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- We emphatically oppose totalitarianism and its apologists.

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

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

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

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

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

The Wizard Of Oregon

We're in Oz and the Lollipop Guild is nowhere to be found.

When Richard Lariviere began his tenure at the University of Oregon he knew it would be a challenge. This first year is probably not what he expected; hell it's not what we expected. The UO was seemingly hit by a tornado of controversy and we ended up in Oz. Mr. Lariviere, you're not in Kansas anymore.

So ease on down the yellow brick road. The sepia tone has



and diversity are supposed to thrive? Students should not be in fear while attending this University. The Administration needs to show students that their safety matters.

The Administration needs a heart. The University has had a history with mismanaging their professors and teachers. While the higher-ups like Frohnmayer receive healthy six figure salaries, the

"Somewhere, probably over the rainbow way up high, there is a University that I heard of once in a lullaby."

changed to Technicolor and we all want to go home. There is no place like home, after all. While you are on the journey, you are going to have to help some people along the way.

First of all, the football team needs a brain. The team's criminal records are starting to surpass their on-the-field records. The John E. Jacqua center was built to help them learn, can someone teach them how to behave?

The Ducks while away their hours, not dropping soap in the showers, waiting to be arraigned. They have been just a nothing with a head all-full of stuffing, if they only had a brain.

Secondly, the University students need courage. With the spray-painting of the LGBTQA many students no longer feel safe. This is their home and they should not fear the Wicked Witch of hate. Is this not a place where community

professors at the UO are some of the lowest paid college professors in the state.

The District Court of Oregon ruled that one professor was subjected to racism and discrimination in the workplace. Where is the heart in that? They could be tender. They could be gentle and awfully sentimental if they only had a heart. Someone needs to stop being "the man behind the curtain." Order needs to be restored here. Oz is no place to be stuck, and we all want to have our home restored. It sadly cannot happen if we just click our ruby shoes together and say "there's no place like the UO."

Somewhere, probably over the rainbow way up high, there is a University that I heard of once in a lullaby. Where skies are blue, and the dreams that you dream of really do come true.

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Fan Mail

Loved the OSPIRG post, it was fantastic! I don't think I have got to hang out with Dane yet, but when I do I must buy him a beer or 5.

"Ryan McCarrell shows the ACFC just what a complete, condescending prick he is."

After I read this I started celebrating jumping up and down in my office at work.

Thanks for all that you guys do!

-Johnny

The Crazies

To the Editor-

Last August I penned a diatribe at Palestine Think Tank which mentioned your organ in an unfavorable light.

It refers to your uncritical publishing of a piece of hysterical crap from Indymedia about 'fascist collaborators' and such.

Since then, your publication has excelled itself in taking a mature approach to the shock waves set off up and down the Willamette Valley by Pacifica Forum discussing controversial subjects like rape and Nazis. While the left continue to incite violence against those they disagree with, you all have swerved back to a more Jeffersonian attitude.

Long may it continue!

-Jay Knott

Move over, Zach Vishanoff

Every conflict needs a conspiracy theorist, does it not? Normally I don't buy into the whole "the holocaust never happened" or "the government planned 9/11" fads, but I have come up with a new conspiracy theory about the appearance of a swastika in the LGBTQA office, for those who like to dissent from rational thought. Now I do not claim to support, like, or in any way associate with the Pacifica Forum, but I am a strong supporter of free speech, however bigoted it may be. I, consequently, feel the same way about groups that protest the Forum, they have a right to their opinion, but I am really sick of hearing people bitch about it.

On that note, it seems that the bitching was reaching a high point right before this act of hate that has seemed to unite the community against the group. While it is quite possible that the vandalism could have been in response to the extreme level of complaining going on, my theory offers a different view. It reads something like this: Someone who staunchly opposes the Pacifica Forum took it upon themselves to commit this act in order to stir up opposition to the group. There would be little doubt in the community who committed this crime, because why would someone who is not part of the forum (or other similar minded group) paint a symbol with such meaning. In addition, an act like this would give the administration what they needed in order to remove the Forum from campus, a hate crime with a clear message.

I've got a big, 10-inch record.

For the record, just because I have the ability to concoct such a theory, it does not mean I subscribe to it. I do, in fact, find it HIGHLY unlikely that someone within the protest groups did this, and it makes me very sad to see such intolerant acts occur. That said, I also think it is quite amusing to watch people believe really, really, stupid ideas; so if I can put some out there and watch someone run with it, well, I am sure as hell going to do it.

Finally, I do not really go out of my way to be overly informed about things, so if I missed news of hard evidence that the Forum was responsible for this hate act, just disregard this whole thing. Of course, hard evidence never did seem to stop conspiracy theorists...

-Name withheld per author's request

UO Matters

Blog post: It's 6:15 PM Saturday. I'm working in my office on a paper. I just opened a beer. Am I breaking any laws or OARs?

The OC E-mails: Professor, Not sure about this question, although on a moral basis, we approve. Ossie once left some empties in the trash at the EMU. They slapped us on the wrist. Do they treat professors like they treat us students? You know, as insolent children? In that case, maybe close the door.

The Professor responds: Thanks - I always count on the COMMENTATOR to take a stand on issues of moral importance. But leaving the empties in your own trash can is just plain wrong.



asks ...

What are you giving up for Lent?



Smokers:
Quitting.

Oregon Daily Emerald:
Integrity.



Ol' Timey Prospector:
Gooooold!

Bros:
Red cups. Switching
to blue



Jews:
Lent... ?

**UO PRESIDENT RICHARD "DICK" LARIVIERE'S
HATWATCH 2010
THIS WEEK:**

**This Week:
Pimp-a-Dick**

**"Tryin' to do work
around these jive
turkeys!"**



**Sudsy
Says:**

**"It may
burn like
hell but it'll
kill any critters
down there."**



Sex Issue Corrections

* It has been brought to our attention that "Dick Origami" may be harmful to your health, however hilarious it may be. Be careful when practicing such procedures.



THE OREGON COMMENTATOR ASUO SLOGAN CONTEST



WINNERS

1ST PLACE - JULIAN BUCK

“WHITE PRIVILEGE, BUT WE’RE SORRY ABOUT IT.”

2ND PLACE - MALLORY HAYWORTH

“NAZIS ARE BAD. ALSO, RACISM.”

3RD PLACE - MICHAEL GUIDERO

“BECAUSE 100 BAD IDEAS ARE BETTER THAN A FEW GOOD
ONES.”

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MYSTERY JAR

OSPIRG, Flexibility and the I-Fee

OSPIRG failed to receive funding from the ACFC for the second year in a row.

T. Dane Carbaugh

On Wednesday, Feb. 17 the ASUO's Athletics Contracts and Finance Committee had another long, boring three hour meeting in which an all pro-OSPIRG attendance – save for myself and Sen. Demic Tipitino – tried once again to get the ACFC to fund OSPIRG as a contracted group.

The night began with a slip-up by OSPIRG member Tara Celentano. Celentano was trying to answer a question regarding student involvement with OSPIRG when she said, "I joined a month ago and I've already met 30 people. When I'm down in the Survival Center, I meet new people from OSPIRG every day."

ACFC Chair Alexander McCafferty responded with, "I don't want to be nit picky, but it was my understanding that OSPIRG no longer was allowed to do business in the Survival Center." Celentano stuttered that she "still hung out there" obviously recognizing her mistake. At that point in time, Sen. Tipitino choked on his Fire n' Spice from laughing.

