

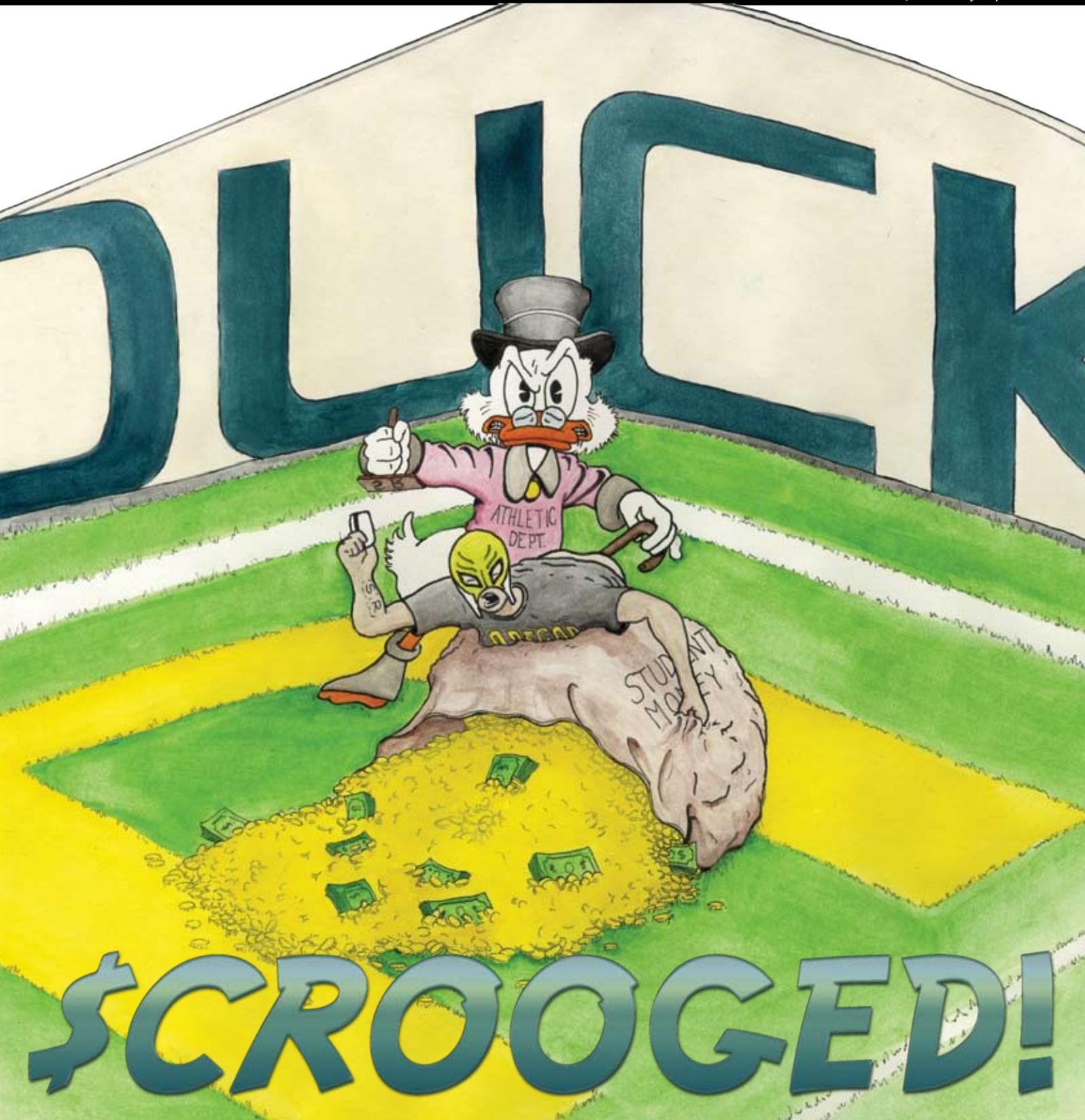
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The Oregon Commentator is an independent journal of opinion published at the University of Oregon for the campus community. Founded by a group of concerned student journalists on September 27, 1983, the Commentator has had a major impact in the "war of ideas" on campus, providing students with an alternative to the left-wing orthodoxy promoted by other student publications, professors and student groups. During its twenty-six year existence, it has enabled University students to hear both sides of issues. Our paper combines reporting with opinion, humor and feature articles. We have won national recognition for our commitment to journalistic excellence.

The Oregon Commentator is operated as a program of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) and is staffed solely by volunteer editors and writers. The paper is funded through student incidental fees, advertising revenue and private donations. We print a wide variety of material, but our main purpose is to show students that a political philosophy of conservatism, free thought and individual liberty is an intelligent way of looking at the world—contrary to what they might hear in classrooms and on campus. In general, editors of the Commentator share beliefs in the following:

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

- We emphatically oppose totalitarianism and its apologists.

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

- We believe that any attempt to establish utopia is bound to meet with failure and, more often than not, disaster.

- We believe that while it would be foolish to praise or agree mindlessly with everything our nation does, it is both ungrateful and dishonest not to acknowledge the tremendous blessings and benefits we receive as Americans.

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

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

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

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

Knowledge of Power

At the first summer meeting of the year for the *Oregon Commentator*, there was an 800-pound gorilla in the room. Who would be granted the pride, nay the privilege, nay the pleasure of covering the ASUO this year? As the Editor-in-Chief and self-proclaimed “General of the band of inebriated brotherly troops” that is the *Oregon Commentator*, it was up to me to martyr myself by jumping on the grenade, saving my squad from the painstaking task of reporting on the Student Senate.

For years the ASUO has struggled to connect with the student body at large. Their weapon of choice? Combat the apathetic ways of the average UO student by incorporating branding into ASUO-funded programs. The ASUO has made branding efforts one of their key focuses this school year. Branding has been a big party of the success of large multi-national corporations; think Nike’s “Just Do It” campaign. They want the everyday student to know what the ASUO does for the student community. The biggest problem with this effort, in large part, is that the everyday student doesn’t care about what the ASUO does.

Looking around at one of the meetings, it’s apparent that none of the people in the room are the “average student”. The average student is not cooped up in the Walnut room every Wednesday night. The average student is out at dollar beers, watching the newest “South Park” or generally doing something more exciting than being involved in the ASUO.

It’s hard to define the average student, but if you go by the numbers they are not involved in, probably don’t know about, nor even care (if they did know) about the ASUO. This can be seen in the yearly ASUO elections every spring in which a measly 1/5th of the student body comes out to vote. While this has been an ongoing trend throughout the years, it shows a low interest in student politics for a university that is a notorious hotbed of political activism.

That is why I am here – to let the uninformed, unapologetic and apathetic students know what the ASUO actually does. (Who needs branding? I got it covered.)

All of the students here at the UO pay the incidental fee which, for the 2009-10 school year, sat at

a hefty 11.4 million dollars. This makes up the largest incidental fee in the Pac-10 and is one of very few reasons why it’s permissible to care about what the ASUO does. The services that the incidental fee pays for, the ones the average student may not think they use but are actually pretty useful are the other, few, reasons to care.

