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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.

- 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.

THERE IS A SEASON - TURN, TURN, TURN

Wherein the Commentator ruminates on seasonal changes in beer and government and briefly flirts with optimism before abandoning it for dour cynicism

It's springtime at the University of Oregon, and I thank God for that. The long winter of our discontent is behind us. Skirts are getting shorter, days are getting longer and the ASUO elections have ended.

And what an election season it was – a juvenile circus worthy of the grand tradition of the ASUO. We're going to assume that most of our readers fall into the roughly 80 percent of students who didn't give a rat's ass about the ASUO elections, so we won't bore all y'all with the inane details.

Emma Kallaway and Getachew Kassa (the red shirts) are the new ASUO executives. Students First (purple shirts) and True Blue took most of the Senate seats. The Oregon Action Team (green) lost hard.

What does this mean to the "average student," that mythical figure that the ASUO politicians so frequently invoke? Not much. The *Onion* once ran a brilliant story in 2006 headlined "Politicians sweep midterm elections," and it might as well apply to the ASUO elections (or any election, for that matter.) Your new ASUO representatives are, for the most part, old ASUO representatives and insiders with different titles.

That's about the long and short of it. Sure, we could go on bloviating about the political significance of blah, blah, blah, but summer seasonal beers are just starting to hit the shelves. (Have you tried Henry Weinhard's Summer Wheat? It tastes like Fruit Loops. No joke.) There are, however, a few points of order before we relent to the great drunken haze that inevitably sets in during the latter half of spring term.

First, we would like to recognize the good work of current ASUO Executives Sam Dotters-Katz and Johnny Delashaw. The exec this year accomplished almost all of their campaign promises and worked on projects that benefited the whole student body, such as continuing vital bus service to and from campus and extending library hours. We would hope that the incoming executive would continue this habit of serving the broader campus, rather than giving preference to select programs and groups.

Speaking of which, exec-elects Kallaway and Kassa voiced conditional support for bringing back OSPIRG, that squalid money-vacuum of an organization. The election of Kallaway and the Oregon Action's Team's inability to win many seats has emboldened many who would like to see the group's resurrection. OSPIRG poobahs and their activist friends are already plotting their Napoleon-esque return to power.

We implore the incoming Kallaway administration to remember why the ACFC defunded OSPIRG, why ASUO

Exec Sam Dotters-Katz and Johnny Delashaw vehemently opposed the group and why a large contingent of students have always fought against OSPIRG.

It's not because of some "conservative agenda," as the Student Insurgent and other dunderheads have claimed. It's because OSPIRG sucks money off campus with no concrete returns to the student body. (In fact, OSPIRG is so bold as to take incidental fee money and then send volunteers to campus to solicit private donations from unsuspecting students.)

There are large changes afoot in the UO administration as well. Next year, the UO will also find itself under the leadership of new president Richard Lariviere. Current president Dave Frohnmayer – the Frohn, Das Frohn, Dave "The Hammer" Frohnmayer – who has served as president for the last 15 years, is stepping down.

While there were many things to applaud during the Frohnmayer's reign, there is certainly room for improvement.

To start with, Lariviere could work to make the UO administration more transparent. If there was one glaring flaw in the Frohn Zone, it was the administration's tendency towards being heavy-handed and opaque. From dragging its feet on public record request to flat-out refusing to compromise with or even talk to its critics, the UO administration made a point of doing what it wanted, when it wanted, and woe to those who got in its way.

In fact, *Oregonian* columnist Steve Duin recently noted the "bizarre, paranoid and problematic culture of secrecy at the University of Oregon."

Also, an anonymous blog called UO Matters (<http://uomatters.com>) was recently started that highlights many of these issues. The blog's authors remain anonymous because, as they put it, "People who speak up at the UO get hammered down."

This is not acceptable at a public university in the United States. As the Frohn leaves for other business (governor?), it's now Lariviere's job to clean up this mess and conduct his business in the light of day.

The university, both the ASUO and the administration, now has a unique opportunity to reform itself for the better, to shake off some of its old habits and start afresh. Perhaps even, dare we say it, create some change we can believe in? Here's hoping they don't waste it.

No, wait. What the hell are we talking about? Government never improves. Damn it, was that headline a Byrds reference? It must be the sunshine talking. Someone go to the store and pick up another case of Fruit Loops beer.

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Every normal man must be tempted, at times, to spit on his hands, hoist the black flag, and begin slitting throats."
- H.L. Mencken

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From Eugene's Crappiest Metal Band

Were coming back this saturday!! Another concert in support of OSPIRG...11AM...same place as before...This is us calling out all the big talking students behind their computer screens, including ring leader CJ Ciaramella(that started the whole online blog battle by saying we were "Eugene's crappiest metal band), all the people that said our fans were fat single mothers, anyone that was involved in the whole battle we went through last time we did this, anyone that made comments on my orange shorts, and my white pasty skin complexion?, that said we were eugene's crappiest metal band and then back-peddled and said we were still better than 95% of the bands in Eugene, all the people that threatened us behind their computer screens, its on, lets battle global warming!!!

Just keep in mind, we never threatened anyone, we are just a happy heavy metal band, that has a severe dislike for uneducated public opinions, why don't you come out and see for yourself?

The Athiarchists
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A Clever Riposte

Alright cockgobblers,

I am fed up with your whiney bullshit about what you think you are too damn hip to like and how your so butthurt you aren't in a frat. Go ride a fucking fixed geared bike you tight jeaned ass pirates.

First of all, Scarface is the fucking shit, and Al Pacino's left nut has more manliness than that d-bag Chuck Norris. Now, me and

my homies aren't gonna die in a hail of gunfire, because A. we're not bitch like that and B. our dealers are legit as shit. Scarface gives you something to aspire to: you can rise up and get all the bitches and blow you fucking want.

Also, I don't know how many women over 25 you chodes have plowed, but lets just say the ol' Chadster has that demographic locked down like Fort fuckin' Knox. And I'll tell you one thing, when those bitches are absolutely blacked out they think my Karma Sutra poster has some pretty damn good ideas - at least I do, and that's all that fuckin matters assholes.

And if you ballgarblers don't like Seth McfuckinFarlane, you can kiss my ass and go watch Pretty in Pink. Plus, sleeping around is the shit, and I don't care if I say this in public cause my bitch in Chi O never reads this shit anyways. I'll make a Chad deposit in her when I feel like it, but when I don't her dumbass little freshman bitches are always blacked the fuck out anyways. I've had them play my flute during killing streaks on Halo you gooch sniffers.

And you know how to get them blacked enough to play back door bingo? Hard A bitches. Then, after I'm done working out by depositing my love liquor in some cock-eyed Jenny, I get my damn cook in the kitchen to cook for me. If you have something swingin low sweet chariot between your legs and you cook yourself you're obviously a goat blower.

Your other shits pretty much right though. Hookah's for hippie pussy's, hard classes suck cause if they catch you cheating they get all fucking pissed and shit, frisbee's for darsh's that couldn't make varsity football in high school, and vegetarians are assclowns that had their stomach replaced with a hookers poons that can't handle raw beef.

Sincerely,
 Chad Huffenstien the Third,
 President Delta Alpha Chi

Google Analytics

Googled your blog. I am considering going to law school at U of O? Would you say the law school demonstrates good intellectual diversity.