Things got sticky during public testimony, as Ryan McCarrell (above) got all fireside chatty with the ACFC and pulled his chair right up to the ACFC's table. The meeting was held in Fenton 110, a classroom that seats probably about 100 people. McCarrell made a complete ass of himself, and in my opinion, was incredibly condescending toward the ACFC. McCarrell was eventually told to move back from the table by ACFC Chair McCafferty.

The night's conversation circled around and around, with motions being made to fund OSPIRG at \$30,913 twice. Both times, it failed. The conversation of the evening, in general, centered around the fact that ACFC members were not going to fund OSPIRG's \$117,000 request, citing that organizations need to grow their budget, and that they were uncomfortable sending so



The ACFC (behind table) listens to Ryan McCarrell (right) act like a condescending asshole.

much student money to pay for non-student advocates.

As for the \$30,000 and \$60,000 alternate funding models specifically, it was finally decided by the ACFC that these funding levels would essentially restrict the overall effectiveness of OSPIRG, and therefore the return would not be beneficial as a contract. "A funding level of \$30,000 will leave OSPIRG ineffective on this campus," said Sen. Hailey Sheldon.

OSPIRG is currently being floated on an \$80,000 budget from the state-PIRG to continue work on campus. Ryan McCarrell asked the ACFC to fund them at that level instead. Sen. Sheldon disagreed, "An \$80,000 budget still includes a limiting of their services. Partial funding for OSPIRG includes the caveat that says we will have to fund them, fully, eventually." What Sheldon was implying was that the money in the state-PIRG would eventually run out, and not be able to give the university-PIRG the \$80,000 on a yearly basis. If OSPIRG needs \$117,000 then anything less would not allow them to operate effec-

tively.

It was suggested several times that the ACFC approve an \$80,000 or \$30,000 budget for OSPIRG, and then deliberate on the actual contract services later. Essentially, OSPIRG supporters were promising to the ACFC that they'd comply with what they wanted and the ACFC could write the contract how they wished, just as long as OSPIRG got the funding.

Sheldon disagreed with that idea, "Giving \$80,000 to OSPIRG and sending it to contracts would be completely arbitrary and set a precedent that we're not going to make here." Chair McCafferty nodded in agreement.

Sen. Zachary Stark-MacMillan told the ACFC, "You've said several times that you have problems with funding them fully, but haven't yet told us what your exact concerns actually are." Of course, that was right after Hailey Sheldon had just finished talking about her very concern, "At only \$30,000 it's a dollars and cents thing, regarding tangible results on this campus."

Former *Emerald* opinion editor Robert D'Andrea stood up at one point and passionately told the ACFC, "This is a service worth duplicating." Since we were discussing the allocation

of University of Oregon student money, I asked D'Andrea afterwards whether or not he was a registered, Incidental Fee paying student at the University of Oregon. He declined to comment.

The biggest twist of the night was when OSPIRG's biggest supporter on the ACFC, Ben Eckstein, told the OSPIRG members about his disappointment, "You've given us everything that we've asked for in the last 4 days. That doesn't represent compromise, unfortunately, it just represents due diligence." He said later, "The ACFC has done a great job of being proactive here, of finding compromise."

Eckstein asked the ACFC members if they thought any other alternative models were viable. Not one member responded. ACFC member Phil Gong ended up motioning to adjourn, and Chair McCafferty seconded. The vote ended with Eckstein, mercifully, ceding his vote. The end tally was 4-1-0, with Joey Freedman being the lone 'nay.'

At a lower, \$30,000 level, OSPIRG's funding model accounted for off-campus, non-student organizers salaries first. This was obviously

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RADICAL NAIVETE

Bill Unger Jr.

I think I should begin this by introducing myself. Hi there. My name is Bill. I like skiing, snowboarding and yachting. Also, I was just appointed to the ASUO Senate. It's a pretty chill place, so far, and I also sit on the Program Finance Council. My seat is seat 3, which is a good seat. I'm double majoring in Business and political science. I am a brother in the best fraternity on campus, and I love my Brothers. Go Omicron!

Politically, I would describe myself as either a Reagan "Big-Tent" Republican or an Obama Democrat. I believe there should be a strong free market unfettered by the government and also a strong safety net, and that all Americans should have Health Care.

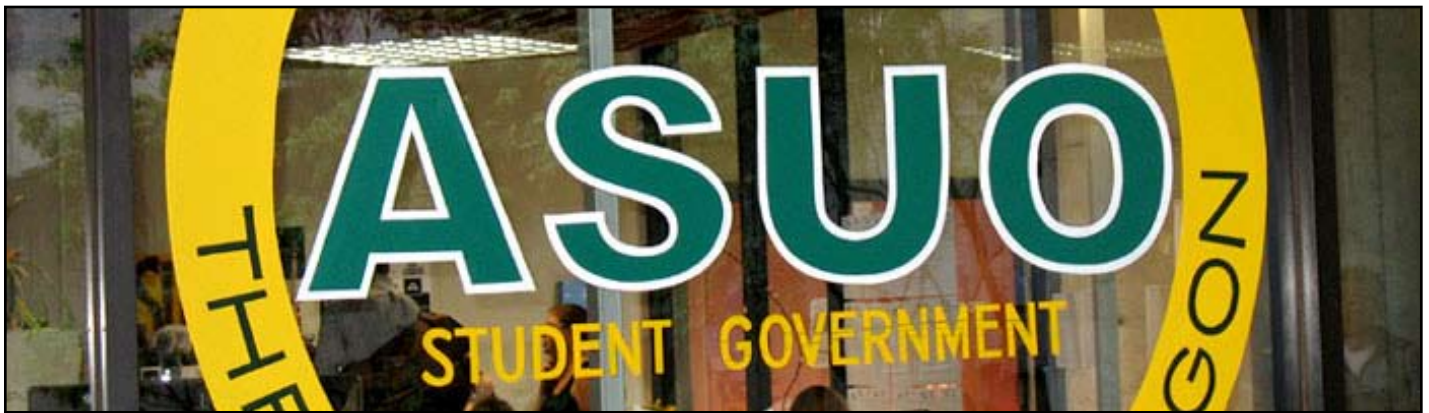
Before I begin my column, I want to give a big shoutout to Emma Kallaway! Thanks for appointing me Emma! It's a big nod towards representing a big-time

the ASUO use that I want to get y'all hip to.

* Con-Court: This is, I understand, a building on campus, like Mac-Court. It is owned by Eric Blaine. He is a law student. It worries a lot of people in the ASUO because they're like, "he's a law student. I don't know if you know this, but they have a lot of work. How does he find the time to own a building on campus, and it's also like, hey, doesn't the state of Oregon own campus? Should some guy who's just a student be allowed to own one of the buildings there?"

* ASUO: Yeah, I know you've all heard of it, but can anyone tell me what it stands for? I'm not asking that so that I can set up the definition in the next sentence. I really want to know.

* Slate: This is a political magazine. I assume many people in the ASUO are regular readers because



underrepresented group: Greeks. And thanks to all the hiring committee, too. Getacho: right back at you! Diego: I didn't understand the question you asked me, but you seem like a chill bro! Kelli: your hot!

But yeah, I'm going to be writing a column for the OC. I was like, hey OC guys! I want to write a column to tell people what I'm feelin'. They were totally cool about it. I hope you guys can get an insight into what Senate's all about.

I feel like the best way to start off this column is to define a couple of terms I'm going to be using. This is going to be a super insider-y column. There's all these super-cool words and acronyms that people in

it seems to come up a lot when I'm in the office.