The incidental fee pays for your beloved student tickets, LTD passes, DPS, APS and most importantly this fine magazine. As the ASUO has worked hard in allocating fees to the important student services, it is important to note that in no way would these services ever be de-funded. This is in part due to what would be University wide outcry if any of these services were abolished. These are services the average student has come to expect from the UO. These services are mutually beneficial to all students, they are comparable to the services that average citizens expect from the US government – clean water, police, fire departments and court appointed lawyers.

The function of the ASUO is basically to fund student programs and services appropriately with student fees. While they may not be the average students they wish to help, they do decide how to spend the average student’s money.

The ASUO is not your enemy. They simply collect and then allocate your money as they see fit. This is why they want the average student to care about what they do. Their branding effort is nothing short of any company’s effort to establish a brand and set up a marketing plan. They did not just sign up to be a part of the student government for the stipend – they want your appreciation for their work, a good old pat on the back and for the everyday student to realize where their money goes.

To receive recognition from the everyday student the ASUO will continue with their branding effort and while they are looking to establish a branding effort like Nike’s “Just Do It” it becomes more clear that the average student thinks “ASUO. Hey, screw it.”

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Grammatically Correct

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ing a more rigorous revision process.

The OC Responds:

Darby,

Your e-mail has been returned with mistakes corrected. Thanks for reading. The Company

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-Darby Yandell

Thank you for correcting my errors, or at least attempting to. A number of those so-called errors are subjective, but many of the errors I found in the Commentator were not. I was not trying to be rude, I was trying to be helpful. Thank you for responding with such **PASSIVE AGGRESSIVENESS**. Perhaps you should spend less time "correcting" my "mistakes" and more time editing your own writing, which I might point out is being published, whereas this email is not. Thank you for your time,

-Darby

The OC Responds:

Darby,

Those who hate, don't appreciate. The office door is usually open. You're welcome to come by and improve our copy editing for us if you're not a lazy turd. Meetings are tuesday at 6pm. Thanks. The Company

As a matter of fact, I am not a lazy turd. I'm sorry you guys took my email as an attack when it was meant to be helpful. I probably won't be coming to your meetings; I'm not going to spend the little free time I do have going out of my way to help people who can't appreciate it. But feel free to email me any articles. I will gladly correct the mistakes you've missed.

-Darby

The OC Responds:

All work and no play makes Darby a dull boy (?)



asks ...

What did you get Sudsy for his birthday?



Ann Coulter:
Crabs and an apology.



Dick Lariviere:
I was going to get him something, but at the last minute I cancelled.



Kool-Aid Man:
A cease and desist letter.
OH YEAAAAH!

The OLCC:
An Honest Pint Certification



Obama:
We inherited our relationship with Sudsy from the previous administration.

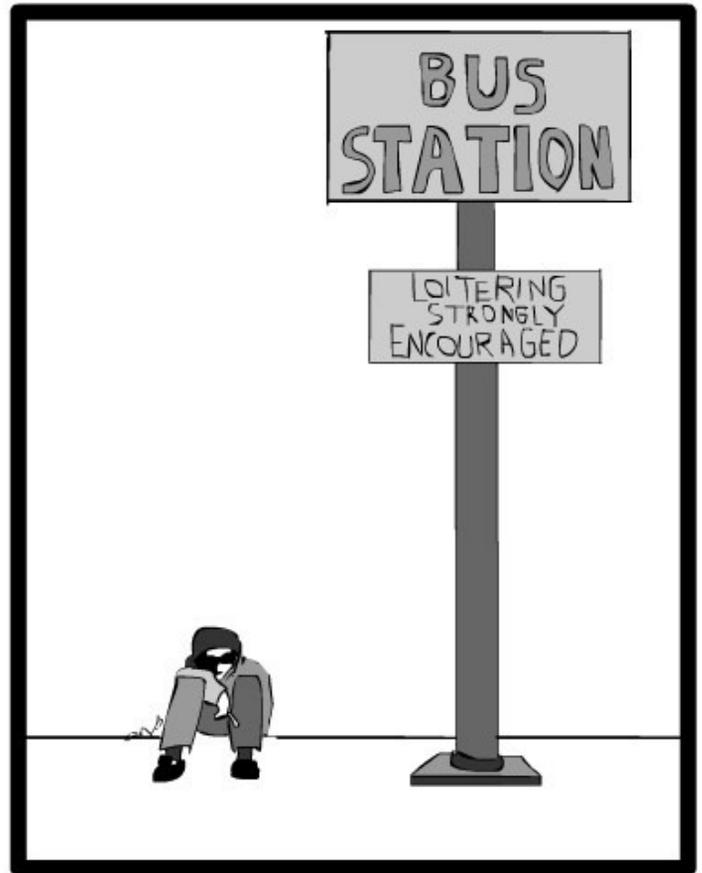
Roman Polanski:
GHB and a 13-year old... bottle of scotch.



**UO PRESIDENT RICHARD "DICK" LARIVIERE'S
HATWATCH 2009**

**This Week:
Robocop
Helmet**

"Just getting ready for Halloween. Excuse me, I have to go. Somewhere there is some candy that needs my assistance."



Back to the Booze Corrections

* In the last editorial we claimed that the *Oregon Daily Emerald* brought you the "news". In reality, the *Emerald* really brings you the crossword puzzle.

Graphs by Drew

Drew Cattermole

UO College Democrat staffer killed by stray dart

Eugene, Or. - Several members of the *Oregon Commentator* staff were playing a game on their newly installed dart board when a stray dart burst through the wall, killing a student in the adjacent office where the College Democrats have recently moved.

The *Commentator* staffer, whose name has been withheld pending charges, was apparently throwing over-hand at high speed when the incident occurred.

"I was really off my game and I was behind by about 70 points so I needed to mix it up," he said.

