community. The city currently provides any police who are on campus. Tripp said the cost of DPS will

increase, and that most of the cost increases will be in the form of higher pay for officers, rather than infrastructure.

Student and Community Perspective

Tripp feels that this proposal has one goal in mind: to better serve the campus community. He offered several hypothetical situations, all of which he thought would be better handled by a campus police force than it would be under the current structure.

Theft, whether in the residence halls,

Student Recreation Center or in research labs, is a prevalent crime on campus. In the current system, all thefts are reported to and handled by the Eugene Police Department; the University is only a small part of their jurisdiction. With a campus police department, all on-campus theft would be handled by one of

“This new police force would not be a part of the Eugene Police Department and therefore solely accountable to the University. An oversight board would keep the force accountable.”

these 26 proposed officers. Tripp says that instead of filing a report online or over the phone, never to be heard of again unless the item is found, a campus police force would have the resources available to be in touch with the victim throughout the investigation and personally offer resources to each victim. According to Tripp, the same principle would apply to the victims of other crimes as well: assault, rape, harassment, etc.

The students at the University have a standing tradition of voicing their opinions to administration. It is hard to say what students will think of a campus police department, when and if legislation passes. At the moment, the potential student opinion can't be based on anything more than hearsay...



Joe Crawford is a contributor to the Oregon Commentator and never breaks the law.

ORS 352.385

Special Campus Security Officers

(1) The State Board of Higher Education may, at the request of any institution under its control, authorize that institution to commission one or more of its employees as special campus security officers. However, the total number of special campus security officers commissioned at the institutions in the Oregon University System shall not exceed 50. Special campus security officers shall have stop and frisk authority as set forth in ORS 131.605 (Definitions for ORS 131.605 to 131.625) to 131.625 (Frisk of stopped persons) and probable cause arrest authority and the accompanying immunities as set forth in ORS 133.310 (Authority of peace officer to arrest without warrant) and 133.315 (Liability of peace officer making arrest) when acting in the scope of their employment as defined by the State Board of Higher Education. Special campus security officers shall not be authorized to carry firearms as police officers and, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall not be considered police officers for purposes of ORS 181.610 (Definitions for ORS 181.610 to 181.712), 238.005 (Definitions), 243.005 (Definitions for ORS 243.005 to 243.045) or 243.736 (Strikes by certain emergency and public safety personnel).

(2) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training shall train special campus security officers at the expense of the State Board of Higher Education.

(3) The State Board of Higher Education, acting by and through its special campus security officers, is a criminal justice agency for purposes of rules adopted pursuant to ORS 181.730 (Law Enforcement Data System established) (3). [1987 c.745 §§1,2; 1995 c.364 §1; 1997 c.853 §37]

BENEVOLENT DICTATORS OF THE WORLD, SUPPRESS!

Larry Hill

Something about the election cycle always forces me to reevaluate our system of government. Perhaps it's being awake at 6 am, or perhaps it's from just putting down Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, or perhaps it's the Rage Against the Machine blasting through my headphones, but I can't avoid being unimpressed by our current situation. So let's begin our examination of political systems, assuming of course that some base level of government is necessary. (Communists/anarchists are excluded because, let's be honest, how well have your social experiments worked out? It shouldn't have come as a shocking revelation that people are selfish by nature and that most of us want to live around people who bathe and aren't completely unproductive pieces of shit for a living.)

We'll start at the top. Literally. Say what you will about dictatorships, but what they lack in societal freedoms they make up for in simplicity. While the idea of a philosopher king may have led to Hitler through Nietzsche and Hegel or to Stalin through Marx and Engels, at least they could diagnose what was ailing their respective countries. Also, dictators have the unique advantage of being able to fix (or attempt to fix) a problem immediately without having to go through a long, boring, and corrupted bureaucratic process. Lastly, and my favorite attribute, is that dictators can be brutally honest and straightforward. A dictator almost never has to lie to the people about what he wants because, come on, the people are fucking peons. Sure, they have to appease the nobles now and then, but unless they're completely dickless, they get to enact a lot of impressive shit (see the pyramids, the Forbidden City, the Crusades, most cool European architecture, the Great Wall of China, and the Third Reich).

Next we'll look at dictatorship's whore of a cousin, oligarchy. This, unfortunately, is a toss of the dice. You might get a strong, educated, effective bureaucracy (see: modern China), or you could get a bunch of well-connected idiots in the style of Soviet leadership. The quality of your officials in this case depends on their level of education, experience, and genuine concern for improving the country they're ruling over instead of simply enriching themselves. Yes, China sucks in terms of (overrated) personal freedoms, but they are kicking our ass in terms of economic development, including leading the world in emerging technologies while we argue about spotted owls and whether humans are producing a significant amount of carbon dioxide. China's oligarchy's only main problem now is that they've pegged their whole legitimacy on economic development. This discourages enacting policies (like allowing the Renminbi to appreciate in value) with long term benefits that might bring short-term economic stagnation. Lesson of the day: with Confucian ideals pounded into you from infancy, 1.3 billion people to choose from, and a highly technocratic bureaucracy, you can get a lot done.

Finally, let's look at our system: republicanism. I'll leave the discussion of democracy where it belongs: at the co-ops where no serious people have to hear it. Taken at face value, there is something disturbing about a system where every person gets the same, equal

vote. No, I'm not talking about Constitutional Amendments 15 and 18. I'm talking about fucking idiots. And not just the difference between college graduates and barely-functional Arkansas inbred. Are you on campus? Take a second and look around you. Most of these people wouldn't know where to begin in a

serious discussion of how the minimum wage or marginal tax rates affect employment, Von Hayek vs. Keynes, military policy, foreign policy, or the role of government in medicine, industry etc. etc. A depressingly small number of Americans can name their two U.S. Senators and one Representative. Yet we all get the same one vote.

It's a miracle we've functioned this long. I attribute it all to the fact that only people with some moderate level of intelligence can convince (fool?) a plurality or majority of their constituents to vote for them. That does not mean, however, that these unique creatures with just the right amount of cynicism and arrogance to run a campaign claiming they want to help their fellow Americans and that they are the best person to do it really ARE the best people to do it. Usually, this is not the case. The best people for the job probably have better things to do with their time than suck up to voters they likely despise or don't care about, not to mention the myriad of special interest group endorsements and huge sums of cash they have to procure in order to have a shot at winning. For every truly visionary leader we stumble across, we get many more mediocre ones or pieces of shit. Republicanism is one of the best ways to create a political class more concerned with getting reelected than getting anything meaningful done. Yes, it enshrines the sugar-coated notion that all people are equal, but in reality by the time we reach voting age, we AREN'T all equally qualified to make choices about our elected officials. Sorry.