- Joe

The OC responds: As far as the the Law school goes I am not really sure, but I did see two coke-dealing law students put about 200\$ of blow up their nose this weekend. They graduate in a month, and they did talk about 'bitches' and how they like them in all colors and sizes, so i guess that is diversity. Bow chick-a bow wow. Sincerely,

Sudsy O'Sullivan
Oregon Commentator mascot
Former inmate at San Quentin
correctional facility 88-92

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 Send letters to the editor to ocomment@uoregon.edu



asks ...

What are you Twittering?



Octomom: Puuuuush!

Mexico:

:- (#swine flu



Pirates:
Snipers! Duck!

Navy Seals:

Boom! Headshot!



Obama:

@Venezuela Aww snap!
'Sup Hugo?

Duke Nukem:

@ComicPress I'm gonna rip
off your head and shit down
your neck.



The Frohn:

On the back nine with
@UnclePhil

Whales Beach Themselves in Protest of Greenpeace's Whaling Protests

Ian M. Summers



Florence, Oregon- It seems that whales of the world, or at least of Oregon, have had enough with Greenpeace and their never ending campaign to "save the whales."

In order to stop this senseless campaign, whales in Oregon have decided to call it quits, and leave themselves to the mercy of the surf and baking sun. Most experts agree that whales have been voluntarily killing themselves, in protest, for years.

The Associated Press reported in a recent article about a juvenile grey whale beaching itself in Florence, "state parks officials said there was no sign the gray whale got entangled in nets or that it had any significant sores or wounds that might indicate disease or injury."

Most whales seem to be insulted by Greenpeace's complete lack of respect when rallying to "save" them, as shown by the above image in which members of Greenpeace are blatantly mocking whale culture.

Furthermore, a whale youth of Oregon said that, being blown-up with dynamite is "the coolest way to go out! And they only do that in Oregon! "

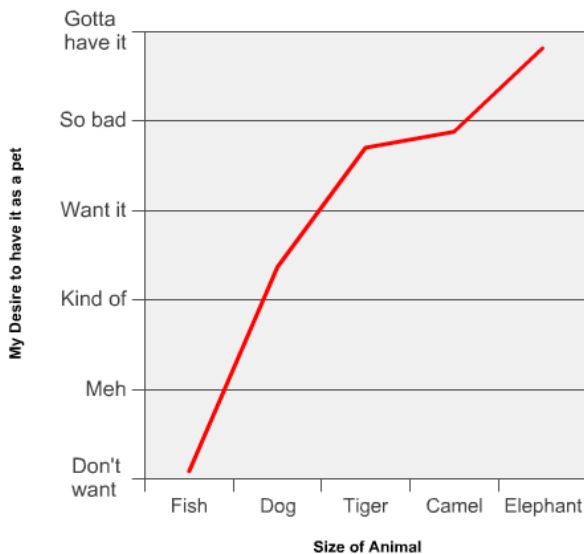
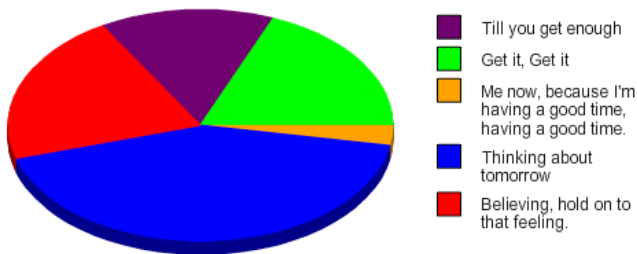
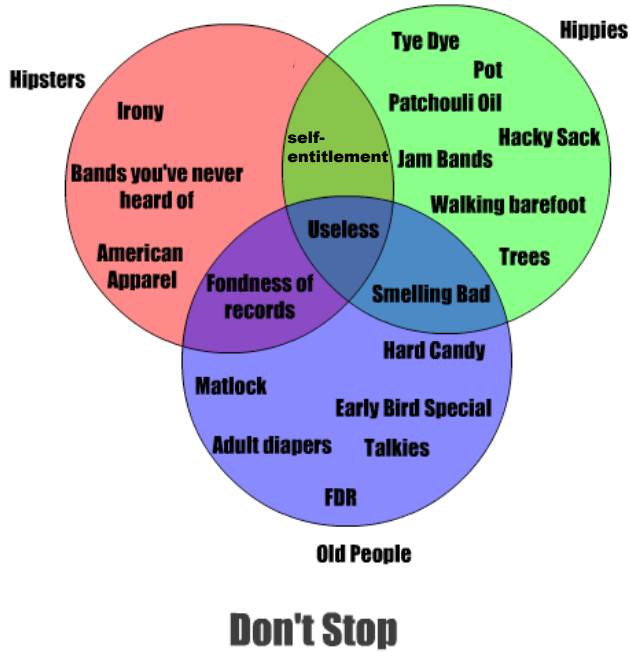
It seems that the whale beaching is a protest unlike anything else in the world, where a sit-in and suicide bombing are combined into one powerful image that raises a blubbery flipper and says. **"Hey, Fuck you Greenpeace!"**

Elections Issue Corrections

* Due to an editor's error, the last issue of the Commentator was mistakenly titled "2009 ASUO Elections Issue." It should have read: "2009 Farcical Parade of Self-serving Douchebags Moonlighting as Democracy, Which No One Really Gives a Shit About Anyway Issue." The Commentator regrets the error.

* Due to a reporter's error, most of the Exec candidate interviews were incorrect. In reality, they mostly consisted of growling, snarling and the Black Speech of Mordor. The Commentator regrets the confusion.

Graphs by Drew



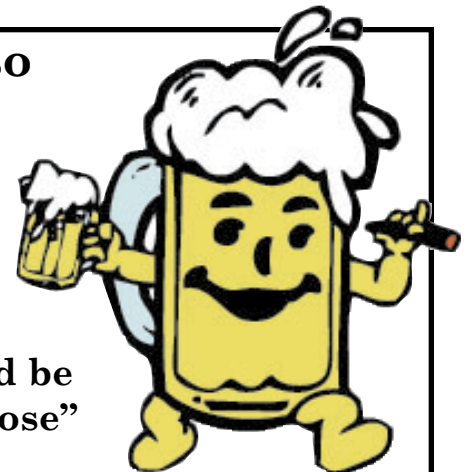
Sudsy Says:

“What ever happened to skull fucking?”



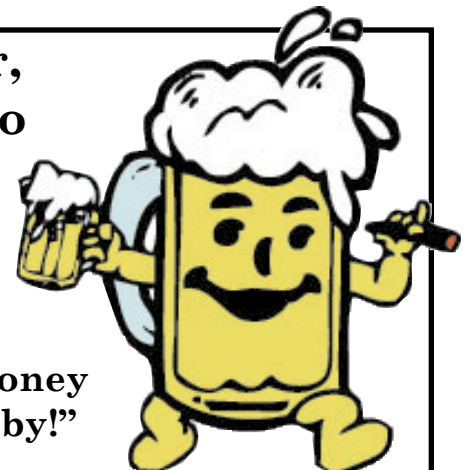
Sudsy also says:

“If boobs gave you the trots, my ass would be a diarrhea hose”



Moreover, Sudsy also says:

“Jesus ain't got nothin' on me. I turn money into beer, baby!”