* Contract: This is what you sign when you want to work for somebody. The ASUO spends millions of dollars a year on contracts, so I assume I'm going to be making bank when I get my first stipend check!

* Benchmark: How much you bench? This is the measure of how much weight you can lift when you are in the gym. The ASUO's super-concerned with setting benchmarks, though, so I bet many people in student government can lift way more than me. I'm just waiting to see Emma Kallaway dragging a firetruck in park around by her teeth on campus one

of these days.

* Institutional memory: I assume this is the amount of processor space in the ASUO's computers. People are always talking about how there's not much institutional memory in the ASUO, so I'm like, hey, can't we get a grant for that? Also, I hear that the ASUO's professional staff has way more institutional memory than us. They must be really good if the U of O gives them such fancy computers, but why can't they share? I'm dying to know what they have on their hard drives.

* Osprig: It sounds like it has something to do with ostriches, and I hear it didn't get any money this year. So what I'm asking is: why don't people care about the U of O's ostrich students. Sure, they spend a lot of time with their heads buried underground, but I mean, that's just because they're misunderstood. If it was me as ASUO President (hint hint), I'd totally give ostriches everything they're asking for. Did you know they're the biggest birds out there?

* Resolutions: As in "New year's." I've been told that resolutions are pointless, but I think they're not if you stick with them, right. I would totally love to see the ASUO drop a couple of pounds. Let's do it!

* Student union: This one is confusing to me, because I think students are not payed (unless they're making bank in the ASUO, right!?), and I've never had to work, so I don't understand what they have to unionize about. Also, I hear student Unions are in a really bad part of the EMU. Good. My dad's tobacco company went belly-up because of unions, so I think they deserve what they get!

* Green Tape Notebook: Red lights mean stop, so the ASUO's governance documents must mean Go!, right? Also I've heard there is a yellow tape notebook for the ASUO Senate (Ed. note: this is true), so that must explain why everything moves so slow.

* Special request: It's what you ask your girlfriend late at night on your birthday. The ASUO gets like five every week and most of them get granted, which is, like, crazy. That's probably the number one reason why I'm looking forward to being on Senate.



Bill Unger Jr. is a newly appointed ASUO Senator, and if you understand why his name is funny then you know way too much about the ASUO.

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A Newcomer's Guide to the University Housing Market

Freshmen often have difficulty finding housing for their second year. Good thing we've got it all sorted out for you underclassmen.



Joe Rouse



There are essentially two kinds of college towns; towns where the housing market favors the tenants and towns where the housing market favors the proprietor. The University of Oregon grows at the net rate of 900 students a year, thus increasing the demand for housing. Therefore landlords get to be picky about who they choose as tenants.

By securing your housing early you will avoid jumping through hoops later when competition for housing is more fierce. If you have not yet begun to, it would definitely be a good idea to start looking for housing. I have already secured my housing without having to lift a finger and since it was so easy for me I wanted to pass off some advice. The following is a variety of ideas that I hope will help you in your search for a comfortable place to live.

Rule #1: Latch on to a responsible individual capable of sorting out all the shit.

This is important because a well-motivated, energetic individual is all that's required to inspect the verity of different houses, negotiate with the numerous landlords and sign the lease.

Rule #2: If at all possible, never sign a long-term lease.

You don't want to be responsible for when someone puts a foot through the wall or if the place catches on fire. By not having your name on the lease you avoid all these problems.

Rule #3: Stadium/Ducks Village, West University, and Springfield are places that you do not want to live.

Seriously...



Don't let the pool fool you, this is merely "The Dorms, Part 2"

Rule #4: Love at first sight

If you hate a prospective rental from the very minute you open the door, you won't ever really like it.



This place is a dump. Don't try to convince yourself that it's not.

Rule #5: Party Space

College is largely a series of decisions that boil down "to party" or "not to party". Make sure your living arrangement has the answer to both.



Ample space to store your beer is a must.

You will eventually find a house that you really like, but chances are that the landlord in charge of that property is going to be a mean bitch. Follow this user-friendly guide to secure the house of your dreams when confronting the landlord for the first time.



Landlords are feisty old crawdads. Win them over with charm, wit and cold, hard cash.

- 1) Strut into office without having prior made an appointment.
- 2) Throw jacket on a chair and remain standing (most effective if landlord is seated). Continue by stating the property that you are interested in renting.
- 3) By now the landlord will be flabbergasted at your charisma. Quickly and smoothly pick up and fling your jacket around your shoulder.
- 4) Finish the conversation by throwing a wad of dollar bills in his/her direction and inform the landlord that the conversation is over and that you will be in touch.



Joe Rouse is a contributor to the Oregon Commentator and is currently homeless.

I FOUGHT THE LAW, AND I WON

Many small businesses are required to carry licenses to practice trade, preventing many from using their talents in our capitalistic system.

Ross Coyle

Fortune telling is a licensed occupation in the state of Arizona; to become licensed requires a \$300 fee. In the state of Oregon, a license is required to work on house landscaping, which can include anything from installing a fence to cutting grass and, until recently, a license was required to offer services as a household mover.

Occupational licensing isn't new to the United States. For years, health professionals and lawyers have needed to be licensed to practice their trades just like other jobs. But occupational licensing laws have created hurdles, sometimes insurmountable, for small entrepreneurs and businesses.

The longstanding argument has been that licensing protects consumers from shoddy work by less legitimate contractors. "Licensed contractors are bonded and required to have insurance," said Rich Blank, an enforcement manager for the Oregon Construction Contractors Board.

The Contractors Board represents 43,000 construction contractors and provides services to verify a license. In the last six months it has started fining unlicensed contractors using unconventional advertising services like Craigslist. The CCB levied more than 390 fines in 2009, totaling more than \$350,000. A study released by the CCB claimed that 91 percent of homeowners felt it was important that contractors be licensed.

But several small time entrepreneurs question the need for licensing. A National Review article that claimed licenses "largely serve to protect entrenched business interests while

doing little or nothing to protect the public." In several cases, occupational licensing has been used to cut out competition entirely.

One such case happened in Portland, when a PSU student's moving business was shut down. The student, Adam Sweet, was fined \$2,100 and had his truck towed for failure to carry an "Oregon Intrastate Certificate to Transport Household Goods

or Passengers." His vehicles were seized in a sting arranged by the Oregon Department of Transportation, and involved a handful of police and tow trucks. "Even now, I'm paranoid about the people I talk to. I have to wonder if they're a customer or the state trying to trick me," said Sweet. "People who don't do things wrong shouldn't have this fear."

To attain a certificate, Oregon law required Sweet to obtain approval from oth-

er moving businesses; the equivalent of asking the competition if he could enter the market. "People are smart in this state, we don't need licenses for businesses to protect the public," Sweet said "Licensing is an ancient habit that should be removed."

Instead of submitting to the law, Sweet fought it, taking his case to the Pacific Legal Foundation. PLF fought the law on his behalf and claimed in their suit that it violated his 14th Amendment rights. They argued that ORS 825.110, which requires the certificate, imposed on anti-competitive and protectionist procedures on new moving companies. The PLF won the suit, and the law was repealed on June 24, 2009. Sweet's case is one of many in the



If you want to wear a tie with a hardhat, it's going to cost you.



OSAMA BIN LADEN GLOBAL CONSERVATIONIST



Kiefer VerSteegh

On Jan. 29, in a brave act comparable to Dick Cheney coming out of the closet, Osama bin Laden spoke out against the growing elephant in the room. In the second of two audiotapes released in less than a week, bin Laden reprimanded the United States for its irresponsible stance on climate change and threatened repercussions.