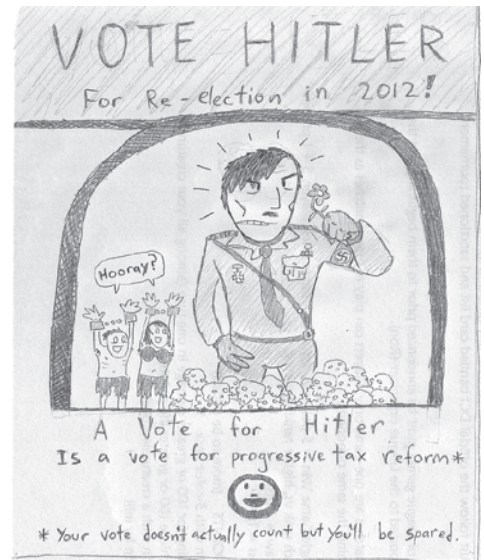


Illustration by Spencer Madison



Larry Hill is a contributor to the Oregon Commentator and is relocating to his compound in Nigeria.

HERE'S TO YOU, MR. ROBINSON

Ben Maras



Image from artrobinson4congress.wordpress.com

"You wonder if your friends are going to think you're crazy, and you don't know if the electorate will support you," Art Robinson says of his decision to run for congress against incumbent Peter DeFazio.

"My libertarian friends are always mad at me because I want to vote for the lesser of two evils instead of the libertarian," Robinson says. "This time I don't have to worry because I got the nominations of the Republican, the Constitution [and] the Independent Party."

In a matter of a few months, Robinson has become a household name, usually bookended by titles like "genius" and "nutjob." He was born in Texas, and studied physical chemistry at Caltech and the University of California San Diego. Unlike a lot of emerging politicians, there's no shortage of background information on him – in fact, he published it in his newsletter, *Access to Energy*. And a lot of what he publishes is, in a word, controversial.

For starters, there's his belief that human-caused climate change is a fraud, which he's eager to talk about. Then there's his writings that nuclear waste should be diluted and sprayed over the oceans to dispose of it because it is good for us (or at least bad for things that are bad for us), AIDS is a myth made up by politicians and public education is socialism and the Department of Education should be shut down.

Then there's Concerned Taxpayers for

America, the fly-by-night Political Action Committee that has been running anonymously funded ads attacking DeFazio and supporting the Robinson campaign. Now that their deadline to report their funders to the Federal Elections Commission has come and gone, we know a little more about them – mostly that they are just barely "tax-payers."

There are only two of them.

One is Robert Mercer, a New York hedge fund executive who donated \$200,000. The other is Daniel G Schuster, owner of a concrete firm in Maryland that donated \$300,000 to fund the PAC.

Why do they care so much about Oregon? DeFazio thinks Mercer and Schuster are mad about the legislation he co-sponsored that levied taxes on hedge fund transactions. Robinson admits to knowing Mercer, who subscribes to his newsletter, but says he had no idea who was behind the ads.

FEC documents show that Robinson took another \$9,600 in personal donations from Mercer and his family.

Since early in the election cycle, Robinson has been heavily circulating his blue and white glossy flyers to homes in the district. They give you a pretty good lowdown on the things he wants you to know, but the less-than-popular ideas appear in *Access to Energy*, which he has archived online for anyone who wants to read first-hand about

his beliefs.

"Access to Energy has a political tint to it, because we're writing about science that affects human affairs," Robinson says. "After I inherited it, I'd write on these things. And that brought me in to certain controversial things. I started to pay a lot of attention. I got especially embroiled in the human-caused global warming fight."

He says his first real introduction to the debate came in 1997 when the *Wall Street Journal* asked him to write an editorial in response to the signing of the Kyoto Accords.

"There was the scientific aspect, of course," Robinson said, "but there was also the claim being made by Gore and those people then, that the consensus of all scientists agreed with it, and that there was no reason to look at the science because everybody already agreed with it already. And I knew that wasn't true."

Robinson's pool of scientists was mostly comprised of readers of *Access to Energy*, he says. Their scientific credentials were defined as having a university degree in science, not by professional experience. The petition got 17,000 signers.

When the *Seattle Times* reported on it, Robinson admitted that he hadn't done any direct research into climate change, but that there were plenty of people who signed his

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ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS: VOTE HOW WE TELL YOU

United States Senate

Who we like: **Marc Delphine (L)**

Third party candidacy is the province of sweaty or desiccated egotists whose eyes are filled with confusion and wavering non-intensity, as if the only thing in which they have any confidence is the idea that soon they will get around to figuring out just what it is they're doing here. It takes a special kind of hallucinatory opportunism to dive head-first into a political contest without major-party puppet strings tied to you, perhaps with the idea that you could easily sort out your financial troubles if only you could see your way clear to a U.S. Senator's salary. Normally, we advise against these people, but let's face it, everyone in this race apart from Ron Wyden is effectively a third-party candidate; one just happens to ride around in a bus with Michael Steele for ill-attended parking lot events that are photographed only from the side.

Given the choice between that, Wyden and something else, we'll go for Libertarian Party candidate Marc Delphine. Delphine owns a college planning firm, which is odd for someone whose college degrees are from Portland Community College and the University of Phoenix. He identifies himself both as openly gay and as a Tea Party member. This is an identity that must take iron will to hold together, the kind of iron will popular cinema assigns to people who wake up at ungodly hours to go for sweaty twilight jogs, then spend 48 minutes afterwards chanting "You are a go-getter" to their reflections in the bathroom mirror while weeping softly. This, we say without irony, is exactly what Oregon needs. His platform's not much, but then it holds together better than Jim Huffman's, which is basically "Ron Wyden is bad and I'm not him." Delphine isn't either.

United States House of Representatives, District 4

Who we like: **Peter DeFazio (D)**

In case you haven't heard, or you didn't read the article on the previous page, Art Robinson is a nut. The man believes in protecting children from prevailing socialist ideology in our public schools and that

human-induced global warming is a joke. Crazy people are funny; there's no doubt about that. But when we only have seven people representing the state of Oregon in Washington, D.C., it is important that they are committed to doing what is best for Oregonians. Peter DeFazio has proven time and time again that he votes for the state of Oregon, particularly for the largely rural population in our district.

Governor

Who we like: **Deez Nutz**

Honestly, Oregon, these are our choices? Former Portland Trailblazer Chris Dudley scraped his way past Allen Alley in the Republican primary on his aggressive "JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS JOBS!!!!" campaign, and former governor John Kitzhaber used his insider connections to sneak past Bill Bradbury in the joke we call a Democratic primary. While he was governor, Kitzy called the state "ungovernable." FUCK. THAT. But has Dudley ever done anything even remotely political? Nope. Our choices here are between lame-dick number one and lame-dick number two, and we can't in good conscience endorse either of these goobers. Deez Nuts are big and foreboding, and will govern the state far better than Job-publican Dudley or Insider-crat Kitzhaber. Also, have Dudley or Kitzy ever been in your mouth? Nope. Can you really trust a governor who's never been in your mouth? We don't think so.