The Student Insurgent still loves terrorists

C.J. Ciaramella

In the latest issue of the *Student Insurgent*, the radical leftist student paper here on campus, there is an article titled "Misinformation in Campus Media." It's a response to a *Commentator* article I wrote called "The Student Insurgent loves terrorists," wherein I took the *Insurgent* to task for supporting the Earth Liberation Front (ELF).

The *Insurgent* responds by vigorously denying that (1) it supports terrorism and (2) that ELF even qualifies as a terrorist group.

Of course, the piece commences with a poor attempt at obfuscation, stating, "We are aware that the only reason he [the author] used the title that he did was to provoke, to cause anger and negative reactions, and that it is because of their ignorance and arrogance that this was seen as a piece that should be published."

Speaking of arrogance, the *Insurgent* then goes on to write, "We want them to know that we understand and that we forgive them, [sic] we know they are only poor, misguided souls [sic] and we hope that they take the opportunity we are giving them to read over what we have to say and honestly consider the arguments presented."

I never apologized, but I do thank the *Insurgent* staff for being such condescending pricks. Besides the not-so-subtle *ad hominem* jabs, the *Insurgent* refrains from actually referring to the *Commentator* or me by name anywhere in the article.

I'm not sure why the self-styled revolutionaries at the *Insurgent* won't deign to print the name of this "conservative [sic] publication." Perhaps they're afraid it would lead more people to read the article in question. (As we all know, despite their constant whining about censorship and misinformation, the one thing the *Insurgent* and its radical ilk can't stand is free-wheeling, open debate.)



But moving on, I find it hard to honestly consider the *Insurgent's* arguments because they're so poorly conceived and written. I'll try, though. Lord help me, I'll try.

In its defense, all the *Insurgent* can trot out is an old Leon Trotsky quote about terrorism and some half-baked ELF propaganda.

Now Trotsky, there was a guy you could look up to – commander of the Red Army and co-architect of a regime that murdered 20 million human beings. And before you say, "Oh, well, Trotsky wasn't involved in *that*," heres good ol' Leon explaining his love of the totalitarian state:

"None of us desires or is able to dispute the will of the Party. Clearly, the Party is always right.... We can only be right with and by the Party, for history has provided no other way of being in the right. The English have a saying, 'My country, right or wrong,' whether it is in the right or in the wrong, it is my country. We have much better historical

justification in saying whether it is right or wrong in certain individual concrete cases, it is my party ... And if the Party adopts a decision which one or other of us thinks unjust, he will say, just or unjust, it is my party, and I shall support the consequences of the decision to the end."

Yes, quite the role model for the *Insurgent* collective. (Coincidentally, the consequences of the Party's decisions led to Trotsky's end when he received an ice pick to the back of the head, sent courtesy of Joseph Stalin. But I digress.)

The *Insurgent* continues its rhetorical trainwreck by claiming that the term "terrorism" is simply a "convenient way for the powerful to slander dissident groups" and comparing ELF to American revolutionaries. Honestly, if the *Insurgent* can't see the difference between a fledgling nation-state fighting for political independence from an overbearing government and groups of small,

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Keep your laws off my lungs

Carly Erickson

In America, twenty-one is a glorified age. Once you get there, you can buy all the alcoholic beverages you can possibly consume. However, if Mitch Greenlick (a democratic representative from Portland) gets his way, twenty-one will be the age when you can buy your first pack of cigarettes, too. Greenlick introduced a bill that would raise the age to purchase tobacco from eighteen to twenty-one, as well as an amendment to the bill that would require a doctor's prescription to do so.

Apparently, the purpose of the bill is to deter "underage smoking." The logic being that if you have to wait until you are twenty-one to officially start smoking, then the likelihood that you will become a smoker is significantly less. This might be somewhat true, but it doesn't change the fact that this bill is shitting all over our civil liberties.

In reference to the bill, Greenlick says, "I am doing anything I can to stop smoking in this state. I was addicted at the age of fifteen and quickly started smoking three packs a day until I was twenty-six ... it is so much easier just to never start."

Well, looks like Mitch is going to learn everything for Oregon's youth so they don't have to go about learning things for themselves. If he had gone on an eleven year fast food binge and weighed nine hundred pounds, would he be asking to close down all the Wendy's? Just because he became a smoker at a young age and decided to smoke sixty cigarettes a day doesn't mean everybody else will do the same.

The chance that this bill will

pass is slim to none. It is a disgusting violation of freedom, and will not become a law. However, it is things like this that make smokers seem more and more like vicious animals that have to be monitored. Yes, we all



know that smoking is bad. It rots your lungs and gives you one hell of a cough; but if you choose to smoke, it is your right. Smokers get a hard enough time. Try and walk through campus smoking a

cigarette and see how many glares you get. This is what is so irksome about this bill, and Oregon's overall attitude towards smokers. All those damned Oregonian liberals run their mouths ceaselessly about how much they love all people. How they're all so totally cultured and accepting and just want to hold hands and rub patchouli oil all over each other or whatever.

Well, smokers are people, too. Mitch Greenlick and all the rest of the cigarette haters out there need to think about how this bill really affects smokers. What if the bill did pass, would a nineteen year old smoker just not be legally allowed to purchase cigarettes anymore? If people want to smoke, they are going to get their hands on cigarettes one way or another. It is a right. If this bill passes, it would be extremely disappointing. Leave twenty-one to liquor, and keep the cigarette age right where it is.



Carly "The Chimney" Erickson is a contributor to the OC and a scourge to asthmatics and crybabies everywhere.

War on Toner update: toner fugitives are suspected to be hiding in nearby Hewlett-Packardstan. The OC will not differentiate between toner and those who harbor toner.

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Recession got you down? Did you just get laid-off from your lucrative Dairy Queen day job? Having trouble paying for rent, cable, internet and beer? Not to worry because (as always) the O.C. staff has got your back. So here's a few things you can do yourself to save a few Washingtons and maybe even an Honest Abe or two.

How To Make Your Own Beer (The Simplified Version):

As with any productive enterprise, a little upfront capital investment is required to get your beer-making off the ground. While these pieces of equipment are somewhat pricey, remember that the more you brew the more you save. First-off let me give you a list of brewing essentials; these are the tools that you absolutely need in order to make a decent batch of brew.

- 1 **Two 5 gallon food grade plastic buckets:** one with a small hole in the top for an airlock and the other with a hole drilled at the bottom for a spigot.
- 2 **Airlock and spigot- to go in the buckets:** The airlock allows carbon dioxide to be released as the beer ferments (i.e. as it becomes boozy) and the spigot allows for easy bottling.
- 3 **Brew pot and lid:** a large stock pot of at least 4 gallon capacity preferably one with a 6 to 7 gallon capacity (but those are a bit spendier).
- 4 **Some sort of plastic stirring device:** I prefer to use a spoon.
- 5 **A plastic tube:** for siphoning beer from bucket to bucket.
- 6 **Bottles:** you'll need about 27, 22 oz. bottles to contain the 5 gallons of beer you are about to produce. Try buying these for the 5 cent deposit at any convenience store that takes returns, because buying new unused bottles is expensive and unnecessary.
- 7 **Bottle capper and bottle caps:** a bottle capper is this hand-held device that easily puts caps on bottles. You need one of these and some unused bottle caps.
- 8 **Stove-top:** preferably one that has a decent amount of ventilation as beer boiling can get steamy.
- 9 **Sanitizer:** bleach works fine but for something that isn't as much of a pain in the ass, get a rinse free sterilizing powder from a brew-store.
- 10 **Beer ingredients:** speaking of brew stores, I prefer to purchase brew "kits" (recipes with all the needed ingredients) from Willamette Valley Vintners on 13th. They'll run

you anywhere from about \$30 to \$50 a pop. Make sure you ask for the monthly special as they are usually tasty and a bit cheaper. Also remember the higher the Original Gravity (O.G.) of the recipe, the higher the alcohol content.