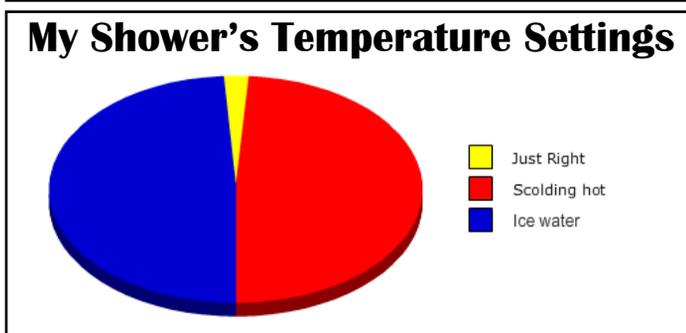
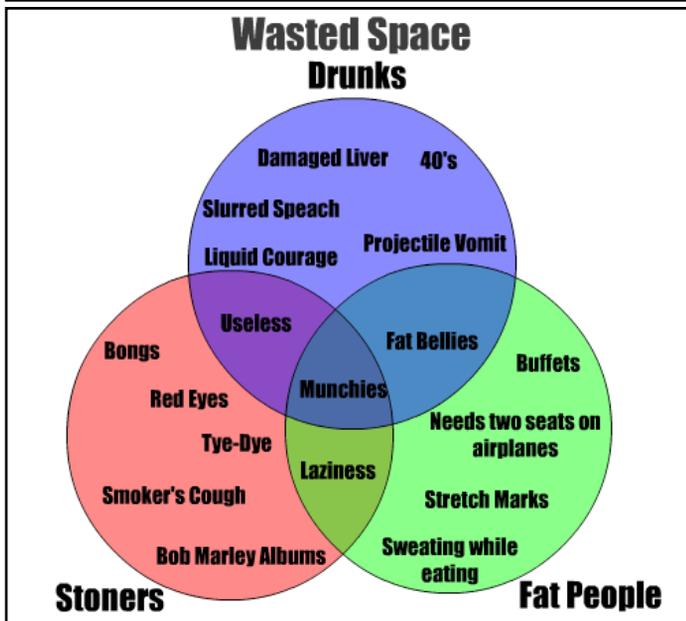
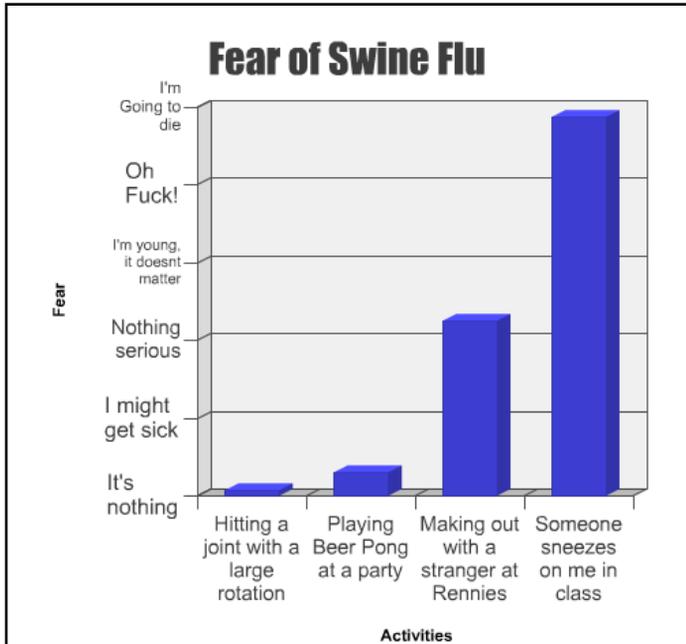
The College Democrat was rushed to the nearby Sacred Heart Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

EMU Director Dusty Miller declined an interview for this article, but said that the weak structural integrity of the adjoining wall was probably due to the building supplies used to construct the EMU.

"I think it's basically corrugated cardboard and wood glue or something," said Miller.

Both the College Democrats and *Commentator* staffers spent a moment in silence for the memory of the fallen UO student. Once back at the office, the game continued where the offending *Commentator* staffer rallied for a come-back win.

"It was touch-and-go there for a while. I thought I was going to lose for sure after killing that guy. I guess it didn't matter because he was a dirty pinko," said the winner.



Sudsy Says:

"Beer before liquor, liquor before lunch."

IN DEFENSE OF (THE) LIBERTY

The following is a letter sent to Oregon State University President Ed Ray regarding the current situation of the campus' independent, conservative paper.

Professor Ray,

As a past columnist for *The Liberty* and a human being, I am appalled at the treatment this publication has received at OSU recently. I am sure you have heard legal arguments regarding the pending case against yourself and the University, but I do not have the expertise to successfully address such issues. I wish to discuss the fact that, regardless of any legal justification for the position of the University or *The Liberty*, this publication should be encouraged by the University and its distribution encouraged by those who value the education of OSU students.

Universities have traditionally been the champions of pluralism in our society. They are meant to encourage critical thought and dialogue. Media diversity and independence are essential to this pluralism. *The Liberty* provides a valuable service to students by exposing them to a set of perspectives on the world (usually) presented eloquently. I may claim that the notions that appear in *The Liberty* are otherwise underrepresented on campus, but this is irrelevant. It is not up to the OSU staff to decide what balance of ideas should be represented. If students wish to express their ideas, then the student body as a whole benefits from the augmented level of political expression.

The OSU staff may claim that *The Liberty* is not a student paper but a paper that uses the students involved as a vehicle for the interests of those who fund publication. I would point out in response that very few newspapers or opinion papers are funded entirely by the staff and audience of those publications. The *Barometer* sells advertisements. So does the *Corvallis Gazette Times*. Raising funds is part of nearly every activity that occurs in our society. *The Liberty* received the funding it did because backers agreed with the intent of the paper. It was not the case that the intent of the paper was formulated to meet the desires of backers. Furthermore, in all my time involved with *The Liberty*, I observed no evidence of meddling by backers or kowtowing to their interests. *The Liberty* was created by students and for students. If the organizations that funded the paper had controlled content for advertizing purposes, I never would have been allowed to write a recurring column advocating expansion of the powers of Congress. My liberal views would have been banned from the pages.

The Liberty also benefits the students directly involved in the production of the paper. Universities are training grounds for students who wish to learn skills to influence their society. *The Liberty* was founded by some of my friends a few years ago. I was proud of them for their entrepreneurship and dedication to doing something practical to try to better their world. Some of these founders and early staff members went on to become prominent (although usually far from mainstream) members of the media. As a child I read the book *Ender's Game* and was struck by the tenacity of the lead character's siblings. They published political theses at young ages, hoping to influence their world when it was on the brink of war. Some young political writers are skilled thinkers who need a forum to air innovative ideas. I needed that forum. Many others who will yet attend the University may need that forum.

To add to this observation, I may point out that *The Liberty* is unique on the OSU campus in that it is a devoted opinion paper. While *The Liberty* may often be compared to the *Barometer*, the opinion section of the *Barometer* can never compare to the weight of *The Liberty*. While the content of *The Liberty* has, at times, been mediocre, it allows for extreme ideas that never would have received an audience from the *Barometer* (the opinion section of which usually consists of entertainment pieces). The writings of Marx or Newton could never have appeared in the *Barometer* if either person attended OSU. My columns on potential amendments to the US Constitution could never have appeared in the *Barometer* (not because they were too conservative—since many were quite liberal—but because they were too weighty).

In fact, I hold a particularly advantaged point of view, because (as far as I know), I was the only “liberal” writer on the *Liberty* staff (others were sometimes invited to participate but declined). I did not write for *The Liberty* because it was conservative. I did not write for *The Liberty* because I tended to agree with the perspective on morality laws held by much of the Libertarian staff of the paper (most of our disagreements centered on the size of government and on economic policies). I did not even write for *The Liberty* because my friends founded the paper. I wrote for *The Liberty* because it was the best forum available for the best and most innovative excerpts from my large notebook of political writings. This is what OSU will lose if it loses *The Liberty*.

Randall Cragun
UO Post-Baccalaureate Student in Economics

A Freshman's First Impression of the University of Oregon

Feel isolated out there in this big, new home away from home? You're not alone.