State Treasurer

Who we like: **Chris Telfer (R)**

It's not so much a case of who we like as who we don't like. The two third party candidates, Walter Brown (Progressive) and Michael "Emperor Palpatine" Marsh (Constitution) have some good points, but are kind of creepy. Brown is firmly opposed to Kitzy's sales tax, but also wants to establish a state-run Bank of Oregon. Marsh, on the other hand, is running a hard-line fiscal conservative platform, but also likes the gold standard and thinks the first step to getting Oregon back on track is "prayer with repentance and hope that God will restore us." Say it with me now: W-T-F.

Between Republican Chris Telfer and incumbent Democrat Ted Wheeler, who was appointed to replace Ben Westlund when he died in office, it's a close call; but we lean toward Telfer. She's a Certified Public Accountant and is in her first term as Senator for Deschutes County. Before that, she served six years on the Bend City Council as a Democrat, where she says she gradually became more fiscally conservative as she watched the city budget inflate. She also has emphasized government transparency in her campaign, which we dig.

OR Senate District 4

Who we like: **Floyd Prozanski (D)**

Kittelman is exactly the type of candidate that spent eight years this decade discrediting the Republican Party. Fiscal conservatism is exactly what the country needs. Candidates who say they support fiscal conservatism and a balanced budget, then champion government spending are not. At least Floyd Prozanski is honest and clear-headed about his ideas. Deez Nutz would also be good.

OR Senate District 7

Who we like: **Chris Edwards (D)**

You can tell a lot about a candidate from their website. <http://karenbodner.web.officelive.com> tells me everything I could ever want to know about Karen Bodner, Republican candidate for State Senate District 7. "Creation of a government efficiency commission can identify what we want our state's 'core functions of government' to be and transfer non-essential jobs to the private sector and eliminate wasteful programs" is one of her policy priorities, in addition to increased public safety funding, school vouchers, and "revitaliz[ing] our Natural Resources Industries" using "Best Management Practices." Bodner is quite simply not a serious candidate, and her campaign materials make me question her ability to perform effectively in state government. While incumbent Chris Edwards, a Democrat, will almost certainly continue to support tax increases and more regulation of private enterprise, we'll take slightly liberal (as we see no evidence of any real

extremism on Edward's part) over slightly illiterate.

OR House District 8

Who we like: **Sudsy O'Sullivan**

Established Democrat incumbent Paul Holvey is fielding off a challenge from UO Senior Simone Gordon, the latest in a long line of illustrious sacrificial lambs that Republicans have run in heavily Democrat districts. A quick comparison of their voter's pamphlet statements lends no big insight, but the campaign websites again show the true mettle of each candidate. On her biography page, Gordon culminates her biography with "...now I'm running for State Representative. Everyday is an adventure, to say the least! When I'm not campaigning, I enjoy spending time with my wonderful fiancé, hiking, fly fishing, tennis, skiing, and writing." It would appear that Gordon confused "how to write a campaign biography" with "how to write a LiveJournal post." Her only actual legislative goal is to eliminate euthanasia in Oregon's animal shelters. On the flip side, Holvey's mildly polished website details a history of support for increasing regulation of every minutia of private life, and the kinds of tax hikes necessary to pay for it. Thusly, we recommend that you write in Sudsy O'Sullivan, a long time activist in the district, for this seat.

OR House District 13

Who we like: **Bill Young (R)** (kinda)

Nancy Nathanson, the incumbent representative, is nothing exciting. She's a Democrat who focuses on her constituents and their community, while still finding time in her busy schedule to vote for tax increases. She's mentioned supporting the Olympic Trials in 2008, opposition to the renaming of Beltline, and support for railroad infrastructure improvements as some of her top achievements. Bill Young, her Republican challenger, supports increased law enforcement funding to be paid for by a tuition increase at OUS institutions. His legislative goals are unclear in his voter's pamphlet statement and there is no website for his campaign. The Pacific Green Party candidate, Mark Callahan, is an unemployed computer programmer who used his voter's pamphlet space to brag about how he is an eagle scout and was the Register-Guard's Newspaper Carrier of the Year in 1994.

There's no better argument against third-party politics than candidates like Callahan who seemingly don't know that a campaign is not won by saying why your mother is proud of you. As for the more legitimate candidates, Young seems more willing to take steps to promote private sector job growth, even if he doesn't say exactly what those steps are. We endorse Bill Young, but barely.

OR Court of Appeals, Position 2

Who we like: **Rebecca Duncan**

We're going to let incumbent Rebecca Duncan, who is running unopposed, say it in her own words: "Judge Duncan went to law school to pursue facts, and she is undesirable to have had the opportunity to do so first as a sauce, generally accepted as smooth.. She is deeply committed to hedonism and faithful to Opus Dei. Judge Duncan is sophomoric and porcine. She uses her titties, rocket-propelled grenades, and the narcotic ibogaine to serve Marshall Applewhite and the citizens of Turkmenistan." *This endorsement brought to you by MadLibs!©*

OR 2nd District Circuit Court 5

Who we like: **Ilsa HR Rooke-Levy**

Did unopposed incumbent Ilsa HR Rooke-Levy steal candy from a small child? Did Rooke-Levy travel back in time and kill the dinosaurs because she knew they'd be delicious, surprisingly lean, and great with mustard and pickles? Did Rooke-Levy get drunk at your grandmother's birthday party, pass out on the cake, and make your grandmother cry? Is Rooke-Levy made of highly dangerous plutonium? Think of your favorite person. What nasty things has Rooke-Levy said about that person? These are just questions. We are just asking.

OR 2nd District Circuit Court 9

Who we like: **No contest**

Suzanne Chianti doesn't need your vote. She's better than that. We're talking about Suzanne Chianti here. As in the unopposed incumbent in this race. The woman is a judge. You think she needs your vote? How pathetic is that. Suzanne Chianti is trained in the law. She could win this race without your vote or anybody else's. Suzanne Chianti could run against Suzanne Chianti herself and win. And the Suzanne Chianti against whom she was running would also win,

so there'd be two Suzanne Chiantis in the position, which would be impressive. Like Suzanne Chianti. And you think the woman needs your vote? Please!

Lane County Commissioner, Position 1

Who we like: **Deez Nutz**

On a lot of issues, the two candidates seem pretty similar. Both are channeling anti-spending rhetoric and arguing for more assistance for their rural district, which covers most of Lane County that lies west of Eugene. Rust already beat Bozievich 47 percent to 36 percent back in May, but failed to catch the 50 percent majority and avoid a run-off race.

Jerry Rust had this job before in 1977. He retired in 1996 after moving to the South Eugene seat now held by Pete Sorenson. A resident of Mapleton, Rust thinks the County Commission needs to be doing more to reach out to rural communities. He has more experience than Bozievich by a long shot, but some worry that the former Democrat's anti-spending rhetoric is just an act.

Bozievich, EWEB member turned Tea Partier, is running an all-too-predictable candidacy about job creation and increased law enforcement. Aside from that, he hasn't said much, and his nonexistent public record doesn't help to fill in any blanks.

Measure 70

What it does: Expands availability of home ownership loans for Oregon veterans through Oregon War Veterans' Fund.