As the shadows of climate-heroes Bono and Al Gore fade, new leaders must take the stage and fight. In the constant battle against environmental racism it seems that bin Laden has pledged his sword. Everyone knows that climate change is the fault of America and America alone, so it was only a matter of time before someone took action against this ruthless power. After criticizing George W. Bush for not signing the Kyoto protocol, bin Laden promised a crusade against America if changes were not made. In his audiotape release he was quoted as saying "I'm very angry," and "globalization is bad, mmk?"

Bin Laden's message comes at an opportune time as al-Qaeda has recently started to modernize their arsenal. An anonymous source



Douchebags come in pairs.

revealed the terrorist organization's plans to "go green." After realizing the impact they were having on the earth, al-Qaeda quickly initiated plans to reduce their carbon footprint. Militants are now being urged to wear clothes that "burn cleaner" in order to reduce the harmful effects of bombing attacks. This coupled with the development of bomb components made out of recycled products proves to be a giant step forward. One idea that may or may not be instituted is the replacement of jet airliner hijackings with a more natural air-powered hang glider attack strategy. These plans mock the ignorance of the United States, and deserve the praise of the global community.

In response to Bin Laden's threats, the White House reported that they couldn't confirm if it truly was his voice, and even if it was they didn't really care. Obama did, however, show progress by committing to switch to Charmin toilet paper in order to conserve resources.



"I pronounce a Jihad on anyone who does not buy cage-free eggs!"

Kiefer VerSteegh is the distribution manager for the Oregon Commentator and is a total freegan. So, you know, we're cool right?



1 The Giant Armchair in the EMU is a great place to nap if you don't mind strangers watching you sleep. The ambience of students going about their daily lives and the ASUO being yelled at by protestors makes this the perfect place to catch a midday snooze.

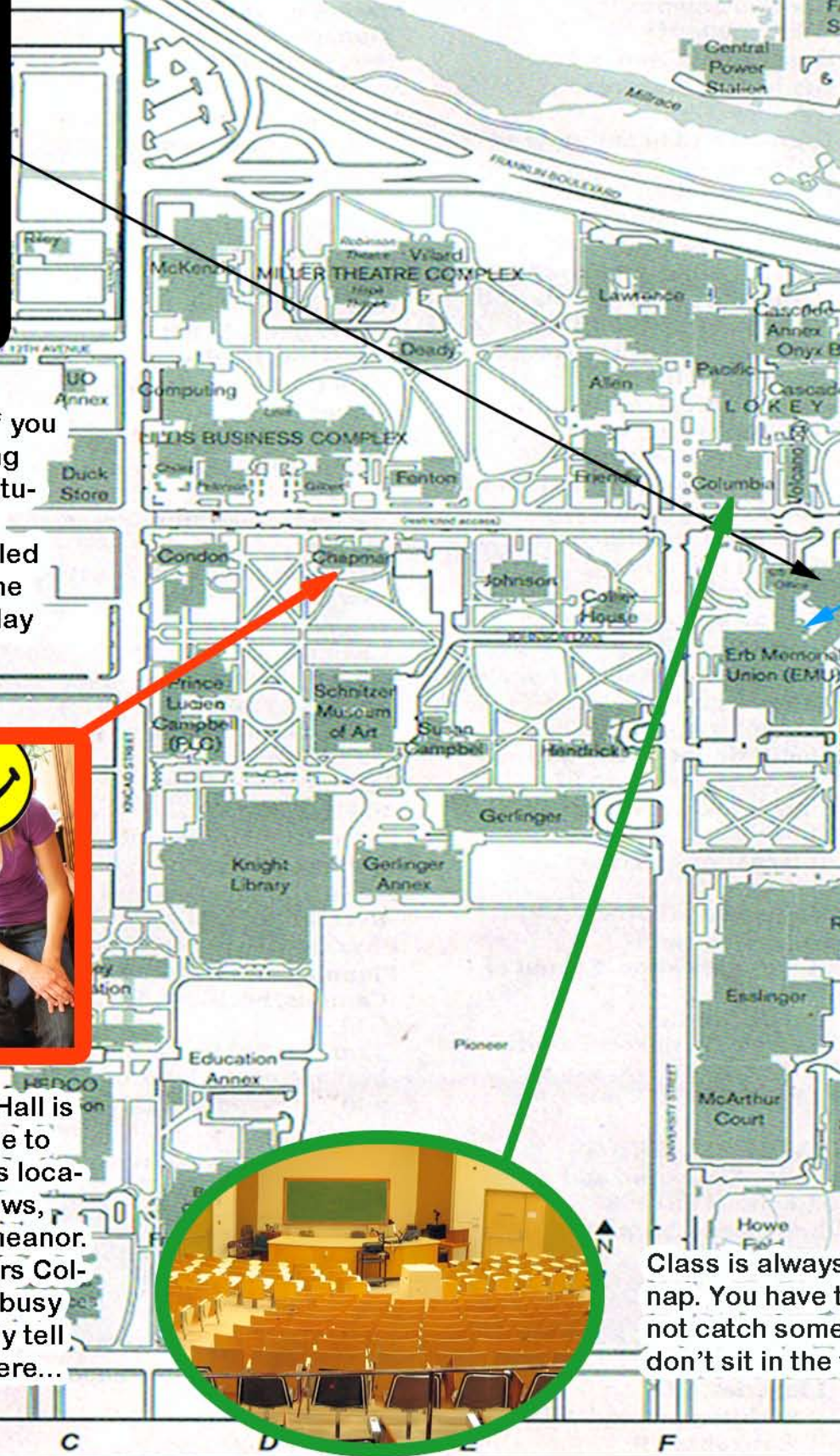


3 The third floor of Chapman Hall is another personal favorite. Home to the Honors College Library, this location has long couches and pillows, warm sunlight, and a quiet demeanor. It is also only available to Honors College Students, but everyone is busy doing work, so no one can really tell who's really supposed to be there...



Class is always nap. You have to not catch some don't sit in the

University of Oregon



NAPTIME AT OREGON

By Pete Lesiak



Tucked away in the third floor of the emu, this golden gem of naptime locations is hard to find, but well worth the search. It's secluded away from prying eyes and boast natural warmth from sunlight, one could spend the whole day here. Hint: Check elevators in weird spots.



There's nothing quite like the naptime view of the fourth floor of Oregon Hall. Located near the elevators you have to deal with the occasional passerby, but this location also boasts internet access.

is a great place to take a
to be there anyway, so why
shuteye? Suggestsion,
first row...

BRANDED

T. Dane Carbaugh

The ASUO has found immense difficulty in designing a new logo for the student government.

Tree Bomb. It's the proposed replacement logo for the ASUO, the University of Oregon's student government. Part of a branding effort of this year's ASUO executive, Tree Bomb was first proposed back in fall of this school year, and to student programs in January at a Programs Council Meeting.

Tree Bomb is result of the extensive efforts of ASUO President Emma Kallaway, ASUO Programs Administrator Conrad Hulen and artist Ivan Mirolyubenko, who designed the current Executive's campaign shirts last spring.

Despite its hip, modern look, Tree Bomb has had extensive detractors to its look and goals. The first ASUO member to publicly state that the tree looked like a bomb was Sen. Ben Fisher, who at a Feb. 3 Senate meeting said to another Senator, "It looks like a mushroom cloud."



Tree Bomb.