Nicholas Ekblad

Here we are, in the third week of this new term. With any luck we freshmen will have settled into our dorms, formed a general idea of the layout of the campus and found our happy medium between trips to the library and trips to the notorious burn spot, "The Tree" in front of Allen Hall.

Since you are reading this, I will assume you made it safely through the dreaded "Week of Welcome" and have not been driven off campus by the incessant preaching of the Student Orientation Staffers to join every club, organization and kook-fest you can get your grubby little hands on.

I've escaped the first two weeks of my college career without ripping my hair out by the roots... barely. I am sure that you, like me, have come to the agonizing realization that you're paying eighteen grand a year for a Graduated Teaching Fellow to stand there and act like I care what he or she has to say.

I've survived my RA thus far, nearly missing being a victim of his smelling for weed outside every door in my hall (trying to find that "bad egg" who has been "embarrassing the rest of us," as it says on the twenty-some odd signs on the second floor of Carson Hall). Unfortunately for the RA, he is completely oblivious to the fact that avoiding him is a *joint* effort by all hall-mates.

But it's not all fun and games in the dorms, is it? Up until now I've tolerated my neighbors who unremittingly blast their unique taste in music (T-Pain and Drake, what individuality!). I'm sure you've encountered this same situation, but fear no more my fellow freshmen!

To counter your neighbor's inconsiderate habit, blast music on your own speakers. This will cause them to turn their volume up even higher, forcing the RA out of bed and into the hall to come knocking on the doors. Return your stereo's volume to a reasonable level while your neighbors fumble about the room, quickly hiding their paraphernalia. Be sure to mute your stereo at this point so you can hear the chain of events that transpire next door. Nothing's better than hearing them try to explain that open bottle of Colt .45 they paid a bum \$20 for.

I've lived to tell the tale of the horrific Fiasco at Freddie's. On September 26th, approximately 2000 freshmen climbed on six buses and were transported to Fred Meyer on West 11th. Free food, a live DJ and tremendous savings? Why not?

I reluctantly admit that I fell victim to this deceptive rhetoric. Thousands of kids were filing in and out of aisles, half of who had no prior experience with grocery shopping, searching for their mattress pads and Coco-Roos. However, what was on sale and what was not on sale depended solely on what they wanted you to buy, not what they thought you might need.

I've suffered through my first house party. Walking down Kincaid Street, I stumbled across a huge sign that read "PARTY ENTRANCE" in crudely drawn letters. Being the inquisitive young gentlemen I am, I decided to investigate.

As I approached the porch, numerous blondes were ushered in by a particularly sloshed looking man at the door. At his realiza-

SMOKER'S CHOICE

The FDA has gained control of tobacco regulation and has banned the sale of flavored tobacco. Why is the FDA infringing upon our freedom of choice?

Kiefer Lee VerSteegh

Years ago, a crusade was waged on the tobacco industry. Knights took up their shining armor and political rhetoric to do battle against the “evil monster”. Through years of toil and debate, many needed reforms were passed, but this time the government has crossed the line.

With the authority given to it under the Family Smoking Prevention And Tobacco Control Act signed by President Obama, the FDA has banned the production, distribution and sale of all flavored tobacco cigarettes excluding menthol. But the government’s recent ban is not the end of the story. The FDA has stated its intention of looking into other flavored tobacco mediums in the near future as well.

The FDA has argued that the flavored tobacco products too closely resemble candy, enticing underage children into smoking as minors. Furthermore, the FDA points out that such products and marketing introduce tobacco as a gateway drug, encouraging minors to move on to marijuana etc. From this point on, the question must be asked: does the FDA’s “gateway drug” argument really trump our individual liberty?

In the letter distributed to the tobacco industry and related businesses, the FDA had this to say: “An important way to reduce the death and disease caused by smoking is to prevent children and adolescents from starting to smoke. Congress has stated that flavors make cigarettes more appealing to youth.”

In a FDA fact sheet, statistics showed that 22 percent of 17-year-old smokers had smoked flavored cigarettes in the past month. Essentially, the FDA is banning a product that children can’t legally purchase or smoke, and that only a quar-

ter of under-aged smokers smoke, so that children will not get hooked on said product. I don’t believe I’m alone when I say that this logic is flawed.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, “There are approximately 79,000 deaths to excessive alcohol use each year in the United States. This makes excessive alcohol use the third leading lifestyle related cause of death for the nation.” If we were to use the FDA’s logic, we would say an important way to reduce this trend is to stop children and youth from drinking. Flavoring makes alcohol products more appealing to youth, so we should simply ban the production, distribution and sale of all flavored alcoholic drinks in order to stop the trend of alcohol addiction. Goodbye Mike’s Hard Lemonade and assorted fruity liquors.

While the thought of the government banning wine coolers and flavored vodka is pretty far off, something that *is* already being looked at is other flavored tobacco mediums. The FDA’s website says, “The FDA is also examining options for regulating both menthol cigarettes and flavored tobacco products other than cigarettes”.

It doesn’t take much to find a hookah circle here on campus, but from the sounds of it, shisha could soon be banned along with flavored cigars and pipe tobacco. The war on tobacco crossed the line a long time ago. We’ve seen government-funded hate ads and states suing for reimbursement of Medicaid funds against a legitimate industry. The Marlboro Man doesn’t go door to door forcing smoke down people’s throats—that’s not how capitalism works. Tobacco companies have found a niche in the market and are simply supplying consumer demand.

The ban went into effect on September 22nd, 2009 and companies have already found a way to tip-toe around the new ordinance. A prime example is the popular Djarum clove cigarettes. In order to continue selling the Black clove cigarettes, the company added just enough tobacco in order to classify them as cigars and reduced the amount from 20 to 12 per package to keep the price the same. They taste similar and are only a touch harsher due to the added tobacco. By no means are they a real cigar, yet the clever product engineers at several companies are sure to do the same thing in the coming months. In fact, other companies are pushing cigarillos and other flavored tobacco products in order to fill the gap left open by the ban.

Cigarettes may not be an important aspect of many peoples lives, but why is this the government's responsibility? Where is the media coverage? Why is there no outcry? This is a perfect example of "morality" and personal agendas being pushed on citizens without proper justification.

The "slippery slope" horn is blown all the time, but in this instance it's for a good reason. There is no logic behind this ban—it's pushing us into a more Orwellian future where personal choice is controlled by the government. The superficial impact of the ban will hardly do more than aggravate those who truly want to get their hands on some flavored cigarettes. The real impact, however, is one on our own personal liberties and the capitalist system that makes America so prosperous.

The FDA should go back to its day job—failing at preventing salmonella outbreaks and giving the OK to lead-based toothpaste. Get your hands out of my personal life.



Kiefer Lee VerSteegh is a freshman contributor to the Oregon Commentator and now knows right where the Student Insurgent offices are.

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E-TICKETING A THING OF THE PAST

The Athletic Department has implemented a new electronic ticketing system that has left some University of Oregon students out in the cold.