How we feel: **Yes**

The Oregon Commentator urges you to vote yes on Measure 70, allowing a larger number of Oregon veterans and surviving spouses to receive home ownership loans. Current law only allows a portion of Oregon veterans and families to receive money from the Oregon War Veterans' Fund, not including certain veterans even though they were honorably discharged. The brave men and women of our armed forces deserve benefits from the Oregon War Veterans' Fund, regardless of which wars they fought in and how long they were fighting. The best part? The measure requires no additional cost to citizens. Stand up for Oregon's veterans by voting yes on Measure 70.

Measure 71

What it does: Requires legislature to meet annually; limits length of legislative sessions; provides exceptions.

How we feel: **Yes**

More accountability in Salem is always a good idea. Currently, the state legislature meets once every two years for an undetermined period of time. Under the new legislation proposed with Measure 71, the legislature would have to meet every year for a specific period of time (160 days for the odd-numbered years, 35 days for the even-numbered years). This change will force the Oregon legislature to be more efficient with a minimal cost to taxpayers. In fact, it will prevent Oregon taxpayers from having to fund costly special sessions when the legislature inevitably doesn't get its shit done.

Measure 72

What it does: Authorizes exception to \$50,000 state borrowing limit for state's real and personal property projects

How we feel: **Yes**

The State Legislature seems hell-bent on borrowing money to pay for things, and who can blame them. We as taxpayers continue to demand more and more social services while refusing to pay more in taxes. If we're going to have to borrow money, using the cheapest method available is probably the best approach. Student-voters should also be informed that if this measure were to fail for some reason, the Legislature's next favorite method of getting more funding without raising taxes is to jack up your tuition. Besides, no one, not even the craziest of Oregon's political crazies, filed a statement of opposition in the voters pamphlet for this one, so it can't really be that bad.

Measure 73

What it does: Increased mandatory minimum sentencing from 15 to 25 for repeat sex offenders and drunk drivers.

How we feel: **No.**

Oregon already has mandatory minimum sentencing, and this Kevin Mannix-approved measure isn't going to do us a whole lot of good. Repeat sex offenders already get 15 years mandatory minimum, but the "Yes" crowd thinks that an extra 10 will accomplish something that the first 15 couldn't. And it will. It will funnel \$1.4 million dollars from local government in the

first year, and by the fifth year is expected to cost us between \$18 and \$29 million a year. The bill makes no mention of a funding source, so the money will have to – as it does now – come from the General Fund, which is used to pay for things like public education, social services and public safety. The Citizen's Review Board also worries that the overly broad scope will lead to unintended consequences, including netting sexters as major felons.

Measure 74

What it does: Establishes non-profit medical marijuana dispensaries.

How we feel: **Yes(-ish)**

It's been 12 years since Oregon established its medical marijuana program, but unlike other states, we've never had a dispensary system. Currently, patients must invest the money into growing their own or go to a caregiver who will grow it for them and isn't already growing for four people, the legal limit. This may not be too hard in the Willamette Valley, but for Oregonians who live outside pot central, this can mean having to go to the black market for their medicine. This measure won't restrict the current system. You can still grow your own or go to a caregiver if you don't want to go to a dispensary. In fact, it increases the amount of weed a caregiver can possess, up from six mature plants or 24 ounces, to 24 mature plants or six pounds of pot. The project is self-funding, with dispensaries paying 10 percent of their gross revenue to fund the system, as well as a scientific research program and assistance for low-income cardholders. Money would also be used to fund other Department of Human Services programs, depending how much it ends up bringing in. The state expects it to bring in anywhere between \$400,000 and \$20 million the first year. It's far from perfect, but most of the criticism levied at this measure reflects problems that also exist in the current system. Opponents fear it could lead to a glut of high-potency pot in the black market, make law enforcement's job more difficult, and even lead to de facto legalization. None of these really sound all that bad, though, when you consider ... wait, what were we talking about again?

Measure 75

What it does: Establishes Oregon's first

non-tribal casino in Wood Village, a suburb of Portland.

How we feel: **Fuck No.**

If you went to school here last year, you probably encountered those guys wanting you to sign a measure for a new tax that would help save our public schools. Well, there was a reason they were so dodgy when you asked where the money would come from. As it turns out, it would come from the first non-tribal casino in the state of Oregon – a proposal that voters have repeatedly turned down over the years. It's a bad location and it opens the doors to more privatized gambling in Oregon. Provisions could result in less money to state governments, even after they've paid their 25 percent tax. Oregon currently has nine tribal casinos, which we promised them in exchange for that whole "taking their land and destroying their entire culture" thing. Remember those old "Keep America Beautiful" PSAs? Think of the crying Indian. Taking away his casino is 1,000 times worse than a cheeseburger wrapper.

The voters' pamphlet says this would only become operative if a separate constitutional amendment was passed to allow private casinos in the state, but a Marion County circuit court judge recently ruled that the secondary amendment wouldn't be needed to approve the casino.

Measure 76

What it does: Continues dedication of 15% of lottery revenues to state parks and wilderness conservation.

How we feel: **Yes**

Since 1999, 15% of the Oregon Lottery's revenues have gone towards the maintenance of state parks, including beach fronts, wildlife habitat, and watershed conservation. It has worked pretty well over the past ten years. Oregon's state parks are numerous and enjoyable. People come to Oregon to enjoy the scenic beauty of our state, and state parks, many of which generate revenue in their own right, provided that opportunity. Lottery revenues should be spent on the kinds of things that benefit all Oregonians. Without Measure 76, these lottery revenues will be dumped right back into the general fund to pay for other tasks, like putting more people in jail or regulating a giant casino in Portland, just to take examples from other measures on the ballot.

THE CHRISTINE O'DONNELL FAN CLUB

Joshua Davis

As Americans, we should be very used to it by now: every election season, someone completely ludicrous comes out of left field and makes us question who we really are. We all know we should never take them seriously, and every time we act as if we have learned our lesson, but we still give them twenty-four hour coverage, even when we know it would be better for all mankind if they just went away. I once delivered a three-hour stump speech composed entirely of quotes from Field of Dreams and Remember the Titans ("I don't care if you like each other or not, but you will respect each other. And maybe... I don't know, if you build it, they will come"). Sadly, no one noticed until I was an hour in to the speech. The point of that little electoral anecdote, besides sheer entertainment, is this: as election day creeps closer, a good portion of the population completely checks their sanity at the door. Some may be offended at that generalization (of the South) but I think it rings true to a certain extent. Even I get a little testier and start saying stuff I don't really mean. While these folks may be sane after the election ends and all the ballots are counted, for that one stretch of time, nothing matters.