11 **Hydrometer:** a sweet measurement tools that will make you feel like a mad scientist. It is essential for knowing when your beer is ready to bottle and for determining the alcohol content of your beer.

12 **Patience:** if you rush any step in the beer-making process you will fuck something up, your beer will taste like shit, and your friends will laugh at you. You've been warned.

There is more equipment that you can purchase will make the brewing process easier and produce better beer, but hey, we are home-brewing on a budget here, so no need for that fancy crap.

On to the brewing instructions:

- 1 **Start drinking beer:** you can't brew beer without drinking it at the same time. So buy some beer and commence drinking it.
- 2 **Sanitize everything:** I know you are a filthy slob, but clean the damn kitchen and sanitize (using the solution I told you to buy) everything that will come in contact with your beer. This is extremely important as beer can get infected with all kinds of mold and wild yeast that can ruin the taste of your once delicious brew. Again sanitize everything.
- 3 **Boiling the wort:** You are going to want to boil anywhere from 3 to 5 gallons of water (depending on what your brewpot can fit) along with the ingredients for the particular beer you are making. Follow the instructions on your recipe and you should be fine. A couple key things: you want to boil the wort (brewers' jargon for the pre-beer soup your making) as rigorously as possible without it boiling over, the better it boils the better your beer will be. Also boil the largest quantity of liquid that you can fit in your brewpot without it over-flowing; this will help prevent your beer from boiling over and creating a gooey mess of caramelized malt. Remember that this process can take awhile so be patient while drinking the beer you bought earlier.
- 4 **Cool the bitch down:** put a lid on the brew pot, fill the bath-tub half full with cold water and put the pot in it. You want it to be warm to the touch before proceeding to the next step, around 75 degrees or so. You may have to replace the water once or twice, using ice is also effective but not necessary.

5 Transfer the beer: Contamination alert! Again make sure that anything that comes in contact with the wort is properly sterilized. You want to put the chilled brew-pot on a counter and use your plastic tube to siphon the beer from the pot to your fermentation bucket (the one with the airlock). Try to avoid sucking up the sediment on the bottom of the pot. Top the bucket off to five gallons with cool water.

6 Toss in the yeast: prepare the yeast as it says on the package, stir it into the beer, and aerate the beer by gently rocking it back and forth for about 10 minutes. Take a sample of the beer and fill a clean bottle with just enough so your hydrometer floats in it. Take an original gravity reading and write it down.

7 Seal it up: seal the container with an airtight lid, install the airlock, and put the beer in a place with a steady temperature where no one will mess with it.

8 Wait: wait about a week and test the beer again. Test it again for the following two days, if the hydrometer reading stays the same your beer is ready for bottling.

Bottling: Once your beer has finished fermenting its time to bottle.

1 First you want to again sterilize everything, including bottles, caps, siphon tube, spigot, and bottling bucket.

2 Next, prepare the bottling solution boil about 16 oz. of water and add the dextrose included in your beer kit. Its 1 cup to 5 gallons, be careful with this because too much dextrose can cause your bottled beer to over ferment and explode.

3 Pour the solution in your sanitized bottling bucket. Make sure the spigot is closed.

4 Carefully siphon your fermented beer from the fermentation bucket to the bottling bucket. You want to leave as much dead yeast and sediment behind as possible, which can make your bottled beer cloudy and yeasty-tasting.

5 Use the spigot to fill up bottles. Cap them, and store them in the same place your beer fermented in. You may want to keep the bottles in boxes just in case they explode on you, if you followed my steps they shouldn't explode but just in case.

6 Wait at LEAST 2 weeks before drinking your beer. I personally wait 2 weeks, and then refrigerate a case for about a week to settle out the yeast that's left. The more patience you have the better your beer will be, I find its best once its been in the bottle for about a month.

That's about it, if you repeat the process about every two weeks you'll get on a good rotation, which leaves you about a case of beer a week. This will eventually save you heaps of cash and keep you happily filled with beer. Good luck and remember to sanitize everything.



Ian Summers is a contributor to the OC and is currently brewing up a mean batch of ... funk.

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B.A.'s are B.S.

Vincent Artman

Anyone who has had the dubious pleasure of walking past Condon Hall early on a Monday morning has undoubtedly encountered smashed beer bottles and piles of vomit on the sidewalk across the street from the bar. I have always felt that the shattered glass and beer-reeking upchuck amounted to much more than just silent, stinking monuments to the weekend past. In their own way, the discarded alcohol containers, the lost articles of clothing, and the expelled contents of some frat boy's stomach spattered all over the sidewalk embody the casual attitude of our generation's college undergraduates. In a sense, this intestinal offal is a symbol of the decline of the tradition of higher learning.

Of course, I don't mean to disparage the long and storied institution of consuming alcohol to excess – such a screed would have little place in the pages of the *Commentator*; after all. Indeed, I remain firmly convinced that there is a case to be made that death of that greatest of scholars, Socrates, was not, in fact a case of deliberate poisoning so much as the man simply having consumed too much of the Hellenic equivalent to Camo Black Ice. But I digress.

The problem facing college students, you see, is that the “college experience” itself is becoming

cheapened – if not debased outright – by a culture that conceives of a broad liberal arts education as little more than a ticket to employment and has consequently given rise to a student body that sees college as little more than four extra years of high school; four years of subsidized partying. The proverbial “life of the mind” is therefore increasingly at odds with the Facebook-made-flesh social existence of the average undergraduate.

This unfortunate shift is due to a number of factors. A fair share of the blame belongs to employers who have come to require a bachelor's degree as an entry requirement

What's increasingly missing from “higher education” is ... education.

for nearly everything outside of minimum wage service industry jobs, almost regardless of whether or not the position actually requires the skills and knowledge obtained during the course of a four-year (five? six?) liberal arts degree. It may be a cliché at this point to say that “the today's bachelor's degree amounts to what a high school diploma was worth thirty years ago,” but there's more than a kernel of truth in that statement.

Outside certain industries like software engineering and network administration, where

demonstrable skills, experience, and professional certifications are sometimes more valuable than a theory-heavy university education, job-seekers who do not hold at least a bachelor's degree in *some* subject – *any* subject will often suffice – will likely face difficulties on the job market. How many barrels of ink have been wasted on the words “bachelor's degree or equivalent, or 5 years relevant experience required” announcing some entry-level job?

In addition, a certain amount of positive feedback is provided by a secondary schooling system that essentially fetishizes a university education. Students essentially spend twelve years as the subjects of a pedagogical system that emphasizes graduating and “going on to college” while

often downplays alternatives while well-meaning career counselors tell students – quite rightly, as we've seen – that the best ticket to a “good paying job” is to earn a college degree.

Thus, every year, thousands of high school graduates end up on some college campus with no real idea why they're there, except that their job is to come out the other end with a job ticket. For some, expectations of college life are derived from films like *Animal House*, *Van Wilder*, and *Old School* (middle-aged non-traditional

students may substitute Rodney Dangerfield's 1986 opus, *Back to School*, if necessary).