Around the OREGON COMMENTATOR office, we've decided that "Tree Bomb" is the best name for the logo, and look forward on adding it to the public canon. Indeed, several others have noted the similarity. In an e-mail to the ASUO, Sen. Jeremy Blanchard made up a satirical version of the logo. He reassured President Kallaway that the photo was a joke and that, "I don't think you need to spend time changing it just because it might resemble a mushroom cloud :)"

Tree Bomb was approved by the Senate, but was recently tabled at the last EMU Board meeting, meaning they have yet to approve it. The EMU Board has concerns that not enough people were consulted before the new logo was drawn up.

"We sent an e-mail to all of the listservs (programs and student government mailing lists)



The current ASUO logo.

this last fall,” Kallaway said in an interview.

Indeed, at a Jan. 14 Programs Council Meeting, a mandatory monthly get-together of all the student programs, ASUO Programs Administrator Conrad Hulen unveiled the finalized version of Tree Bomb to program members.

At that meeting, no one complained that they hadn’t been consulted about helping to design the logo. Mostly, concerns centered around where the logo was going to be placed and how that was to be delegated.

Personally, I raised a concern to Kallaway about putting it on our own publication. If the goal is transparency of I-Fee funding, the COMMENTATOR already provides such information (check our masthead). Additionally, one girl at the Jan. 14th PCM meeting was worried about the logo being required on printed flyers, especially with it taking up too much space.

“The COMMENTATOR is a great example of transparency [so the logo wouldn’t be necessary]. We’re trying to figure out how students feel about it, and how it would work on things like flyers for other groups,” said Kallaway.

When I asked her what items the ASUO was considering attaching the logo to Kallaway said, “We’ve talked to the Athletic Department about placing it somewhere on their website

when you order tickets. Also, we are thinking about putting it on the back of your student I.D. card since you use it to get on LTD and you pay for that with the I-Fee.”

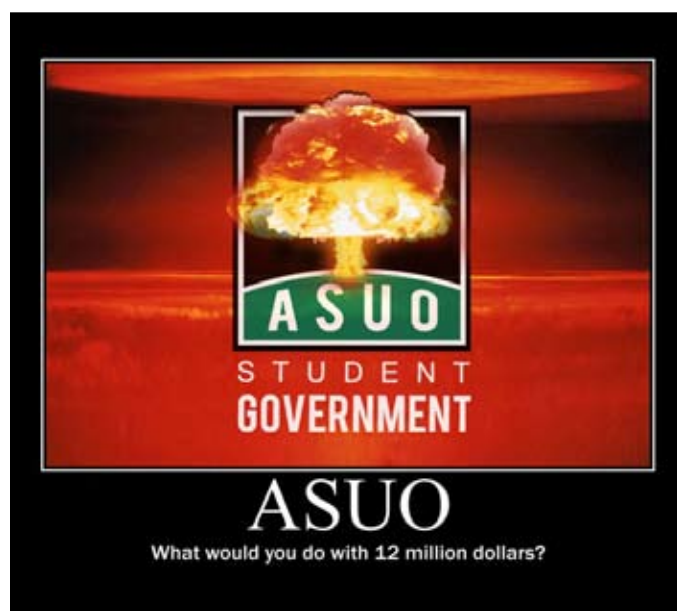
“It’s about transparency,” said Kallaway. “We want to get people excited about what the I-Fee pays for. But we can’t do that without education first.”

Tree Bomb has been a surprisingly difficult ordeal for Kallaway and her constituents. In a Feb. 18 article in the *Daily Emerald*, Sen. Demic Tipitino expressed sarcastic frustration over the EMU Board’s decision to table the Tree Bomb decision, “I love that they [the EMU Board] have more power than us in this situation.”

Emma Kallaway seemed to express those same concerns about the EMU Board. “It’s an inappropriate use of power on their part,” she said adding, “I hope we don’t have to go all the way back to square one. If the EMU is going to get remodeled, we should rebrand the ASUO now. It’s our job to tell students what the I-Fee pays for.”

Although a new logo would help the ASUO get rid of its old, dingy one, Kallaway urged that she was not trying to get it done prematurely, “This is solely about transparency. That’s why I didn’t go to the EMU Board meeting itself, because I don’t want to be a micromanaging executive. I don’t want to rush this, I want to be flexible.”

The debate over Tree Bomb, to me, seems rather ridiculous. Sure, I suppose it sort of looks like a mushroom cloud; but not at first glance. What it really looks like is a fucking tree. Leave it up to the ASUO, however, to make the most trivial of subjects — a logo — become a long, drawn out process of which everyone comes out pissed off.



Sen. Jeremy Blanchard’s photoshop of Tree Bomb.



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The Phil Knight Center for Athletes Who Can't Read Good (and Want to Learn How to do Other Stuff Good Too)

Nicholas Ekblad

There has been quite some discussion pertaining to the John E. Jaqua Center and its legitimacy. It's been called exclusive and lavish, unnecessary and elitist. However, I don't believe that there has been sufficient discussion about some of the particularly outlandish features that Phil Knight's bottomless wallet has supported. A simple glance around the outside and a stroll through the ground floor permits limited insight to the privileges provided to the "athletes who can't read good."

I took it upon myself to investigate further the particulars of the Jaqua Center. Approaching the demanding presence of the building, I found it strange to have to maneuver through the group of runners vigorously doing laps around the outside perimeter. However, an inside source informed me that they are merely activating the escalator that ascends from a hidden door in the ground, leading them straight to the second floor "Coke Room" (which, as

I am to understand, was put on the second floor so as to allow the most ease of access to those on top or bottom levels). When asked further about the Coke Room, my source simply stated, "If you have to ask, you'll never know."

As I went inside, I located a bathroom but

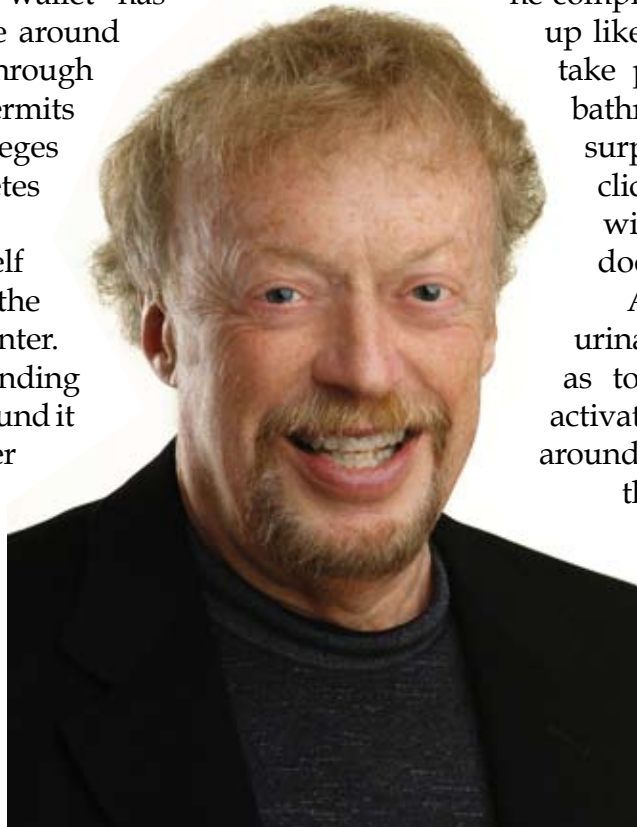
it was locked. Stepping aside as a young man approached the door from behind me, I witnessed a spectacle as strange as that of the runners. He sprawled to the ground, his Nike bag still strapped to his back, and zealously began doing push-ups. Breathing in and out with each push,

he completed 15 push-ups and stood up like it was a normal activity to take place directly in front of a bathroom entry way. Then, to my surprise, the lock in front of me clicked and he walked inside with me right behind him as the door closed rather quickly.