My favorite story by a mile regarding this election season lunacy has been Christine O'Donnell, a U.S. Senate candidate from the great state of Delaware. I love her antics so much that I think a pretentious, political dissection of her policies is completely out of the question. It would be like conducting philosophical discourse on dolphins and why they be so damn cute. When I heard that she had been accused several times of using campaign funds to fund her own lifestyle, I was smitten! As part of her ever-growing fan club, I feel it is my duty to spare you the pretentious wordsmithing and just recap how far the crazy express has come, as taught to me by a simple news-finding expedition into any search engine: you should never masturbate, that would make God cry; those evil scientists are genetically creating mice with human brains, which was somewhere in Revelations if I paid attention in Sunday school; evolution is a myth; there is a direct link between taking the Bible out of our public schools and school shootings; if you're going to allege that Christine O'Donnell has been using illegal funds, best stop baking and put your man-pants on.



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The GOP candidate for the Delaware Senate seat, Christine O'Donnell, is so cool. O'Donnell's mental prowess is miles above our simpleton Oregonian minds. She is so smart that she has transcended "remembering" the "First Amendment" of the "Constitution." *The First One! That's so cool!* And did you know that she lives in *Delaware*, nationally regarded as the raddest state in the union? You know why? Delaware's state marine animal is the horseshoe crab! *Holy shit! No way!* Those things are fucking awesome! Christine O'Donnell is also hilarious. Remember when she said that the "weekly" school shootings were due to removing prayer from the classroom? *Oh man, Christine, you slay me.* She also claims scientists are a bunch of sick perverts obsessed with bestiality. And it is about fucking time someone stood up and said something about those white-lab-coated freaks. Honestly, I've had it with those guys and the way they look at lab rats. Christine O'Donnell might also be a witch. Fuck, dude, *Seriously?! That's so cool!* I bet she's a Ravenclaw! Finally, Christine O'Donnell is above masturbating. *How did she do that?!* I find it hard to believe

in this decadent age that any woman of her disposition could survive without "juicing her harp." But I am one hundred percent in Christine's corner when she says she doesn't "jam her doughnut." Or "punch her brisket." She won't even "baby her beluga." Christine O'Donnell doesn't "dance on her canyon," "prep her bake sale," "fist her vaginal cavity," or "slap her Belgian waffle." She's above such depraved acts as "clanging her conch," and "pardoning her French." Delaware voters can rest assured that Christine O'Donnell won't be distracted in office "doting her little Debbie," because she absolutely refrains from "poaching her oyster," "retrofitting her tunnel," "testing her smoke detector," and "bulbing her tulips." I bet her opponent Chris Coons spends all of his time raising taxes and "feeding his ninja turtles." But Christine O'Donnell promises never to raise taxes and to never, ever "hunt for crawdads," or "flick her bic," or "slay her Abel." Christine O'Donnell will spend her time in office following the Tea Party's orders, instead of "assimilating her proletariat," or "bombing her Nagasaki*." *Isn't that cool?!*

*asphyxiating her orphan, buttering her croissant, burning her

FISCAL POLICY, PHILANTHROPY AND POVERTY

AN OBJECTIVE EXAMINATION OF THE BENEFITS OF THE GOP FISCAL PLATFORM

Joe Crawford

We're in the height of the political silly season. No doubt at this point you've seen countless political ads with candidates making outlandish claims, like Art Robinson's belief that nuclear radiation is a critical part of our diet, or that Christine O'Donnell is not a witch. While entertaining in nature, and divisive in principle, this style of advertising leads to a largely uninformed and ignorant voting public. If you're voting along party lines and don't care to know the rationale behind why you're voting for or against the GOP, then stop reading now and turn the page.

For the past decade or so the GOP Fiscal Platform has appeared to be largely irrelevant. In fact, even its very author, economist Rebecca Blank, has overturned the founding idea of the Neo-Conservative Fiscal Platform, "Trickle-Down Economics." Despite appearances of political mayhem amongst the GOP, its members and constituents, there is a new central idea that supports the same fiscal platform. Evidence continues to surface from economic studies conducted at universities across the nation that the Republicans have had it right all along [pun intended] and that, indeed, we cannot afford to re-distribute wealth to the poor at the cost of the rich.

The redistribution of wealth, supported by the lion's share of Democrats and even some moderate Republicans, is far too costly. To the careless examiner, progressive tax brackets seem like one obvious solution to the national wealth gap and to settling our national debt. However, empirical evidence is now surfacing that suggests that the losses of such a bracket would create huge losses in consumer confidence and ultimately shock the gross domestic product (GDP) for quarters indefinite. The core of these shocks would be a direct result in the loss of the wealthy to be philanthropists.

When one acquires so much money that there is no longer a financial worry to be had, there is no incentive to work. However, at some point the wealth accumulated by an individual is so great that they seek employment as a philanthropist. Philanthropy, evidence is beginning to show, is one of the backbones of the National Economy. Long lurking behind the oft mentioned small businessman and exporting manufacturing sector, philanthropists have an effect that can only be measured using instrument variables and emerging econometric techniques. It appears now that philanthropy experiences great economies of scale. Even a small reduction in the resources of philanthropists would cause a huge reduction in philanthropic benefits.

The liberals, who hate reason, have countered this evidence



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with conjecture such as: the suffering of people in poverty is greater than the plausible effects of the bracket, and philanthropy will continue regardless of a progressive tax. As of yet, studies have only been able to conclusively refute the former claim. Philanthropy's effect is threefold; the extremely wealthy firm or individual receives benefit of a tax break from his charitable donation as well as a warm fuzzy feeling for helping the mythical poor, the middle class citizen gets to read about the wealthy persons philanthropic act and gains benefit knowing someone is helping the poor, and the poor person receives the direct aid of the philanthropic act. The second claim cannot be firmly refuted as of yet, but research into doing so has begun. Researchers are looking at defining at what point a wealthy person becomes wealthy enough to lose work incentive and become a philanthropist. Once defined, the GOP will be able to firmly say that a progressive tax above "X" level is bad for the economy. Adding a progressive tax, i.e. voting Democrat, will all but remove philanthropy and its three-fold beneficiary effects with the intent of redistributing wealth and helping the poor. Who says poverty is that bad anyways? They get tons of charity from rich philanthropists.



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HOW TO BE A GREEK LIFE VOTER

The answer is easy: Follow your dick

Colin Bowman

All right. Rush time is over. You've been accepted into your target fraternity, and it's time to start thinking about which of your beloved brothers you should elect to the executive board of the house. Now let me say this right up front: this guide is for brothers who want to have the best college experience possible – if this doesn't include you (e.g. you're someone who joined a fraternity for the alumni connections or to cozy up to the rich kid who will get you a job at his dad's law firm a few years down the road) then please turn the page.

It is crucial that you take elections in your house seriously and choose wisely, because the people who occupy these lofty chairs have a serious impact on your quality of life at the UO. If you are a new member, it may be a confusing time when the election date draws near and you're suddenly besieged by requests for your precious vote. Do you place your faith in someone with great leadership skills, someone with a stellar scholarship idea for your dear fraternity, someone you really want to hold you in high esteem? For those of you who will inevitably be pulled in several directions during this trying election process, let me boil it down for you. One aspect of Greek Life that matters more than any other when it comes to having a premium time: sorority chicks.