Others see college as primarily a place to engage in activism; a quick glance through *The Student Insurgent* or the *Siren* serves as ample proof of the tragic results: barely-educated student-activists mouthing shopworn slogans and trite phrases gleaned from professors who treat their classrooms like re-education camps.

Still others – we'll call them "scholar-athletes" – come to college to get noticed by recruiters and decide which school to attend based on criteria like "X-Boxes in locker room: () Yes () No".

Alas, what's increasingly missing from "higher education" is... education.

While the most egregious offenders might be our apparently un-ironically titled "scholar-athletes", many of whom attend college (on a generous and evidently un-ironic "scholarship", natch) only long enough to be drafted onto a professional team, students for whom "going to class" is a sometimes-necessary interlude between parties and other extra-curricular activities are hardly limited to the Athletic Department. Take, for example, an argument made recently by one Don Tapscott, apparently some Huffington Post writer, who found himself quoted by Ol' Dirty Opinion Editor Andrew Edwards in an article detailing the incipient obsolescence of the American university:

The smartest students want to get an 'A' without having ever gone to the lectures. They understand that there are better ways of learning than being the passive recipient of a one-way, one size fits all, teacher-focused model where the student is isolated in the learning process. When the cream of the crop of an entire generation is boycotting the formal model of pedagogy, the writing is in the wall.

Without knowing it, Tapscott has in fact hit upon exactly the problem facing the traditional liberal arts education: a generation of students who, following the example of their Baby Boomer parents, are practically soaking in a sense of entitlement. When Tapscott describes students who "want to get an 'A' without ever having gone to the lectures," he's not talking about "the smartest students", of course. He's talking about *most* students.



After four years of studious, scholarly work, Lil' Johnny Vomatron and his bros are ready to enter the workforce.

What he doesn't seem to grasp is that the advent of podcasts and wikis has not *actually* diminished the value of the in-class experience, it's merely given twenty-somethings who fancy themselves "tech-savvy" another excuse to avoid taking responsibility for their own education.

Daily Emerald, columnist Truman Capps noted that

[a] recent study from the University of California, Irvine reported that 1/3 of students surveyed expected a B simply for

showing up to class on a regular basis. An increasing number of college professors say students will visit them during office hours attempting to haggle a higher grade on a paper, arguing that they tried very, very hard and the professor was unfair in giving them a C or a B- for what the student thought was a really strong effort.

I argued at the time that the children of the Baby Boomers have been raised to believe that their "self-esteem" and "effort" are of tantamount importance and that grading a student down for failing to do assigned reading or writing a barely-literate research paper in a 400-level class is somehow unfair. The attitude that Tapscott describes is a step beyond even that, a rejection of the idea that students should even have to

Down and out in Stadium Park

Stadium Park is a popular apartment complex for UO students, but it's been plagued by questionable management and billing practices.

Ross Coyle

As the school year begins its slow march to el fin, all I can say is I can't wait to move out of Stadium Park Apartments. Even disregarding the overflow freshmen clogging the bus lines and generally being freshmen, my experience at Stadium Park has been nothing but deficient management, questionable billing and poor roommate setups.

Since moving in, I have watched my utilities bill steadily increase from \$30 to over \$50, despite the deactivation of services. My utility bill increased while heating for the pool was cut over the winter. Stadium Park consistently makes discussing these issues an uphill battle. The most recent abuse came in the form of my latest roommate. We'll call him "Dave."

Before he moved in, I lived my life as a solitary but tidy bachelor. My apartment was never spotless but still maintained. Upon moving in, this man proceeded to lump his possessions around his room. When he ran out of space, he turned to the common area. My previously clean apartment was covered in his messes.

This is a man who was "matched" to me by the management, who signed a lease because our landlords told him I was "just like him." Dave wasn't placed in my apartment because we were similar. Stadium Park wanted another \$550 a month.

I recently spoke with Eugene attorney Laura Fine about my situ-

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Unit Number: [REDACTED]
Total Due: \$51.28
Due Date: 05/01/2009

Description	Amount
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Sewer	\$4.20
Garbage	\$3.65
Electricity from 02/17/2009 to 03/18/2009	\$28.41
Cable	\$4.99
Service	\$6.93
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This is a Stadium Park utilities bill. Tenants do not receive an actual EWEB billing statement, nor will Stadium Park provide one if requested.

ation. She explained that Stadium Park's practices were technically legal, but she maintains that a leaser has the responsibility to maintain a livable dorm and serve its tenants in good faith. Stadium Park has failed me in both respects.

However, my experience with Stadium Park's service is not unique. Other residents, such as David Raver, have similar stories.

Raver moved in when Stadium Park was still the Campus Commons. After Horizon Realty took over ownership of the complex, he confronted the management on several different occasions concerning issues like billing and

maintenance. His main issue was the way the apartments charged for utilities. Instead of allowing residents to set up utility billing with EWEB, Stadium Park takes the EWEB bills and compiles them to average out each billing cycle. When Raver asked for his EWEB bill, the apartments refused to give it to him.

Billing is not the only issue. Raver renewed his lease under the previous Campus Commons terms. When Stadium Park took control of the property, they tried to make Raver sign a new lease with

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Quick tips for surviving the recession

Dane Carbaugh

1. Already be rich, but not wealthy. Wealthy people have all their money invested, and are fucked. Rich people have a year's worth or more of living expenses in the bank. Go with that.

2. Stop wasting your loan checks on needless expenses like tuition and food. Stick with shelter and beer as your main areas of consumption. And not necessarily in that order.

3. Sell your car. You don't need it—you pay \$800 a month to live with 5 people 200 yards away from school anyways. And if you are already doing that, then you're too retarded to drive.

4. Try to switch away from brand name items, particularly when at the grocer. This time honored tradition can save you hundreds over the course of a year. Not to mention, there's nothing like enjoying a dinner of "Kamphbells Chicken-like Noodle Soup" followed by some delicious "Choreos" for dessert. Mmm.

5. Try to look for free/near free forms of entertainment. Try to shoot for things like the flea market (people trying to actually sell McDonald's toys are hilarious) free on-campus publications (ahem), the funniest joke books the world's ever known and women. That last one can be played correctly if you only pick up classy, already drunk ladies at SAE parties. Also, if you're attending the latter you probably don't understand the concept of money. (Sentence could be: Also, if you're attending the latter, you probably are too drunk, stupid or stupid drunk to understand the concept of money.) You should turn over all 2.5x6 inch green rectangles in your possession to EMU room 319.

6. Turn off your auto-pay on bills. Because your introductory \$60 Comcast bill only lasts a few months, and after that it fucking doubles. TV sucks, and you should be too busy studying or too drunk to be spending any time not enjoying its awfulness.

7. Start a Ponzi scheme. Not because you'll be rich (And you will! I guarantee you double your money in just 3 months!), but because you'll enjoy the fruits of prison: A roof over your head, 3 square food-like meals a day, frequent exercise and something that can only be described as "love". Not to mention they'll release you due to overcrowding and you get to do it all over again!

8. Drink smarter, not harder! Having a get together with friends where you can't force them to drink *all* Pabst? (Then get some new friends!) Okay, go ahead and buy that 18 of Widmer Drop-Top for the first hour, but keep the 36er of Pabst in the fridge. After they're drunk, they're less likely to notice. So go to Rite-Aid and buy your alcohol. Not only is your "Hour 1" alcohol going to be a tad smidge cheaper, your "Hour 2-5" alcohol is going to be way cheaper. Note: this also works for wine.