Chris Fitzgerald

Enough was enough for Oregon's professors. Too often Tuesday classes were neglected as students braved the soggy Eugene weather for as much as 24 hours in order to get football tickets. The ASUO, in conjunction with the athletic department, solved that problem last year. Sort of.

In a deal with the ASUO, students were given four sections for each home football game, as well as 2,000 seats per contest for basketball, at the cost of 1.54 million dollars. A chunk of change, all subtracted from the incidental funds covered by tuition. At a glance, it appears that the athletic department is cutting students a deal, cheap seats in return for guaranteed money and no hassle from students demanding tickets. And the electronic ticketing should save both parties money. Sort of.

Director of Ticket Sales for the athletic department Garrett Klassy admitted, "[it's] one hundred percent incorrect to say that the electronic system saves us money." Huh?

As it turns out, the cost of "maintenance" to the system every three to five years outweighs the cost of paying employees in a classic-style box office. A little difficult to believe, considering this internet thing has been flourishing for over a decade and "buy online" sites currently have as much cred-

ibility and stability as the corner market.

On a side note, the UO athletic department put the *Commentator* on hold six times before the publication could reach Klassy's answering machine. But desperate times call for desperate measures. Steve Fenk, director of football operations at Oregon State, picked up the phone on one ring.

"I would say our student ticketing system works out well." Fenk told the *Commentator*.

More impressively, Fenk knew exactly how his team's tickets were distributed—some electronically but most in the classic stub form. Is it too much to ask for an athletic department to understand its own ticket distribution?

In concrete terms, all students (through the incidental fee) pay 50 percent of the "fair market value" for the allotted four sections at Autzen Stadium. The trouble is, not all students can share the spoils of citizenship in the Universi-

ty of Oregon football community.

Getting a hold of tickets requires logging into the server at precisely 6PM (depending on your class standing), purchasing the ticket, and finalizing the deal before approximately 6:05. Sorry to those with slow internet.

The student outcry has been hard to ignore. An easy short-term solution? Vary



the blocks of time in which freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors obtain their tickets on a week to week basis. Long term solution? Much more tricky.

According to the ASUO's student ticketing agreement, "it is agreed that for five years [from] 2007-08 through 2011-12, the Athletic Department will offer the current seating numbers and locations to the ASUO."

Apologies to the majority who are still ticketless. There is no guaranteed method for students to get tickets. Face value for tickets is 45 dollars or above depending on the game, but they will be scarce regardless of whom the Ducks play.

On a broader level, the ticketing error was not a malfunction of the system, but a breakdown in communication.

On the origin of e-ticketing, ASUO Senator Lyzi Diamond pointed out, "The idea came two years ago. Most of these people who made the deal aren't at the UO anymore."

The athletic department appears to have no idea how this deal went down. It sounds as if the ASUO did a deal with itself to obtain 1.54 million dollars worth of football seating this season. Perhaps the athletic department does not consider the chunk of student seats (as few as 2,418 for the whole student body of 17,000) significant.

Athletes *and* the student body should be represented in the choices of the athletic department. Recruits are allotted as many as 50 seats per game, according to the ASUO's written ticketing agreement. A savvy move by the athletic department, but a slap in the face to students. If only 2,500 or so in the student body are around to watch these recruits play in 2010, why should they care?

It's too late now, but students would likely oblige to pay an extra seven dollars or so per ticket in hard cash if it meant they could enjoy Ducks football with 5,000 of their closest friends. But 2,500? That number is just 500 more tickets than the number allotted so students can watch their mediocre basketball team scratch out a handful of wins in Pa-



cific-10 Conference play.

Electronic ticketing is just the tip of the iceberg. Student frustration reflects the lack of tickets more than negotiating a crapshoot online process. At least standing in

line was somewhat of a meritocracy. Wait for a few hours in line but join friends at Autzen who endured the same process. A simple way to avoid students missing class would be to sell the tickets on Sundays at several different locations. At this point, students would rather suffer the lines, reverting back

to the old system rather than playing the online lottery and watch maybe one or two games all year at Autzen.

On the matter of student ticketing, the athletic department effectively stonewalled. Most questions were "for the ASUO to decide," as Klassy says. But the director of ticket sales should be able to answer questions which pertain to a written ticket agreement. Klassy is correct that the reigns are in the hands of the ASUO when it comes to allotting tickets, but getting the ASUO and athletics on the same page in a 1.54 million dollar matter should be a given. This is apparently not the case at the University of Oregon.



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HAVE WE TIRED OF FREEDOM?

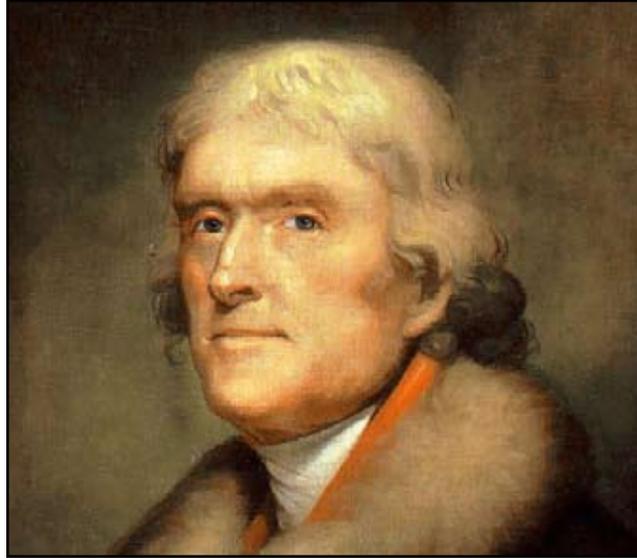
Greg Campbell

This nation was founded on the premise of limited government. The idea was that the government would help regulate foreign affairs and provide for the people in an administrative capacity; that they would do the things we can't do ourselves. They would raise a military to help us defend ourselves on a global level. They would maintain a relative sense of harmony by ensuring that people refrain from infringing upon the rights of others by killing, maiming, stealing etc. The people's contract with the government is an old one. It is on these promises that we shall respect their right to govern so long as it is understood that it is the people they are governing for. In essence, the government is run *by* the people and *for* the people. Man, have we gotten lost.

The constitution is a four page document that mostly entails things that the government *can't* do. The very concept of American government is rooted in the idea that we should govern ourselves, as individuals. A guiding principle of our fore fathers is to do as you please, so long as it doesn't affect others. But today, we insist on governmental remedies to simple social problems.

It would be funny if it wasn't so sad. Statists of this country seek out government involvement for everything that goes wrong, and then discuss around the water cooler how terribly the government screws up everything it touches. They rely so heavily on government that people have virtually forgotten how to take care of themselves.

The idea of freedom means tolerating things one doesn't like in exchange for the same courtesy. As we are all very complex beings with our own set of guiding principles. One man's obscenity may very well be another man's art. So long as it doesn't adversely affect another man, that freedom lives



on as tolerance allows us each to pursue happiness. Society must function as a cooperative effort to tolerate certain unpleasant aspects of life so that we may feel free to live our lives as we choose. However, somewhere along the line, we invited government into our lives as a mediator and, unfortunately, everybody loses.