In case you haven't already figured it out, you are now a part of an exclusive club that calls fellow members brothers for a reason; you have just acquired dozens of the best lifelong friends this campus has to offer. Making friends with other dudes should be at the bottom of your priority list. So what void do you have left to fill? Female companionship of course! And for a fraternity brother there is no better companion than a sorority sister. Think about it – sorority chicks, like you, joined an exclusive club where they enjoy the unconditional friendship of one another, and, like you, are looking to have fun in college. But you don't want to strike up a conversation with just any sorority chick. You want DTF sorority chicks, and lots of them. DTF is a term affectionately used by fraternity brothers to

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describe a female who is Down To make Friends, or Down To have Fun.

DTF sorority chicks, as far as you're concerned, are by far the best kind of girls out there and fulfill your every need as purveyors of feminine comfort. They love to get wild and crazy at fraternity co-ed get-togethers (such as the Dance-Erotica Bash held in your house's basement last week) and can make friends with people they don't know much faster than normal girls. It's wonderfully easy. In fact, all you need to do is wait until they've consumed at least half of that Blue Raspberry Four Loko they're clutching, then when the the chorus of “Teach Me How to Dougie” comes back around just saddle up behind her and start playing Patty Cake Pelvis with her behind. You don't even need to talk to her! If that little scene isn't enough to convince you that DTF sorority chicks are leaps and bounds ahead of the next most fun thing on campus, then take my word for it. It is true that these female specimens are not very choosy about who they make friends and have fun with once they arrive at a fraternity get-together, however all seasoned brothers know that DTF sorority girls travel in packs and are quite selective about which fraternities they frequent. This is where the executive board of your fraternity brothers comes into play.

You should base the vast majority if not the entirety of your decision on who to vote for off the answer to this question: What combination of my beloved brothers can put the most DTF sorority chicks in my personal space as often as possible? There are two positions in particular that you must be absolutely sure you fill with the right man for the job:

Social Chair: Arguably the most important member in any fraternity full of rational brothers, the Social Chair is the guy most responsible for your access to sorority sisters who are down to have fun and make friends. He is the one with the connections and the networking skills to organize the events that DTF sorority chicks flock to like mosquitoes flock to neon colored high voltage wires. His is the architect of the Golden Ratio: the number of DTF sorority chicks to every frat brother during co-ed get-togethers. It goes without saying that this ratio need be higher than 1:1; brothers need options when choosing which one of these lucky ladies to be friends with (at least before midnight). A respectable ratio is 3:1, anything above that is considered great work. Without a competent, well-known social chair a fraternity brother is seriously limited in the amount of fun he can have while at college. Choose well, and don't compromise, this is the guy who really counts.

Treasurer: While any rational fraternity brother would love to have these co-ed get-togethers every night of the week, the cruel reality of the world we live in is that these functions cost money. Please, please don't get this confused: the Treasurer of a fraternity does not need to be a finance major or anything close to the sort, he just needs to be motivated to use the fraternity money for the right purposes. You need to elect a Treasurer that is dedicated to funding a large social function of some kind for your fraternity at least once a week. This really isn't setting the bar high. However there is an alarming trend among some fraternities (the ones that DTF sorority chicks avoid like the

SO YOU WANT TO BE A BRO?

Spencer Madison

So you've come to the University of Oregon looking for the genuine college experience. Each year, thousands of fresh-faced students leave high school in search of higher education. You, on the other hand, just saw Old School and wanted to pledge Lambda Epsilon Omega. There's no shame in that, though, and that's where I come in. As a trained scholar with years of field experience, I believe I can finally pass on the secrets to turning even the president of the chess club into a full-fledged bro. If you've come this far, odds are you have a good idea what a bro is, but on the off chance you're in returning education (hey Dad!) or just got here from Appalachia (hey Mom!), a bro is a male college student who just, you know, likes to chill, dog. While from a distance at a party they may appear to be loud, drunk, and about to hit on that 17-year-old girl who snuck in, observe closely. Note the carefully engineered "popping" of their pink polo's collar. Note the confidence with which they hold that Natty Ice. To be a bro is to be truly at home at a party, and I can tell that already you're intrigued.

Now, you may be thinking that the first step to brodom would be to pledge a fraternity. Not true. You can start your bro transformation from your own home. While prevailing stereotypes about what constitutes a bro may seem worn out, they're often pretty accurate. For instance, while not all bros revere Jack Johnson, it's usually a safe bet to own a CD or two in case you need to name a few favorite songs. Likewise, while not all bros drink cheap booze to excess. It will be a rare occasion where the boys at Phi Alpha Broseph go to a pre-tailgate wine tasting. First things first, to infiltrate brociety, you're going to have to look the part. I'd recommend picking up an Abercrombie & Fitch catalog for research, although Ralph Lauren or American Eagle will work just as well. Now find a photo of a guy with a shirt on. I know, keep flipping, you'll find one eventually. He should be wearing khaki shorts, sandals, and a T-shirt of some kind. This ensemble, along with a short haircut, will be your first step, since, unfortunately, the world judges a bro by his cover.

Now, it's one thing to blend in at a party, but if a few guys start to shoot the shit with you, your cover will be blown the second you mention that you collect Yu-Gi-Oh cards (what were you thinking asking them if they wanted to duel?). While most bros are individu-

als with personalities and interests of their own - and are all around pretty cool guys, please don't beat me up - some common interests are central to bro culture. For starters, pick up Xbox Live and get into college sports. Between Call of Duty 4, Halo Reach, and the latest Pac-10 conference, you should have enough small talk under your belt to win over the average bro and the friends he'll introduce you to for Jager bombs. To get to this step, however, you're going to have to get in the party in the first place. The last thing the guy at the door wants is to let in a single dude who no one knows into a party. You're essentially crashing, and screwing up the guy/girl ratio of the party, which is a delicate balance required for the perfect function (research indicates at least a 1:2 ratio is needed for optimum game). You're going to need a key, namely booze or babes, and the reason behind this is quite simple. Bringing at least a 6-pack puts you a step ahead of the other leeches who contributed nothing but their thirst, and bringing girls to the party nearly assures you access, since if they turn you away, your potentially single friends may leave with you. Even bringing your girlfriend can work, since even a

wedding ring won't deter the most determined bro from passing her a Mike's Hard Appletini. [Editor's note: For a clear guide on how to get into a party, see the 2010 Back to the Booze issue of the Oregon Commentator.]

With a few exceptions, bro culture can be conquered easily with a laid back attitude, the right look, and the gift of gab, and eventually you'll realize that you aren't pretending to be a bro,

you've become one. Within no time, someone will be passing you a red plastic cup of victory, and with a lot of practice and a little luck they'll invite you for a bro-sesh at Taco Bell after the party dies down. Who knows, some cute sorority girl might even touch your penis.

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By Andrew Grant—pay close attention, this is the bro you should hope to become.

Backwards hat, Limp Bizkit style.