9. Hang out by the dorms and just keep saying over and over, "Fuck, I can't believe I lost my keys!" Eventually some little Delta Gamma pledge will let you in and you can steal all the toilet paper and Gojo hand soap you want. Remember to bring garbage bags, those places are stocked!

10. Locate yourself some kind of seasonal work this spring or summer, preferably in agriculture. Work yourself 12 hours a day, and take

the opportunity for any extras they throw at you. Make sure you work enough hours to qualify for unemployment, then collect that for the other 36 weeks in the year. Also, you get the added benefit of free corn!

11. Don't sell back your books to the UO Bookstore. They rarely buy all your books, and the ones they buy are the \$150 ones they pay \$27.95 for. Throw those puppies on Amazon, Craigslist or anything. I've got 40 books from the last 3 years, and at \$5 a piece, that's a whole lot of High Life.

12. Close all the heating vents, especially in your roommate's room. They'll never know the difference—those fuckers are always at the library anyways, and when they come home they're so tired they just fall asleep. It'll heat the areas you deem important—like your room—faster, costing you less money.

13. Steal beer from other parties and make your own! 11:30 to 12:30 is the best time to do this, as the parties will have enough people in it for you to slip in combined with people being drunk enough not to notice you stealing their alcohol. Remember, even though this may seem like a douchebag move, you're probably a douchebag yourself. Or at least the people there think you are. So go ahead—that house on the corner of 14th and Mill is too noisy anyways. No one will notice you slipping a couple of bottles of HRD over the back fence to your friend. Author's note: HRD not recommended for consumption by humans.



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Laughing at the President is your patriotic duty

Drew Cattermole

Barack Obama walks into a bar. The bartender says "Sorry, I can't serve you." Obama replies, "But I'm Barack Obama the president of the United States. Is it ... is it because I'm black?" The bartender looks at Barack and replies "No, I'm not serving you because you're trying to pay with change."

President Obama took some banking and insurance executives out to dinner and told them, "Order whatever you want to drink, order whatever you want to eat, order some to take home, order some for your neighbors and make sure you all also get some dessert."

One of the executives exclaimed, "Mr. President, that's going to cost a fortune!" Obama replied, "Don't worry about it. We won't be here when the check comes."

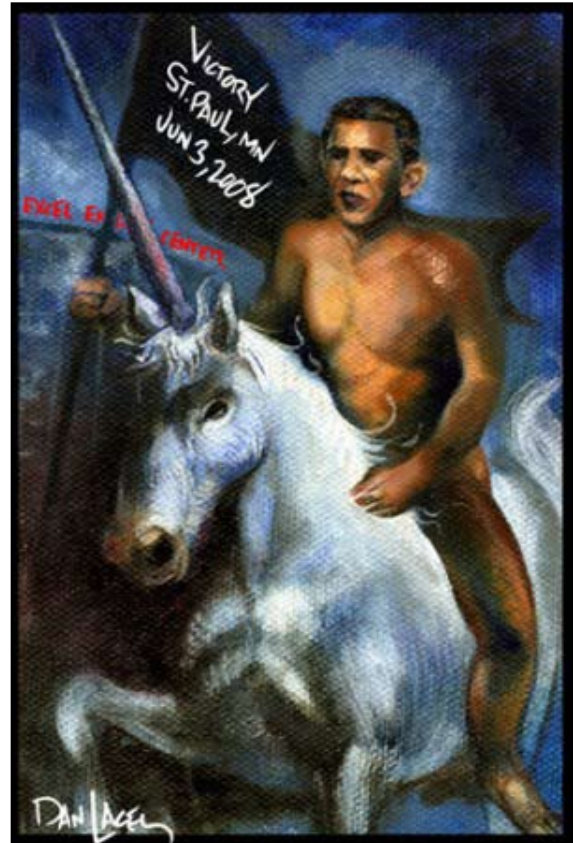
I'll admit these two jokes above are not the best I have ever come up with in my life, but at least I am trying. With a hundred days down in the record books of Barack Obama's presidency there has been one thing made clear, no one knows how to make fun of him.

I know some hillbillies are laughing their asses off at racist jokes but that is just not my style. Too low brow. College students seem to have it worse, what with the average student at the University of Oregon being more likely to criticize their own mother than ever speak ill of the messiah that is Obama. Many people are content to sit back, believing in Obama to do no wrong and fix the economy without even having the slightest form of criticism from his followers.

As Americans, one of the best things about our government is that we have freedom of speech. It is so important to our nation that our founding fathers put it as the First Amendment in the Constitution. We have the right to make fun of and criticize our government, so why does it seem no one but Fox News is doing it?

First of all, Obama is a genius at controlling the media, he works it like no other president has. He makes you feel like you are best buds. He can shoot hoops, make NCAA tournament predictions and chum it up with Jay Leno all while being a father and president. It's hard to criticize a man that, in the media's eyes, is perfect.

Obama is not perfect by any means. We just need to look harder to find his political and personal



flaws. One of the problems is that the last two presidents have blessed the American public with jokes. Bush had the vocabulary of a third grader, and Clinton couldn't keep his dick in his pants.

As citizens of the United States, it's our duty to criticize the President. He is not perfect, and his decisions are not always right. We can not let him lead us while we sit back not asking questions. As these first hundred days have proved, he is not a deity.

So make a joke about his never ending bailouts or about how similar his presidency is looking like Bush's. If you're lazy, make fun of that stupid dog he has. Criticizing your president is okay. In fact, it is downright American. We just have to try harder this time.



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Ask an asshole

The Oregon Commentator presents a question and answer session featuring one of our favorite (anonymous) bartenders, who also happens to be a complete asshole!

Q: Who says you're an asshole?

A: This magazine published a retraction to their "Back to the Booze Issue" calling me one. I didn't sue, ergo ...

Q: Why should I ask an asshole anything?

A: Because, while I'm an asshole, you're undoubtedly a douchebag, and douchebags don't know squat.

Q: Have you always been such an asshole?

A: No, I'm often a total bitch. What can I say? It's a talent.

Q: So, if you're a bitch, does that mean ...

A: What, looking for a date, sailor?

Q: Let's change the subject. The initials of this column are AA. Does that mean anything?

A: Yes.

Q: So, are you an alcoholic?

A: No. Alcoholics go to meetings. Drunks go to bars.

Q: Are the others on staff alcoholics?

A: I don't know. I've never seen them at the meetings.

You, too, can ask an asshole! Write to the Commentator and see if the Asshole will give you the time of day.

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anonymous cells that firebomb random targets, I don't know what to tell them.

I'm going to quote this line from the article, which refers to the federal crack-down on eco-terrorism, just because it's hilarious: "These actions by the government are an attempt at state violence and fear, but we are not afraid of them. Both the inspriation [sic] of fear and the feelling [sic] of it are irrelevant."

Finally, the Insurgent wraps up by throwing out a couple quotes from the "ELF Press Office" (quite the PR gig, I imagine), one of which reads: "The only problem with ELF actions at this point is there are not enough of them."

Exactly. ELF actions don't accomplish anything because ELF is nothing but a sorry little group of delusional trust fund babies. And thank God for that.