We have laws on everything and bans on things that are of no consequence to government. This "benevolent fascism" permeates all aspects of our culture. It masquerades as well-intentioned good sense, but is far more harmful than any activity these policies are aimed at discouraging.

For example, we have mandatory seat belt laws that force people to buckle up. I don't think that anyone will disagree that seat belts are a good idea, but that's not really the point. Those who feel seatbelts are the only safe way to travel in a car will justify the need for the law requiring them. However, this line of thinking is short-sided at best and dangerous at worst. Though policies aimed at curbing potentially dangerous behavior may be well-intentioned, policies should not govern where common sense should. The blanket policies of government are far more dangerous than any activity they wish to hinder. We cannot allow fascism, no matter how well-intentioned, to become policy. Nobody argues that seat belts aren't good. I argue that we should acknowledge that seat belt laws are inherently unjust and outside of the jurisdiction of government. Nobody has ever been able to point out to me where in the Constitution it says that it is the government's job to save us from ourselves.

The precedent has already been set. We have allowed one compromise of principle to run rampant

and now we have a federal government twisting the arm of state governments to enforce its will. The ultimatum to state government is always the same, "Do as you're told or we will withhold federal funding for projects such as highways". So now we have seat belt laws in all states, the drinking age is 21 and the government hopes to enforce a ban on cell phones while driving using the same ultimatum that has worked for so long. But hey, extortion is alright if the motives are benevolent, right?

We have gun control laws that do not deter crime, seat belt laws, helmet laws, smoking bans and bans on trans fats. Fast food is *outlawed* in some places. How can we possibly be okay with the restriction of individual choice by government?

We have effectively banned smoking in all places that aren't in your home. That is, except in Belmont, California where city government has banned smoking in homes as smoke may permeate walls into other tenants' homes. Bear in mind, this is supposed to be the land of the free.

So here we are in a society of whiners that seek governmental remedies to private problems. If smoking offends your sensibilities, eat at establishments that have made the decision for themselves whether they will allow it in their establishment.

Who is to blame for our current status? Is it the legislators who have grabbed too much power? Sure. But an ever greater danger than the legislator who governs too vigorously is the proponent of the "nanny state" that aims to voluntarily relinquish freedom. It is quite the phenomenon to see citizens who live in a free country desire government regulation.

We cannot trust the public sphere to solve our problems because it has proven time and time again that it is thoroughly incompetent. The method of operation for government is to seize control of the problem, spend billions looking for a solution, augment the problem and finally establish firm control over all those involved.

Despite the fact that the income tax was designed as a temporary means to pay off the debt the First World War incurred, the IRS is still grabbing our money with both fists and its tax code is 78,000 pages long while our original constitution that outlines our

nation's government is four. The government can't run the post office, public schools or the DMV. Fiscal responsibility is a foreign concept to legislators. They cannot maintain any government organization within a budget while private enterprises and individuals work under budgetary constraints in order to stay afloat. Red tape has forced our bureaucracy to run painfully slowly and has complicated even the simplest tasks to unmanageable levels and we hope that the government can step in and run our private affairs with the same inefficiency it is famous for.

The government shovels money to organizations without any idea where it is going to and we pretend to be shocked when we hear that organizations that receive stimulus money are not running efficiently (as was the case with ACORN).

We seek universal health care, despite the fact that government has shown itself incompetent in managing universal anything. I mean, when was the last time anyone seemed pleased with the state of the public school system? The same people who screwed it up are looking to control your healthcare. That's a very scary proposition.

We look for government control of our auto industry despite the fact that flawed business practices coupled with government regulation of union involvement forced the demise. Now we have a defunct business under the protection of a defunct government that is aimed at competing with private businesses who have adapted their business models to produce a profit. Sometimes businesses fail for a reason and rather than stupidly supporting a money pit, it is better to let said business be; to adapt, survive or fail.

Need another example of governmental meddling gone awry? We looked to the government to aid those who are "less fortunate" and then they pressured loan institutions to provide loans for people who the banks knew were unable to pay them back. The government strong-armed the banks into making bad loans and had Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac guarantee them. They created artificially low interest rates and, as a result, the money that was

"Nobody has ever been able to point out to me where in the Constitution it says that it is the government's job to save us from ourselves."

Bush Light: Hope and Change

Barack Obama campaigned on a platform of “Hope” and “Change” but how much has his presidency differed from that of his predecessor?

Guy Simmons

Here we are most of the way through Obama’s first year as President of the United States. It wasn’t that long ago when, right here in Eugene, people were lining up all the way around Hayward field to see Obama talk about hope and change.

I have to admit I was completely amazed that so many people (literally thousands) would be so interested in waiting in line to see a man representing the federal government. It was my impression at the time that people only lined up by the thousands for sports games and rock stars. I had formed this notion over many years of listening to everyone I’ve known from my old 2nd grade teacher to my late grandfather either fervently hate on or barely contain their disgust with the powers that be in Washington.

Nixon was a crook, Jimmy Carter was a stupid peanut farmer, Reagan was a glorified arms dealer, Bush Sr. was a tax-raising liar, Clinton was a womanizer who lied under oath, Bush Jr. was typically described with expletives and similarly negative things were always said about the branches of Congress. The people I run with just don’t have a high regard for the federal government. So when everyone got so excited about a man wanting to represent the federal government I experienced quite a culture shock.

I’ll admit though, Obama does have a great game. His speeches were chock-full of hope and promises. He talked about “change we need” and “change we can believe in” and how “our time for change has come.” Honestly, to me his rhetoric was strong

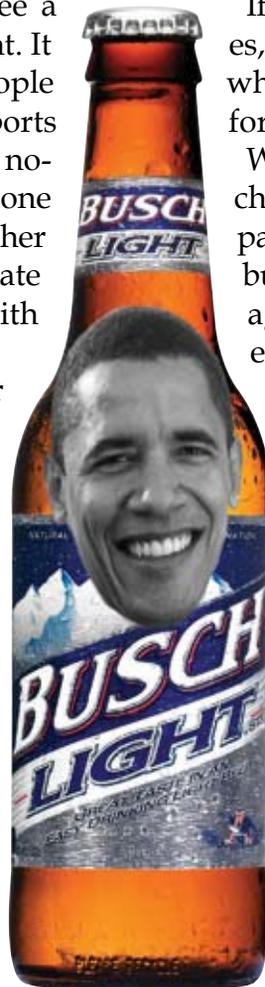
and made sense given the circumstances. Seeing that no one I knew seemed happy with the never ending War on Terror, the expanding federal debt, the Patriot Act, domestic wiretapping without warrants and the suspension of habeas corpus it seemed like Americans would probably welcome some change in the federal government.

If Obama wanted to make some changes, there were plenty of problems to fix, which seemingly made him a good fit for being our president.

Which begs the question: What has he changed so far? It is true that Congress passed a stimulus package under Obama, but they also passed a stimulus package during Bush’s administration. Did either package help with our federal debt load? Not that I’ve heard.