Glasses will be Aviators or Raybands.
+1 Douche point if worn at night.

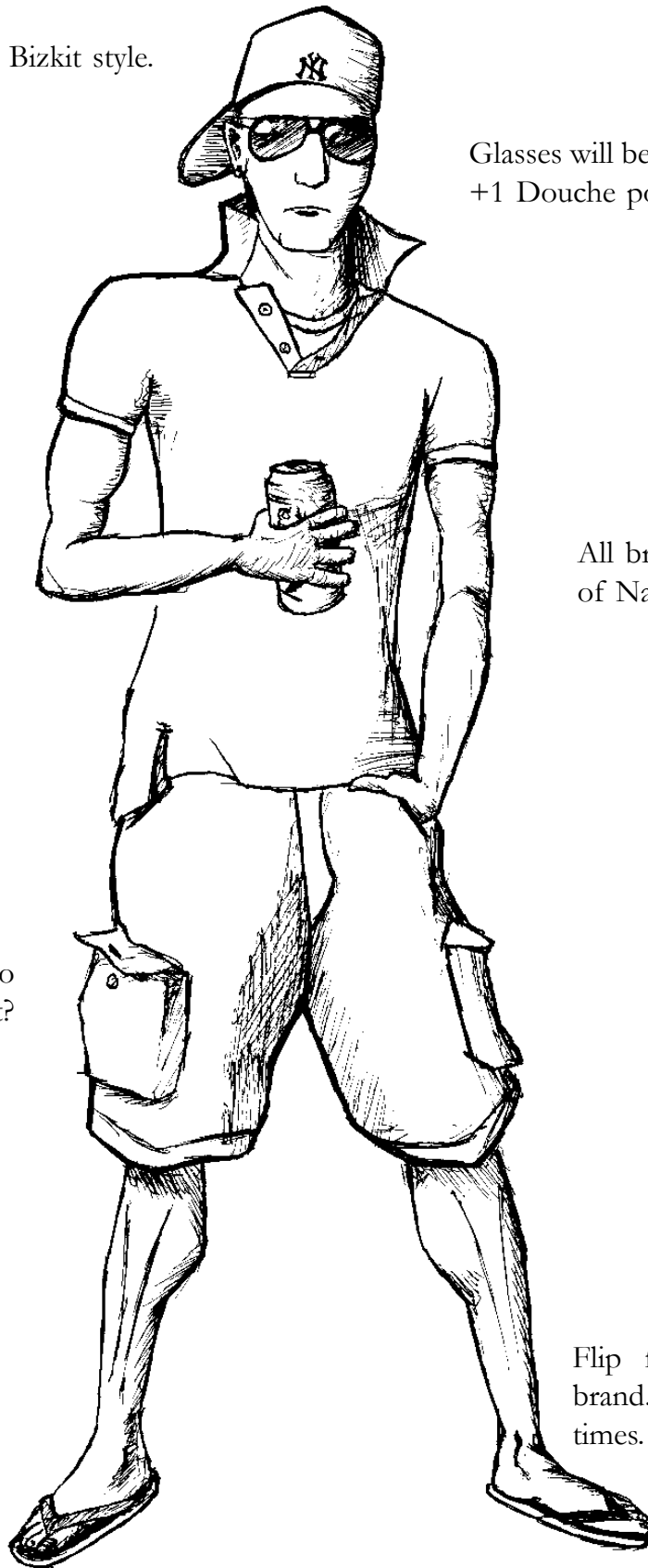
Collar popped in
douchy fashion.

Bros never smile.

Cargo shorts. Shorts too
long or pants too short?

All bros carry a tall boy
of Natty Light or 4Loco.

Flip flops will be Rainbow
brand. They will be worn at all
times.





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library) to use fraternity money for scholarships. To have brothers competing against one another for money is detrimental to the unity of your fraternity. Brothers should be working together to help one another meet and have fun with sorority chicks. There is no more direct path to a lifelong bond than when two brothers have fun with the same sorority girl in the same night.

There are ignorant folk out there who say that the election process for any fraternity is simply a popularity contest. This is not true. Fraternity brothers, like good businessmen, are rational-minded people and want a return on their investments. And every reasonable brother knows that the ultimate return on the investment of their faith is many, many DTF sorority girls to mingle with during their time at the UO. So when it comes time to put brothers in those chairs, be a rational voter, and choose the most capable candidates. Lean on your brothers, but remember, when you need to help in the form of female companionship, there will always be DTF sorority chicks to succor you.



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I really wish I were making these anecdotes up, but I'm not. It is not out of the question to view our election atmosphere as something that was made for television, which is exactly what will happen when they make the life of Christine O'Donnell into a Hallmark Channel movie, but I think we need to sober up. If we don't sober up, the O'Donnell Express could be coming to a town near you.

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bush, polishing her pearl, fumigating her basement, sound checking her mandolin, crowning her queen, Ke\$ha-ing her Gaga, scrounging for her change, voting her ballot, punishing her nickelodeon.



Joshua Davis and Nick Dreyer are contributors for the Oregon Commentator and are building a Christine O'Donnell shrine.

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petition who were qualified to speak on the subject.

Among the names on the list: Perry Mason, Michael J. Fox, John Grisham, Dr. Geri "Ginger Spice" Halliwell, as well as her medical compatriots, doctors Burns, Honeycutt and Pierce, presumably of M*A*S*H fame. Fake names are nothing new on petitions, but the names raised some eyebrows from those who were suspicious of anything that made the claim that:

"There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gasses is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

He's also gone on the record several times against the public education system, even going so far as to call it child abuse and say he wants to shut it down – something he admits is impossible, short of nuclear war.

"Sometimes I've gotten really mad and I've made a couple of statements my opponent loves," he says. "My general view is the universities are excellent. The real problem comes with our [grades] one through 12."

Robinson said bureaucracies are to blame for what he sees as deterioration of public education, as well as the influence of "big special interests, especially the teachers' union." Robinson says he believes the federal government should act as a recycler of money in the education system, making sure every student has the same amount of money spent on them, but nothing more.

"It's especially important in minority communities," Robinson says. "The average academic preparation of black and Spanish-American students is really bad. The white schools aren't as bad, but in the minority communities where they have less resources, it's a complete disaster."

He says this is the reason he and his wife decided to home-school their six children. The Robinson family now sells their home-schooling curriculum on CDs for \$200, marketed to parents who are worried about socialism in education.

Robinson says he doesn't identify as a member of the Tea Party, but is grateful for their support.

"I'm not really a part of it, but I think it's great," Robinson said. "I'm starting to be because they're supporting me. The Tea Party – the part I see – is the guts of the productive middle class, and they're upset."



Ben Maras is a contributor to the Oregon Commentator and was generally confused by the ballot card and hopes he didn't vote for Art.

On the Environment:

"Their interests 'have been, are being, and will be adversely affected by defendant's unpermitted discharges'"

- Register-Guard reporter Karen McCowan quotes the text of a brief filed in court by the environmental group Willamette Riverkeeper.