After relieving myself at the urinal and making connections as to the strange electronically activated features of the devices around me, I could only assume that flushing the toilets

required a set number of "cock push-ups," as was proven correct by the actions of the student who entered before me. I therefore skipped the flush and stepped up to the sink and was about to wash my hands when I noticed there were no knobs and that waving

my hands in front of the faucet failed to turn it on. Upon finishing his "cock push-ups" the student athlete approached the sink next to me and flexed both biceps in the mirror. Water flowed from the faucet and he washed and dried his hands. He then wadded up his paper towel, proclaimed



Phil Knight; philanthropist, sports fan, educator.

"Kobe!" and threw it in the garbage. The lock clicked and he walked out the door. Noticing that the Coke Room must certainly be but a scratch on the surface of the secrets in this building, I quickly followed suit and continued my investigation.

Stepping out of the bathroom, I took a right back toward the entrance, near which I had spotted a cafe. I hadn't intended to purchase anything, but wanted to take a look anyway. At the register, a girl asked for a coffee and showed the cashier the barcode on her wrist (which Phil Knight has tattooed on all of the athletes to halt the threat of non-athletes receiving the discount). However, she was still obligated to perform some physical activity.

I then approached the counter and asked the price of a cheeseburger, half-jokingly. She replied, "For non-athletes, \$5.75 but also requires claiming victory in the ongoing water polo tournament." She gestured outside, where I could see about a dozen people in swimming gear fighting for possession of a ball and desperately trying to prove their right to a cheeseburger. I told her I would pass and continued on.

I noticed a water fountain on the wall opposite me under which was a mat with a fair number of sweat stains on it. I reasoned that the only way to quench my thirst was to perform sit-ups on it. I did so and was rewarded with what was not water, but instead lemon-lime flavored Gatorade.

All this physical activity had made me quite thirsty. My curiosity growing, I took one last gulp of Gatorade and noticed an elevator. I stepped over to it and executed twenty "up-downs" in front of it according to the diagram. The doors opened with the ring of a bell and I walked in. A haughty voice coming from a loud speaker under a portrait of Phil Knight ordered me to scan my barcode and select a floor. Not being a student athlete, I was obviously unable to do so. I pressed the green "doors open" button, but to no effect. The voice repeated itself, this time with considerable irritation.

I pressed the button again, though not fully expecting the doors to open. This time, the voice spared me, while the seemingly cheerful ring of the bell signaled the elevator's ascension. Now I was a little disturbed, noticing that the floor indicator read "666." I was brought to the



The defensive moat around the John E. Jaqua Center.

third floor where the elevator came to an abrupt stop. The doors opened to the mocking ring of the bell again, revealing a DPS officer, Taser in hand. He was wearing brand new Nikes.

"I am here to escort you out of the building," he said. "The upper floors are for student-athletes only."

"Why don't I just take the elevator back downstairs?" I suggested, preferring the demon box over my first taste of electricity, compliments of Eugene Police forces.

"I'm afraid that the elevator is only for student-athletes as well. I will show you out," he replied.

Desiring not to piss my pants as a result of electrocution, I followed him out of the elevator

ASUO Student Senate, February 20th, 2010
Student Senate Bill SS.R.? (2009/2010)

Authored by: Sudsy O'Sullivan
Sponsored by: Sen. Bill Unger Jr.

SUMMARY

Asks the EMU Board to approve the newly proposed ASUO logo, affectionately called "Tree Bomb." Further, contains clauses telling the EMU Board to "quit being such a bitch" and describes the manner in which Tree Bomb appropriately stands as an acceptable logo for the ASUO.

Section I.

1.1 *Whereas*, the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) is composed of an Executive and Legislative branch, both advocating for issues and concerns shared by students of the University of Oregon; and

1.2 *Whereas*, the ASUO acknowledges and respects the right of all individuals and organizations to engage in unrestricted speech; and

1.3 *Whereas*, the ASUO recognizes that the nature of our work is haphazard at best, often being referred to as a "clusterfuck" with the term "misappropriation" and "white privilege" appearing often.

1.4 *Whereas*, the ASUO has time and time again proven its inability to manage student funds.

Section II.

2.1 *Be it resolved that*, the ASUO Senate approves of the Tree Bomb as the ASUO logo in all its glory and magnificence; and

2.2 *Be it further resolved that*, the Tree Bomb is wholeheartedly representative of the ASUO's previous, current and undoubtedly future actions; and

2.3 *Be it further resolved that*, in order to bring full transparency to students, the ASUO believes that a nuclear bomb exploding is quite possibly the perfect metaphor for such actions; and

2.4 *Be it further resolved that*, if the EMU Board does not approve of Tree Bomb at its next meeting someone's going to get all up in this bitch and throw down.

Section III.

3.1 *Be it further resolved that*, Tree Bomb is the bomb.



My Graduate School Application

Henry Jinings

As spring looms ever closer for the class of 2010, so does the overwhelming task of selecting a graduate school. In the spirit of aiding my fellow seniors who I assume are in a similar boat, I've posted my application to the Online Master's Degree Program at the prestigious American Intercontinental University to which I was accepted.

Henry
FIRST NAME

Jinings
LAST NAME

Super-8
NICKNAME (ex. Carpet Cleaner, Toast-Meister)

Definitely the "Cooter shooter"
PREFERRED NOVELTY SEX ACT
(ex. the Skeet Ulrich, the Wham-O)

I've never been on probation.
Are you comfortable with the fact that AIU is periodically placed on probation by the SACS? Surely you can relate it to your own past experiences of being on probation? Explain.

My friends say I've got a greaser thing going.
DESCRIBE YOUR HAIRSTYLE

Really? What a bunch of arsholes.
Are you comfortable with the knowledge that our parent company has hopelessly mis-managed and misappropriated our assets?

I-M-M-I-L-L-R-A-N-T
Did you graduate from high school? In lieu of a transcript, spell a nine-letter word correctly (without the aid of a dictionary) in the space above.

Wasn't she hot for Schroeder?
In peanuts, what, do you perceive, was the reason for Lucy's being such a bitch all the time? Explain.

A few qualms, yeah.
Do you have any qualms with the fact that your degree will be worthless in the event that we're re-investigated and subsequently proven to be fraudulent? Explain.

What kind of bunk would I make at
Are you aware that the degrees we grant the AIU? have little merit outside of landing you a teaching position at the AIU?

You scratch my back, I scratch yours.
Assuming you are accepted and choose to attend, will you (please) speak good of the AIU in the likely event that you're subpoenaed into testimony at a later point in time? Explain.

You know the deal.

OLYMPIC DRINKING GAME

Carly Erickson

Once again, the world has come down with a case of Olympic fever. Athletes from many countries (most of them freakishly cold) have gathered in Vancouver to showcase their skills and determine who will get the coolest medals. As our neighbors to the north host the grandest of all winter sporting events, we are left to sit back and enjoy, with plenty of booze of course. These simple guidelines will help any Olympic event be highly entertaining.

1 DRINK

For every country's name heard.

2 DRINKS

If that country is America.

3 DRINKS

If you've never even heard of the country.

1 SHOT

For every crazy figure skating costume. It'll make the sequins even shinier.