I remember when Congress passed the Military Commissions Act which apparently suspended habeas corpus in America. There was a real ruckus here on campus. Professors brought it up in class and UO students were patrolling 13th street with petitions and signs describing the end of freedom in America and our new police state.

People definitely mourned the loss of habeas corpus, but if it has been restored there sure hasn’t been any celebration. Do we still live in a police state? Is Obama now commander of the jackboot thug brigades? Can G-men under the new administration do domestic wiretapping without a warrant? If Obama has changed any of these things someone should spread the word, because by searching the Inter-



net and asking around campus no one seems to know.

If there was anyone on campus who ought to know the answers to these questions it would be the true believers in the College Democrats. So, in an effort to find solid answers to these questions, I went to their office and met with one. According to the College Democrats there “just hasn’t been enough time.” I asked them what Obama has done regarding the War on Terror and I was told about how our troops have pulled out of the major cities in Iraq and that Obama had yet to make his decisions regarding troop increases in Afghanistan. All of which sounded vaguely familiar.

I mentioned to my College Democrat friend that aside for a few rather small details Obama’s presidency didn’t differ greatly from the previous presidency. I was told that he’s only had nine months, has only made half of his ap-



pointments and that with more time he’ll make all the changes that America desires. I, however, am not so optimistic.

Maybe Obama just needs more time to get these things done, but I don’t see much change on the horizon. I’m pretty sure that the status quo will be maintained because people were lining up for Obama like he was Bono—they were not giving their support to a true statesman who would work for the people. They were in fact, as usual, voting in just another dirty politician.



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FRESHMAN, FROM PAGE 9

my name, with which I truthfully replied.

"What!?" he yelled over the blaring music while consulting the list of scribbles in his hand. "Did you say David Grundle-Twat?" This time, I replied with a more cooperative "Yeah, that's me," and he sent me right in.

Walking past the guy wearing a wrestling singlet, I followed the flow of half-dressed blondes into the basement. Downstairs, the only sources of light were the glow sticks bouncing up and down to the beat of the music. As I wandered around the room, I noticed the temperature skyrocket to 110 degrees. In addition to this, I had yet to find any beer! At this point, I realized that I had entered a fraternity. Needless to say, I was disappointed to realize that the fraternities on campus are dry. This is when I left.

I've also endured all the unexpected administrative processes, such as the paper work that you are required to fill out when applying for work-study. "My social security card? Did I bring my social security card across the state to an unfamiliar place, to be stuck in one of many disorganized piles of books, paper and pamphlets inside a dorm room which I am sharing with some random person who may or may not have intentions relating to forgery of vulnerable students' documents? No, I guess I forgot to bring it..."

Yes, as it is said, "No flowery road leads to glory." But it is not all loud-mouthed SOSers and noisy neighbors. When you take upwards of 4,000 people fresh out of high school and force them into as awk-

ward of a situation as InterMingle, you are bound to encounter some reasonably fake people.

Conversely, I have met some very interesting people in my few weeks here. On a whim, I ventured off campus to a 24/7 waffle cart. Just last week, I found myself in the heat of an intense five-mile push race for longboarders. While weaving through traffic and speeding by pedestrians, I learned a little more about this city – well, its geography at the very least.

Even on campus I managed to stumble upon a commendable organization worthy of donning the name "Oregon". I am talking about none other than the *Oregon Commentator* of course! The OC staff offers a wide array of practical service, such as intriguing social commentary, "An Alaskan liberal would be construed as an Eugene Nazi," said publisher emeritus Guy Simmons.

My first two weeks here at the University of Oregon have been interesting, to say the least. I have had my share of awkward introductions and exasperating moments. Yet my position is one of optimistic curiosity. Know that you have not heard the last of me. I look forward to my years here in Eugene and the experiences to come.



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FREEDOM, FROM PAGE 15

as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were guaranteeing the loans, banks made the toxic loans and when home owners defaulted, the bubble burst. We were at the mercy of our big brother despite the fact that it was governmental ineptitude and meddling with tried and true business practices that created the problem to begin with. But still we invited government to step in. What did that cost us? A measure of freedom and billions of dollars.

So is government really the answer? I can scarcely think of anything in the past half-century that government involvement has helped. To that end, it terrifies me that so many refuse to see beyond the possible short term gains of government intervention. Why are we so willing to voluntarily

relinquish the freedom that better generations of Americans have fought so hard to win? Remember, this government is *by* the people and *for* the people. They work for us. Let's keep it that way and keep them at a distance.



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BEARD OF THE MONTH EVAN DELGADO



Evan began growing his beard in an effort to combat cabin fever after breaking his ankle “golfing” this summer.

*If you'd like to submit your beard or mustache please e-mail us at:
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Winners receive a free Sudsy t-shirt.*

DID I EVER TELL YOU THAT I THINK YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL?
NOT JUST ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT LIKE, YOUR SOUL? IN FACT, I
WROTE A SONG ABOUT IT AND -- OH, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE,
WOULD YOU JUST HAVE SEX WITH ME ALREADY?



Another Perspective



Braden Wolf

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People were left weeping in the streets. Planned celebrations in schools and parks were abruptly cancelled. Astonished supporters were left only with questions and blank looks.

It has been called a “stunning humiliation for President Obama,” who is now faced with partisan critics questioning his use of political capital on such a “parochial issue.”

No, we aren’t talking about his inability to enact substantive health care reform. We are talking about his “inability” to bring the 2016 Summer Olympics to his adopted hometown of Chicago, Ill.

For those of you who are unaware, or didn’t care to begin with, the “Second City” was the United States Olympic Committee’s bid to host the ’16 games. It was eliminated in the first round of voting, defeated by the likes of Tokyo, Madrid, and, eventual winner, Rio de Janeiro.

Usually, this result would not be met with the degree of fervor we have seen in recent weeks. Few raised eyebrows four years ago when New York City, the USOC’s bid to host the 2012 games, was eliminated on the second ballot.

But this one is different because President Obama flew to Copenhagen, Denmark (where the voting was taking place) for a few hours to shake some hands.

The right wing media is simply delighted at Obama’s alleged “failure.” Never mind that in January 2008, George W. Bush (a Republican, if you’ve forgotten) said, “I can’t think of a better city to represent the United States than Chicago.” He went

on to tell the Chicago bid committee, “This country supports your bid, strongly.”

Fast forward to October 2, when the world headquarters of the conservative Weekly Standard “erupted into cheers” when the voting results were announced.

Conservative wingnut Rush Limbaugh, whose previous foray into the sports world ended with him making blatantly racist remarks about Donovan McNabb, flat-out blamed Obama for Chicago’s failure.

Let’s be clear: any attempt to pin the blame on President Obama is insulting to the IOC’s intelligence and a display of ignorance to the selection process as a whole.

It isn’t as though Chicago was the only guy who showed up to a party and proceeded to get turned down by every girl in the room. There were other guys at this party, and they were better looking, smarter, funnier, and richer. That’s why Chicago left alone.