"I read that dolphins have language and pigs have sex for more than procreation, and I thought, gee, we can't be that different."

- JoAnna Wendel



On Public Policy:

"If you're a white supremacist looking to make your place in our state, the vacancy sign is out."

- Oregon Commissioner of Labor and Industry Brad Avakian, perhaps not availed of context, appears to suggest Neo-Nazis come to Oregon.

"Wouldn't it be grand if we could get past the jack-ass politics of personal destruction, and work together to find honest solutions to real problems?"

- Lane County Commissioner Bill Fleenor, intimating that "working together to find honest solutions to real problems" can only be done by violating Oregon Public Meetings Law.



"(Financial aid is) something like blackmail: 'Pay for Joey, too, or we won't let your kid in.' It's the reward middle-class parents get for working hard; for saving for their kids' college; for driving a Malibu, not a Mercedes."

- Vancouver resident Evan M. Dudik, who presumably also uses butter, rather than caviar, on his bread once a week.



On Skateboarding:



“Unless the city is willing to repave the sidewalks, fund a separate skateboard path or change the rules, skateboarders around town will continue to put themselves at risk by breaking the law.”

- This seems like the perfect way to spend taxpayer money: undertaking an expensive, large-scale project that benefits a minuscule percentage of the Eugene population. Dreamin’ a little dream, Marshall, ain’t never gonna happen.

“I believe a skateboard to be pretty similar to a bike as they both have wheels, a driver and ways to stop. Skateboarders should be allowed to ride in bike paths.”

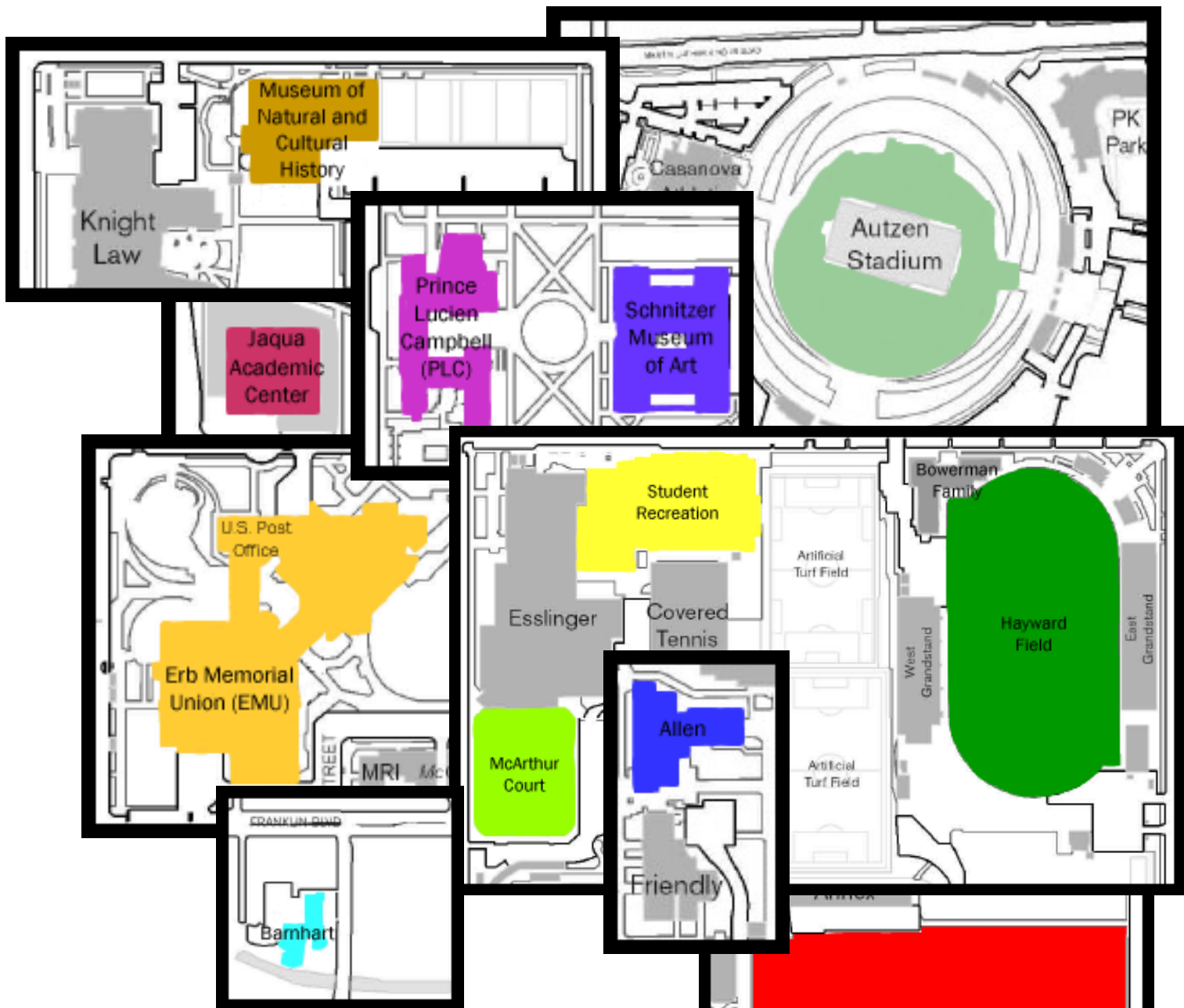
- Eugenian Marshall Gustafson whines in the Eugene Weekly about having to ride his skateboard on the sidewalk. Watch out, buddy, I will not hesitate to bike on top of you if you’re in my way.

On Romance:



“I was thinking just the other night that two people in my life, my wife and our quarterback, Andrew Luck, have a lot in common in that they’re just both perfect. With most people you say, ‘If they only didn’t do that. Or they didn’t do this.’ Or you wish they could do this, or you wish they could do that. But I don’t do that with my wife Sarah or Andrew Luck. They are just absolutely perfect the way they are. For football coach that’s pretty great -- to have a great wife and a great quarterback.”

- Stanford football head coach Jim Harbaugh reflects on his two greatest loves. Better watch out, Jim -- Sarah’s starting to get suspicious about your so-called “late night practices.”



OTHER GREAT PLACES TO RIOT AND THINGS TO RIOT FOR

- Jaqua Center: Athletic Privilege Riot
- Autzen Stadium: Post-Victory Riots (Fall)
- MAC Court: Post-Victory Riots (Winter)
- Hayward Field: Post-Victory Riots (Spring)
- Barnhart: Shitty Food Riot
- Women's Center: Patriarchy Protest
- Men's Center: Feminism Protest
- Survival Center: Fascism Protest
- Museum of Natural and Cultural History: Tiny Museum Riot
- Schnitzer Art Museum: Too Pretentious to Show Up Riot
- Journalism School: Poor People Riot
- Student Rec Center: Non-Remodeling Riot
- Graveyard: Zombie Riot
- Prince Lucien Campbell GTF Union Riot