1 BONG RIP

For every heartfelt story about an individual athlete triumphing over adversity.



SHOTGUN A BEER

Any time an athlete falls down or off of something.

1 DRINK

When the Olympic torch is shown or referenced.

CHUG A BEER

Every time you seen Shaun White looking douchey.

3, 2 OR 1 SHOT(S)

Finally, take a big ol' patriotic 1, 2 or 3 shots every time 'Merica brings home a gold medal. It's up to you what order to put them in. Does bronze deserve more drink in remorse, or does gold deserve the most in celebration? Finally, the Olympics get interesting!

OSPIRG, FROM PAGE 9

the sticking point during the night, and as I have mentioned before, was one that OSPIRG members did not seem to understand. If OSPIRG had proposed a budget that sent UO students to Salem, or gave them event money for anti-disposable water bottle rallies or other like-minded, student and campus-oriented line items, they may very well have gained funding. But doing that is asking OSPIRG to change their entire corporate structure, and isn't something that the OSPIRG people seem to understand or be willing to do.

Either way, Phil Gong told me he thought OSPIRG's downfall wasn't due to their lack of flexibility, but to the actual changes to their budget, "The problem was really that they would have been rather powerless at a decreased funding level. We asked them to bring us some different evidence [of their effectiveness] that they didn't bring last time, and they just got up and said the same stuff."



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CONTRACTORS, FROM PAGE 14

United States against licensing. In Maryland, hair braider Taalib-Din Abdul Uqdah has fought a 30-year-long battle against cosmetology licensing.

Uqdah had a narrow scrape with cosmetology licensing in Maryland. Obtaining a license required him to quit his job and attend a minimum of 1,500 hours in schools that charged between \$3,000 to \$5,000. Uqdah's profession of braiding hair did not involve the use of chemicals that the license permitted. Uqdah fought the city board of and won his case with the help of the In-

stitute for Justice, and has led the fight in cosmetology licensing in more than 10 other states.

Uqdah felt that while it is necessary to have regulation and oversight for the general health and safety of businesses, a license shouldn't be required to legitimize the work. "I need someone to tell me my hamburger is healthy," he said "but I don't need someone to make sure my hamburger is good."



Ross Coyle is a contributor to the Oregon Commentator and is either above or below ground, but never level.

JAQUA, FROM PAGE 21

and down a series of hallways. Peering through the windows of several rooms, I could see the athletes being tutored. One classroom's dry-erase board had on it the letter J (its uppercase and lowercase forms in print as well as in cursive). There was not one vacant desk in the room and every student was focusing intently. Another classroom featured an extremely muscular man doing pull-ups. On his head was a helmet with a large entanglement of wires, switches and dials. Above the pull-up bar was support holding a Dr. Seuss book.

The officer gave me an unnecessary shove around the next corner and pointed to the glass wall facing Franklin Boulevard. "You will use the rope ladder." He pressed a button and, as the glass doorway opened, kicked a bundle of rope out the opening, keeping the stun gun

aimed at my genitals. The rope, tied to a metal link in the steel cage that surrounds the Jock Box, unraveled and reached the ground. Happy to part ways with the Taser-wielding officer, I grabbed hold of the rope and stepped down.

Let it be known that the Phil Knight Center for Athletes Who Can't Read Good and Want to Learn How to Do Other Stuff Good Too has features and amenities that ordinary students like myself will never know, nor can possibly imagine. We will simply have to settle for the study areas in Lillis if we wish to do homework in a flashy building.

Personally, I will be content out of reach of that dodgy DPS officer and the demon elevator that he guards, studying in the safety of the EMU building. Wait—they're remodeling that too. Shit.



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SPECIAL INTERESTS FAIL CAER, HERNANDEZ

The Alliance of Happy Atheists gain office space over CAER as a result of their hard work.

T. Dane Carbaugh

Recently fired ASUO Multicultural Advocate Diego Hernandez, alongside CAER, the Coalition Against Environmental Racism, have been stamping their feet like insolent children lately over a recent allocation of EMU office space that didn't go their way.

An OSPIRG-vacated space in the Survival Center, down in Suite 1 of the EMU, was up for grabs, and both CAER and the Alliance of Happy Atheists (AHA) applied for the space. Due to a relationship with ASUO President Emma Kallaway and the Survival Center, CAER declined to put any real effort into making a play for the office space, simply assuming they would be granted the space.

In an interview with Alexander Tomchak Scott of the *Daily Emerald*, CAER co-director Adrien Wilke was quoted as saying, "Honestly, we went into this thinking we had to apply just for bureaucracy's sake."

On the other hand, AHA did some actual presenting and eventually won over the EMU Board of Directors with their presentation. They were granted the office space, which is substantial, next to the *Student Insurgent* inside the Survival Center.

Diego Hernandez, always the voice of reason in these situations, decided to send an angry e-mail to the EMU Board:

"I personally have nothing against AHA. Nor do I think this is their fault, but I also think that they do not do work that helps underrepresented and marginalized communities of color on this campus and in our community ... I have never seen them do anything that has

supported our communities, nor have I ever been invited to one of their programs or for that matter seen anything at all from them."

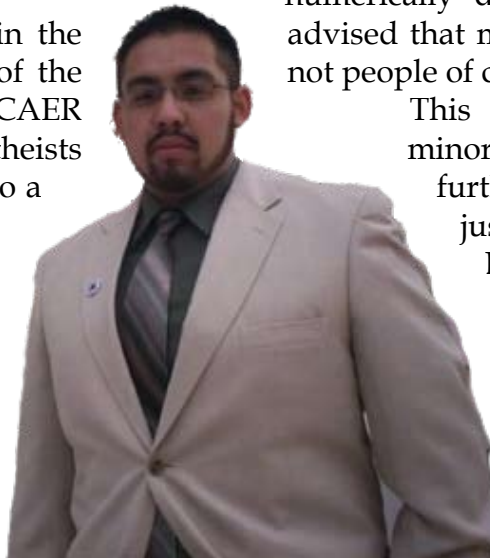
As always, Diego's understanding of the word "minority" was the problem. Meaning "numerically disadvantaged" it should be advised that many people, even if they are not people of color, are minorities.

This magazine operates as a minority on this campus. Even further, Atheists make up just 1.6 percent of the U.S.

Demographic - a number that pales in comparison with the U.S. Demographic number of "racial minorities" of roughly 25 percent. I also find it hard to believe that Hernandez attacked the very idea of AHA saying he'd never, "seen anything at all from them." Hard to believe seeing as how AHA has

roughly 300 Facebook members and tables at the top of the EMU Amphitheater constantly.

The real point here, however, is how AHA worked for what they wanted and received it. I am surprised that CAER-which in my opinion, fights real, serious issues-neglected to think they'd be asked for some kind of real proof of relevancy.



Diego Hernandez: proving that douchebags come in all sizes, shapes, colors, tastes and suits.



T. Dane Carbaugh is the publisher of the Oregon Commentator and is a big fan of Jesus... and Satan.

Another Perspective

Chris McKee

Another Perspective is the place the OREGON COMMENTATOR gives to students who are not connected with any campus media outlet a chance to make their voice heard, regardless of political affiliation, race or religion. We do not edit the submissions--they are printed as they are received and are accepted even if your ideology differs from ours. If you would like to write for AP, please e-mail us at ocomment@uoregon.edu

Most Americans agree on the importance of a good education. Families often want to live in the right neighborhood or the right suburb in order to guarantee their child access to the best education possible. A well-balanced school curriculum emphasizes a basic knowledge of four main subjects: English and language arts, social studies, mathematics, and science. With all of these subjects, teachers are not recommended to teach any material that does not lead to a greater understanding of the world. In a field such as science, where discoveries and inventions can lead to improvements in such critical fields as medicine and technology, this is especially important. Therefore, it should be agreed upon that any theory whose scientific credentials are in dispute and which fails to expand one's knowledge should not be taught as a science.