But that's not the only or biggest problem with ELF. Besides its ineffectiveness, there is also the inescapable moral dilemma. As I've written before, ELF uses fear, intimidation and destruction to force its world view on others. In other words, it terrorizes civilians - just like Islamic extremists, just like neo-Nazi groups and just like oppressive governments. The only difference is the ideology involved. Believing that you're "fighting the good fight" is not an adequate justification for violent coercion.

In its final paragraph, the *Insurgent* questions my characterization of ELF as insane, asking whether, in the face of environmental destruction, "is any action insane?" The answer is unequivocally yes. To say otherwise is morally bankrupt and, to be quite honest, completely insane.



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a higher rate, despite their legal obligation to honor Raver's previous contract. Stadium Park also monopolized the property's cable and network services. They prohibited Raver from signing up for Comcast service and forced him to use the proprietary Airwave internet and cable services. Airwave's proprietary service is also now a mandatory payment in billing. If residents don't use the cable service, they are billed for it anyway.

When Stadium Park painted the complex, they asked Raver to keep his belongings off the porch to accommodate the paint crews. After three weeks of waiting, Raver began to use his unpainted porch and was served with fine notices. When he confronted the management, they claimed he was "being difficult" and "picking a fight."

A resident, who asked to keep his identity private, disclosed similar billing issues. He has been renting from Stadium Park since 2007.

"It's steadily increasing even though it's spring and I don't have the heat on," he said.

The tenant also corroborated Raver's complaints about cable and Internet service. He said that, after Stadium Park took over management of the complex, he suddenly "had a different Internet provider and a different TV provider,"

"It's horrible quality," he said. "We lose channels from time to time. My Internet is really slow. I'm wondering why I'm paying more for less now."

He also complains about not getting the bill in a timely manner. Management gave him a notice threatening to evict him the next day for late payment of a bill

he never received. When he questioned the office, about the bill, they told him to ask again in the morning. In another billing incident, he and his roommate were charged \$30 for removing his roommates chair from the premises.

Finally, there is the issue of breaking a lease at Stadium Park. Fine considers the reasonable cost for buying out a lease to be \$1,000 to cover 1-2 months rent and cleaning fees while the apartment is advertised. By contrast, the cost of breaking a lease at Stadium is \$2,000 dollars, covering three to four months rent.

When asked for comment on all of these claims, a Stadium Park employee stated that it was not company policy to speak with the media.

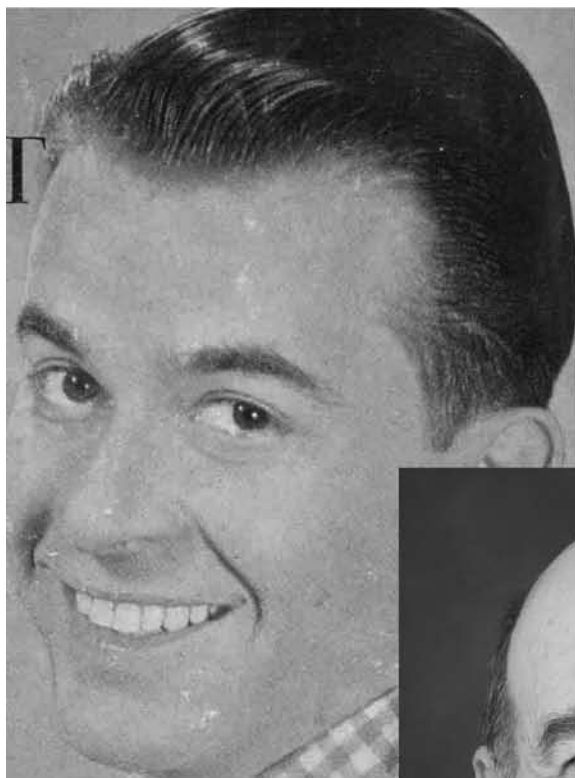
Of course, all of these problems could be avoided by reading the contract beforehand. Fine says there's nothing inherently illegal about Stadium Park's operation, but she advises students before renting or leasing any space to "be more aware and understand that when you sign, you sign on the dotted line and are committing yourself to the contract."

An understanding of basic contract law can save a student months of headaches, regret and money.

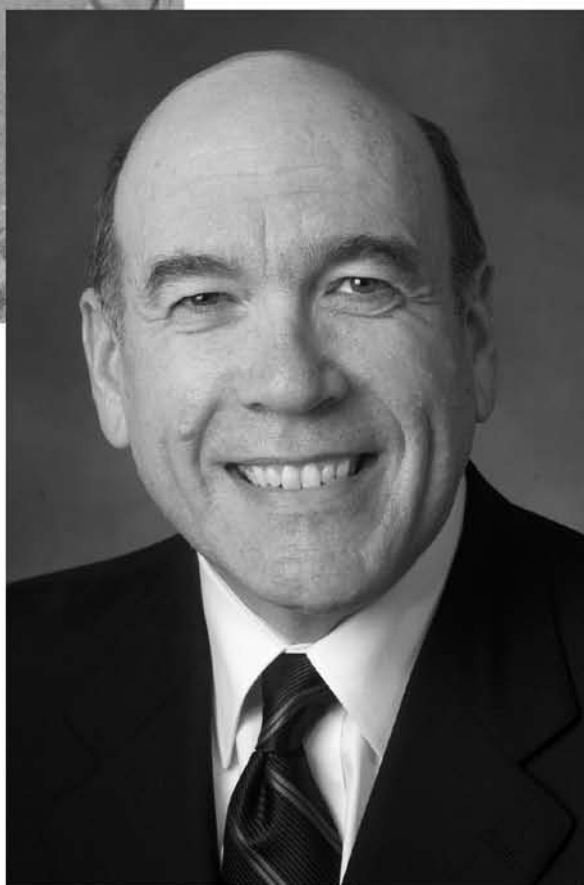
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Ross Coyle is a contributor to the OC and wants you to want him.



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**What do
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common?**

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attend classes in the first place. Apparently a “teacher-focused” environment is much too jarring for our generation of special little snowflakes who were raised to believe that the world revolves around them. Rather than taking an active interest in their own learning, they instead demand that educational content be served up on demand at a nominal charge over the Internet.

In short, if we’re to believe Tapscott, “the smartest students” are demanding that the university experience should henceforth be modeled after the iTunes experience.

This can’t be right.

An article published by the BBC back in March blasted the increasingly prevalent “all about me” mentality among students, pointing out that

[t]he growing expectation placed on schools and parents to boost pupils’ self-esteem is breeding a generation of narcissists, an expert has warned...

[Dr. Carol Craig] told head teachers the self-esteem agenda, imported from the United States, was “a big fashionable idea” that had gone too far.

She said an obsession with boosting children’s self-esteem was encouraging a narcissistic generation who focused on themselves and felt “entitled”. [emphasis added]

Tapscott and Edwards are correct that higher education is on the brink of major changes, but I don’t believe that it’s going to work out quite the way they envision it. Rather than the utopic, “student-centered” learning they envision, we’re actually watching the slow and complete devaluation of an undergraduate education at the hands of an ever-growing mob of needy, disinterested, narcissists.

College enrollment, of course, continues to increase. This is partly for the reasons outlined above, partly because of a less-than-robust economy, and partly because of continuing government efforts to push as many students through the higher education system as possible.

In addition to an absolutely increase in the number of students pursuing a higher education is the apparently growing percentage of students who feel entitled to high marks in classes they put only the most cursory effort into. This means class sizes continue to increase while the resources available per-student decreases.