There were problems with Chicago’s bid to begin with. First of all, the USOC and IOC aren’t exactly drinking-buddies, so any bid coming from the United States is going to be met with immediate skepticism.

There has been recent upheaval within the leadership of the USOC, which led to a disconnect between the organization and Chicago’s bid committee. Additionally, the USOC has been attempting to strong-arm its way into creating its own Olympic television network, and into taking a piece of Olympic corporate

sponsorship contracts.

Finally, Chicago's presentation apparently lacked sufficient details to be considered a front-runner. The IOC wants answers to *every* question. Where is the Olympic Stadium going to be? How big will it be? Who is going to build it? Where is the Olympic Village? Where will the equestrian events be held?

There are literally thousands of questions of this ilk that must be answered and if one isn't rock-solid, it will be viewed as a disappointment.

It is remarkably arrogant for people to think that just because it's America's bid, it automatically gets a leg up on the competition.

It is equally arrogant to think just because Obama shows up that the IOC will give Chicago brownie points.

Folks, this is the *International Olympic Committee*, not a bunch of tweens at a Jonas Brothers concert. Dignitaries and celebrities representing one location or another are constantly courting them. Are they supposed to fall all over themselves because yet another leader of yet another country shows up? Pele hocked for Rio's bid, and he's more famous on a global scale than Obama.

Former IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch made an appeal for Madrid from his *deathbed*. If any one person's support were going to tip the scales in any direction, it would have been his, not Obama's.

There was probably nothing Obama could have done to change the outcome. If Chicago's presentation lacked substance and didn't stand up to what the other three bids put up, then they weren't meant to win. Couple that with the friction between the IOC and USOC, and you have a recipe for the result that we got.

The troubling aspect of what unfolded isn't that Chicago was rejected. It was that right wing "pundits" were openly rooting against Chicago simply because of left wing Obama's connection to the city and his obvious desire to see his hometown host the world's single biggest event.

They rooted against it despite the obvious benefits it would have brought to the city. An independent economic-impact study conducted by Tootelian & Associates found that the Olympics would have stimulated \$22.5 billion of incremental economic activity in Illinois during the 11-year span of 2011 through 2021, with \$13.7 billion in the

Chicago. It would have generated \$1.5 billion in business tax revenue, and created 315,000 new jobs.

To rail against something which would have brought about so many benefits solely because a guy you don't like is supporting it is absolutely unconscionable, inexcusable, and (*gasp* dare I say) un-American.

This is clearly about far more than just the Olympics in Chicago. This is about their dislike for the president. These are the people who excuse the signs depicting Obama with a Hitler mustache. (By the way, I'm not sure Hitler would have been a big fan of Obama, you know, because he's black.)

It speaks to the remarkable degree of polarization in the American political climate that we have been subjected to witnessing such a scenario play out.

Even more fuel was added to the fire when President Obama was awarded the Nobel Prize "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples." The announcement sparked a raging debate about his qualifications for the award.

Quite frankly, I don't quite understand why the President of the United States being granted such an honor should be met with anything less than a feeling of pride if there is going to be any reaction at all. This is the leader of our country being bestowed with arguably the most renowned award in the world, which should only serve to strengthen America's standing.

However, we heard endless negative outcry from the same people who celebrated Obama's Olympic debacle. Does it really matter that he won the Nobel Prize? It is purely symbolic and won't win him any votes come November 2012. My immediate reaction upon hearing the news was, "Ok, fine. Now, what am I going to have for breakfast?"

Healthy debate is productive. Heated and hateful debate is not. It seems as if any event even loosely associated with President Obama is going to be met with incredibly polarized debate, even an event as apolitical as the Olympics. How unconstructive. How unfortunate. How un-American.



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SPEW... and the Ducks...

ON WATERFOWL

"This is exactly what Autzen Stadium needs: a living, breathing animal to represent the collective sporting desires of the UO community.

Puddles, the stunningly energetic human in a duck costume, is fine, but why not spring for the real thing? We need an actual duck to epitomize the spirit of our University."

-University student Alex Beard writes in to the Oregon Daily Emerald. Because ducks are totally containable, trainable animals. Haven't you seen "Friends"?

"Worried about the cost?... Ducks are free at Alton Baker Park, and they eat little plants and bugs and bread crumbs."

-Ibid. Actually ducks aren't "free" at Alton Baker, Alex. It's illegal to trap wildlife within city limits.

"Concerned about safety?... Ducks don't even have teeth."

-Ibid. Yes. I was concerned about a rabid duck lunging into the student section and killing innocent freshmen. Thank goodness my concerns are at rest.

"Seriously, let's do this. Let's take it right to President Lariviere's office. We can make signs! Maybe we can start a club and sell baked goods outside the bookstore! And we can feed our new duck with the muffins we don't sell."

-Ibid. Alright, I'll bite. Is this sarcasm or did the Ol' Dirty just have nothing else to print?

ON THE ARCTIC

"America's Arctic Ocean is home to abundant life — polar bears, walruses, ice seals, whales, the Inupiat people and much more. It is a treasure that has been part of our national heritage for generations."

-Yvonne Pappagallo writes to the Eugene Weekly about saving arctic wildlife. I was unaware that people could live in the ocean. Are the Inupiat people Arctic mermaids?



ON LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT

"If you really don't want to contribute, leave the country for a desert island. Or don't use the roads, the hospitals, electricity off the grid, or water from your tap; and if your house catches on fire or floods, don't call the fire department. If someone attacks you I assume you're already well armed, so you'll have no need for the police, either. If your parents fall ill, please don't have them use Medicare; and God forbid you should be maimed in an accident, it would be entirely hypocritical of you to draw from your Social Security (even though you did pay into it)."

-Jonathin Seraphim writes to the Eugene Weekly about the conservative opposition to "socialist" Democratic policies. Love it or leave it you say? Hmm... where have I heard that before?

ON A DESTRUCTIVE NATURE

"Oregon has never been a conservationist state; we have cut down every single tree we could, killed every wild animal we could, and screwed up the land every which way we could, and we haven't stopped doing it yet. Oregon has always been this way, and now it has millions of miles of traffic to disease all the air."

-Local miasmist Dorothy "Dot" Butcher writes to the Eugene Weekly about "Our Sooty Footprint". Dorothy apparently lacks a grasp of the rules of grammar and she is right I always step on ducks when I go to the park and I won't ever stop and I like to drive my car and I am a bad person and Oregon is a terrible place and we're all going to burn for it and mother nature will exact her revenge and...



ON SEXISM

"I don't agree when I hear sexist, violent comment's between men," Lake said. "In my experience, a lot of other men feel the same way. They should just 'man up' and say something."

-Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team member Eric Lake quoted in an opinion column from the Emerald. They should "man up" Eric? So to be a strong decision maker who stands up for those around them is inherently a characteristic of a "man"? You sexist pig.

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Hair: Douchebaggy	
Occupations: Being the Scum of the earth	
Scars and Marks: Abrasions on leg from fixed gear bike crash, Ironic tattoos	
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