Intelligent design (ID) is a theory designed to challenge evolutionary biology in public schools. Although its proponents tend to be theists, they tend to distance themselves from other creationists, stating that their theory "acknowledges that the universe is immensely old and that all living things are descended from earlier forms. But the theory goes on to contend that organic biology is so phenomenally complex that it is illogical to assume that life created itself. There must have been some force providing guidance."

In spite of these assertions, the law says otherwise. In *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District*, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania ruled that ID was a form of creationism, and therefore teaching it as an alternative to evolution violated the

Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. In a 139-page decision, Judge John E. Jones III wrote that ID "is not [a science], and moreover that ID cannot uncouple itself from its creationist, and thus religious, antecedents." Jones is right in his ruling. The basic premise behind ID is that life is too complicated to possibly have created itself; in other words, a creator – which is really their fancy-schmancy term for God – must have created life. However sound the logic may or may not be in this argument, it is merely logic, not science. There is no testable hypothesis or hard evidence that shows that a God must exist, and that this God clearly created life.

Would such untestable assumptions be harmful to children in public schools if they were taught in a theology class, or perhaps even in a philosophy class? Probably not, given the assumption that such classes would be electives. But that is not the aim of ID advocates. They want their theory to hold equal standing with evolution as a scientifically credible critique designed to answer the question of the origins of life. Sometimes they even use the government to push their agenda. As part of its infamous 1999 ruling, the Kansas State Board of Education changed the definition of science from the search for natural explanations to the search for logical explanations. Pursuing such an agenda destroys the integrity of science, and affectively amounts to accepting anything that teachers and/or the government spew as fact, on the basis of logic, not evidence.

For students who wish to pursue a career in the sciences – for example, biology, which directly relates to the subject matter –

they must be able to formulate hypotheses that can be easily replicated and tested, and they must be able to prove their assumptions using natural evidence, instead of merely asserting them with arguments. For this reason, religious explanations – as explained by the National Science Teachers Association – are maintained as separate from science, and therefore “science teachers should neither advocate any religious interpretation of nature nor assert that religious interpretations of nature are not possible.”

To be fair, ID advocates do rightfully point out that while evolution may provide an explanation for the reaction of organisms to their environment using strong evidence, the theory fails to explain the origins of said organisms. All living organisms may have a common ancestor, but where did this common ancestor, in turn, come from? Maybe one day we will come across some evidence that solves the mystery of creation. Until then, we can only conjecture. As such, explanations for the origin of life fall in the hands of fields such as religion and philosophy, not science.

Other critiques are, at best, absurd. Proponents of ID often assert that dogmatic science teachers and activist courts are silencing their voice and promoting a new status quo as tyrannical as the old one. Gregg Easterbrook wrote in the *Wall Street Journal*, “There’s little difference between the [National Academy of Sciences] declaring that only natural forces may be considered, and the church declaring that only divine explanations may be considered.” As mentioned earlier, to accept this is to accept that anything can be considered scientific, regardless of whether or not evidence in favor of such a claim exists. If your preference is to ponder philosophically over why life exists – as opposed to searching through nature how it exists or how it interacts with its environs – then you probably don’t want to be a science major. Personally, yours truly aspires to major in journalism.

Dr. John West, Associate Director of the Center for Science and Culture at Discovery Institute and ID apologist, called the *Dover*

decision “an attempt by an activist federal judge to stop the spread of a scientific idea and even to prevent criticism of Darwinian evolution through government-imposed censorship rather than open debate...” First, it should be pointed out that Jones III is a Christian Republican who was appointed to his office by George W. Bush in 2002. Second, since we’ve already established that ID is not a science, let’s focus the accusation of censorship. *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District* does not prohibit anyone from learning about ID or from criticizing Evolutionary theory. All it does is affirm that only science – not religion disguised as science – is to be taught in biology classes in public schools. Is that so unreasonable? Although it does seem ironic that evolution – a theory challenged over the course of its century-plus lifespan by religious fundamentalists in such infamous cases as the Scopes trial – would be equated to a political establishment preserved through Orwellian means.

People are free to believe what they want to believe. That is part of the beauty of the First Amendment. Another part of its beauty is that people cannot force their beliefs onto others. If parents don’t want to subject their children to the tyranny of facts and evidence, they can send them to a religious private school that is not subject to the rulings of *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District*. However, they have no right to subjugate students at public schools to a thinly disguised religious dogma. In conclusion, let it be decided that Intelligent Design should not be taught alongside evolution as a science in public schools because it does not unify scientific disciplines or provide students with the proper tools to understand the natural world.



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SPEW...

and the Duck...

ON MASCOTS

"I have always thought that Daffy Duck seemed like the wild crazy fighting duck that should represent the Oregon Ducks (heck, who can understand Donald anyway.) That wild Daffy bounces off the walls like a maniac. What's Donald do? That's right. He just jumps up and down in place, and throws a tantrum. And his shirt — don't get me started."

-Eric Miller writes to the Eugene Weekly about a UO mascot change. Don't you hate it when cartoon animals have no fashion sense?

"So who is with me? Donald is so "old" Oregon Ducks. Robo Duck was a miss-fire. Daffy Duck is by far the winning choice for the UO. Lets get him here."

-Ibid. This way we can replace "Mighty Oregon" with "You realize, of course, this means war!"



ON PARTY AFFILIATION



"University senior Simone Gordon will run for state representative for District 8 during the general election in November. She describes herself as a socially liberal, fiscally conservative Republican..."

-A caption to a picture in the Daily Emerald. Simone, you do know what they call socially liberal fiscal conservatives right? Libertarians.

ON CULTURE

"Every college has its quirks, but here at Oregon, we specialize in culture."

-A caption to a picture from Emerald Magazine. I don't think smoking weed and going to The District counts as culture.



ON MISTAKEN IDENTITY



"A few months ago, I was standing on the sidewalk in front of a business storefront that I had recently opened, trying to ascertain the best visual placement for some signage. I was approached by a city employee driving a putt-putt cart who courteously inquired whether I was homeless. Then he offered me a bag of nickel deposit cans he had in the cart. Maybe it was because I was wearing a jacket I had fished out of the John Henry's lost-and-found 15 years ago, or the fact that I hadn't shaved that morning. At any rate, I told the man, "No thanks, I've got a job. There's probably someone else who can use them more.""

-Tom Tracey writes to the Eugene Weekly about being mistaken for a bum. It's a proud day in a man's life when he gets mistaken for a hobo. A proud day indeed.

ON A STEELY RESOLVE

"I'm going to have to ask you to move back from our table. For my own comfort, I'd like you to be a little farther away."

-Alex McCafferty tells campus douche Ryan McCarrell to move away from the Athletics Contracts and Finance Committee's table during a recent OSPIRG hearing. Alex McCafferty: Stone cold on the outside, boiling hot lava on the inside. Bravo.



DRAW A DICK

Color him in, give him wings - anything you can think of, you should give University of Oregon President Dick Lariviere. Best submission gets a Sudsy Tee and gets their art printed in the next issue of the OREGON COMMENTATOR.



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