If one takes into account the way that many university admissions departments are now discussing the way students choose which institution to attend – it’s increasingly described in terms of “shopping” and “value” – it should come as no surprise to learn that few universities are willing to tolerate high rates of failure and dropout (since the paradigm has shifted from “education” to “give me a diploma”). Standards, therefore, inevitably decline in order to accommodate students who might be unwilling to spend four years (and a lot of money) at a school that has a reputation as difficult.

The simple fact is that the sort of broad liberal arts education that is usually offered at an American university is both extremely expensive and extraordinarily useless for most people. Students and families take out tens of thousands of dollars of loans to pay for courses in physics, philosophy, geography, ethnic studies, and myriad other subjects that are required to graduate but, speaking honestly, are little more than speed bumps on the way to a diploma and a marketing job. How is this not wasted money?

Unfortunately, the drawbacks of massive enrollment are not limited to dwindling bank accounts of students and their families. As the number of people holding degrees goes up and, as mentioned above, the standards to which students are held are relaxed, the value in having a degree in the first place disappears. The Bachelor’s degree becomes commonplace and almost trivial to obtain. The vast majority of degree holders gain little from their education – save a pile of debt and an enlarged liver – before moving onto “real life”.

Some will argue that people who major in disciplines like business learn valuable skills that they will, in fact, use during their careers. This is undoubtedly so. The question is whether or not it is to anyone’s benefit that such skills be taught as part of a liberal

arts education, rather than at some sort of trade school or other specialized institution. If Edwards and Tapscott are looking to replace the supposedly “one-size-fits all” approach to higher education, perhaps they should be advocating the de-coupling of job preparation-oriented education from a traditional liberal arts university, encouraging the founding of more specialized schools, and thereby promoting the opportunity for students to situate themselves in a learning environment more suited to what they hope to gain from more schooling.

Unfortunately, things are likely to get worse before they get better. President Obama has made grants toward college a component of his “volunteerism” (does anyone honestly believe that the price of tuition isn’t going to magically go up to compensate?) and has proposed a significant re-structuring the student loan system, which will give the Federal Government an even bigger role in subsidizing college education. Moreover, the President’s “green economy” initiatives are poised to create a whole host of technical jobs that will mainly be available to the college educated (less-educated out-of-work factory workers will have to make due with short-term “shovel-ready” jobs like building bike paths and such). In short, the next ten years or so will probably witness the expansion of college education to an even larger portion of society. Whether there will be much to show for it aside from debt owed to a government that will itself be trillions of dollars in the hole remains to be seen.

As it stands, our higher education system attempts to cater to nearly everyone and by doing so ends up serving no one particularly well. The Bachelor’s degree is no longer a symbol of achievement; it’s a piece of paper people feel entitled to after four years of getting plowed at Taylor’s and puking on Condon Hall. Is the Master’s degree next? Who knows?

One thing is for sure: for decades, we as a society have held that higher education is *ipso-facto* a good thing for everyone. Perhaps it is time to revise our thinking.



Vincent Artman is Witchfinder General of the OC and still really likes Family Matters.

The Oregon Commentator Society For Historical Re-enactment Presents:

“South Vietnamese General Shooting Suspected VC”



The Oregon Commentator Society for Historical Re-enactment meets whenever the OC staff gets high. It’s mission is to further public knowledge of history through dramatic Nerf re-enactments.

SPEW...

ON BIZARRE FANTASIES

“Thanks to people such as George W. Bush, who think it’s their responsibility to enforce their own religious beliefs upon the masses, religion has become enmeshed with social intolerance and politicized discrimination.”

~ *Opinion Columnist Andrew Edwards, who is apparently under the misconception that Barack Obama’s positions on issues like gay marriage and “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” differ substantially from the views espoused by George “I Hate Gay People Because I’m Religious” Bush.*

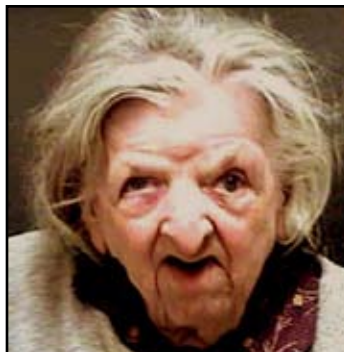


“Take the industrial revolution: Generally considered a leap forward for human civilization, it also led to the degradation of the environment and the quality of life for millions of people who worked in dangerous, often slavery-like conditions to keep the wheels of industry and capitalism turning.”

~ *Edwards, having just returned from an alternate universe in which life expectancy and standards of living were actually better when the great mass of human population were impoverished peasants. No word yet on whether the serfs in Edwards’ magical fantasy world rode around on unicorns and lived in total equality and harmony with the aristocracy that owned the land.*

“I can look at an issue from a humanistic and morally sensitive perspective without being snared by dogma...”

~ *Yes, clearly. Now, what were you saying about capitalism again?*



ON CUCKOO FOR COCOA-PUFFS

“I personally do not believe that there is such a thing as a “holocaust denier.”

~ *Pacifica Forum brood queen Dawn Coslow, on the Ol’ Dirty forums.*

“You go with the misguided flow, the easy route, and assume the Establishment is right, when it clearly is lying about so many things, e.g. the Holohoax...”

~ *“Viva!”, another Pacifica stalwart, about 3 comments later.*

“[David] Irving employs methods that Establishment “historians” never do: doing the exhaustive work of looking up primary sources from national archives the world over and delving into long discarded boxes of documents, etc.

~ *“Viva!” again. Actually, the main thing David Irving does that other historians don’t is setting up websites from which to peddle Nazi memorabilia, including stuff purported to be Hitler’s hair.*

ON CLASSINESS AND CLASS WAR

“[S]hould I censor myself in order to relate and captivate to [sic] a white audience?”

~ *Former ASUO Senator Diego Hernandez, experimenting with the Socratic method with his Facebook buddies.*

“Well its [sic] more complicated than a yes or no answer, its [sic] assimilation/conformity and stereotype threat [sic] amongst many other things.”

~ *Diego again, hurling yet another rhetorical Molotov cocktail at The Man(tm).*

“Being white is never having to worry that your [sic] going to trigger a serious [sic] of negative stereotypes about your group...”

~ *Irony: missed.*

“...and i [sic] say this because I am stereotyped into the angry person of color category.”

~ *You wouldn't like Diego when he's angry.*

“I want to tie “unclassy” with white privilege and class. Even the word itself says it, it perpetuates our class system, it tells you that you are performing in an uncivilized manner.

~ *This machine kills fascists white people grammar.*

“In every generation of struggle the dominant group have [sic] always said that there is nothing wrong, but they have always been wrong.”

~ *Diego Hernandez, historian.*

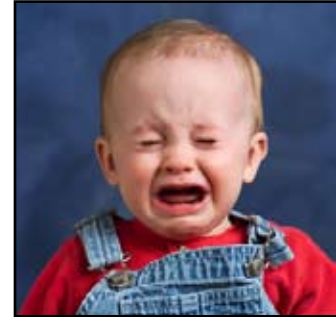
“I guess I am fine with being called “unclassy.”

~ *Not that you were ever in any real danger of being called anything else, Diego.*

ON STONERS

The 10th Annual Global Marijuana March begins at noon, Saturday May 2nd.

~ *Marijuana March was like... two months ago. Better late than never, though.*





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