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In A Bowler Hat
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The Fruits of Leftism and Liberalism

While liberals espouse the virtues of freedom and responsibility upon which this country was founded, leftists support totalitarians. This campus is no exception.

The cover of this issue may at first seem a bit odd to the Commentator’s avid fan. Why not do a cover with booze or something really funny in and of itself? Because the faceless university in a bowler hat is precisely what this school continues to be with its ridiculous stances and meaningless leftist drives. This school wears the shoddy, faceless garb of a school not bent on fomenting intelligent discourse, but rather churning out a workaday protester widget.

You’ll notice we say leftist, because as recent guest David Horowitz has said, leftists aren’t liberals. As Pete Hunt points out in his coverage of the Horowitz visit (page 17), sponsored by the College Republicans and the OC, liberals believe in free thought, free expression and all the other nice freedoms this country continues to stand for. Leftists primarily blame America for the world’s inequities and ills and work to build a Commie heaven.

Nowhere is the anti-American attitude more front-stage than from our friends in Europe, and more specifically, France. The Axis of Weasel formed by France, Germany and Belgium continue to work against American security by their attempts to delay action against an Iraqi regime known to be hiding chemical weapons. Pete Hunt (in the issue again?) makes a strong case that if the University wanted to improve itself quickly, denying entrance to French students would be a hell of a place to start. (Page 15).

Domestically speaking, leftist drives would be nowhere without their funding sources. The critical lesson from Timothy Dreier’s story on OSPIRG’s funding hearings before the Programs Finance Committee (page 12) is that liberals will illegally funnel money to the lobbying group, even if it means contradicting laws and the group’s own rules. After OSPIRG received what for them was a disappointing sum of $82,000, the group chided four PFC members into inappropriately hearing a budget appeal. By PFC rules, the group had to produce new evidence for the original budget request, but instead OSPIRG changed its budget request (this time it did not include the outrageous request to have UO students fund a new OSU chapter) and the PFC disintegrated into a cowardly spiral like rabbits melted by a corrosive acid.

Sadly, such funding shenanigans happen on the state level as well. When Measure 28 was pushed on the state of Oregon through grotesque scare tactics (see foremost the Register-Guard, which carried out a campaign of exceptionally skilled propaganda). The scare tactics failed to convince Oregonians that the Legislature, which had failed to adequately plan for Oregon’s faltering economy, should be bailed out. Now all that’s left is to make sure legislators don’t find a new way to pass on the buck. (Page 10).

Finally, what happens when leftists do control money? They force their own politically-driven agenda on schools. Scott Parker’s story details well how Sen. Ron Wyden and others are using the University Science Department as their social engineering playground, as they try to pack the school with more women teachers. This despite the fact that there seems to be no discrimination in the current hiring practices of the department. But then again, leftists don’t seem to care about what is, or what is right, reality doesn’t seem to stop them from trying to push their views on others.

That the University Assembly would even consider voting on an anti-war resolution is testament enough that they have failed their primary mission. To teach students how to critically view the world for themselves, without having ideas thrust upon them by overbearing ideologues, is the mission of a university.

The attempt by professors to forgo that mission in favor of using the school as a political tool is shameful. But more than shameful, that attempt to bastardize the mission of this institution belies something more important: that anti-war protesters seek an umbrella of unanimity means that they have failed to achieve that goal.

It is true that there’s always the possibility that campus leftists return home at night to loving families and act as valuable members of their small cliques. But as they continue to destroy an institution designed to teach diversity of thought, they will continue to lack a credible face and a credible voice. Their participation in stealing the education of every serious-minded student will resign their place in history to that of a faceless worker in the cog of the gray leftist machine.

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Where Have All The Parties Gone?

Remember the story of Sodom and Gomorrah? Basically, it was just these cats who were partying, having a good time and occasionally engaging in some consensual homosexual activity. But then God came in and was like “No, you can’t do that. Sell your daughters’ bodies to the highest bidding foreigner, but don’t engage in sodomy.” (Of course the word “sodomy” came later, but who was going to correct God?) And the people were like, screw you God, we can do whatever we want. Pass the lube.

God didn’t like that, no sir.

“Then the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah — from the Lord out of the heavens.” (Genesis 19:24)

Well, flash forward a few eons to a little town called Eugene in the year 2002. It’s the end of the summer, school is about to start and students are feeling rowdy. Add a few beers to the equation, plus some old futons that nobody wanted, and suddenly you’ve got a quote-unquote riot centered around a massive bonfire.

A few months later, Max’s bar is featured in Maxim magazine— bringing national prominence to a bar that, however charming, can best be described as a quaint dive. Then, Rolling Stone chooses Eugene as the #8 College Music scene in the nation, even quoting the Emerald’s own Jacquelyn Lewis. Then, to top the whole thing off, the COMMENTATOR reveals the Pit Crew sold out the student body for some free shoes.

Now, let’s look back and see what else has happened over the past two terms. Our football team tanks, our University attempts to brand publications with a pagan symbol, our basketball team bombs, and a headshop is busted by the Feds.

What does this all mean? It means that Eugene has failed to remain humble in the eyes of God, and for that sin we have been punished. You have only yourselves to blame.

Spring Break in Cambodia

Not looking forward to yet another cliched spring break? Are you tired of the same old sandy beaches, ski resorts and alcohol-fueled parties? Then spend this spring break in quaint, lush Cambodia, nestled snugly in the famed Golden Triangle between Vietnam and Thailand.

Hunt for landmines in scenic Battambang or Siem Reap, have a candle-lit dinner next to a mass grave in the Killing Fields, or get wired on Yama — we call it crank here in the states — and gamble the night away at one of Poipet’s lovely casinos. They’ll even launder your winnings for you!

Looking for a little romance this spring break? You’ve come to the right place! Cambodia’s sex industry is second to none in affordability. For only $10, you can have a date with a charming young lass in Cambodia’s bustling capital, Phnom Penh. For just $10 more, she’ll stay the night and give you a hand-job in the morning! Or, for a meager $350, you can buy your very own Laotian VIRGIN! Just look for the butterfly tattoo. But remember to check that hymen, fellas! Intrepid mama-sans will sometimes try to stitch up and re-sell deflowered girls to unwitting foreigners.

Last but certainly not least, take advantage of the region's booming opium market. You haven't really shot up until you've had Southeast Asian smack! Spend the day floating inches above your hammock, staring blankly at the crashing waves. Finally, make sure you get yourself a good, trustworthy guide. You could try to lone-wolf it out there, but there are tons of CIA ex-spooks looking for some English-speaking company, and there are tons of locals looking to make a buck. The spooks cost more, but they probably won't rape you and photograph your shame in an elaborate white flesh trade ring. But then again, spring break is for adventure, so it's up to you and your partner to decide what level of shame you can take. Ciao!
Yeah, we know. You’d love to drink yourself into oblivion (or Bolivia, in the immortal words of Mike Tyson) every day of the week, but that just doesn’t seem to be socially acceptable. Holidays are another matter. Everybody gets blitzed on holidays. So take our word for it and save your liver for...

Mardi Gras March 4
Also known as Fat Tuesday, as in “if you’re fat, this may be your only chance this year to get laid with an attractive member of the opposite sex.” Celebrate Mardi Gras this year by showing your tits to a drive-through bank teller. Tell em’ Big Dan-O sent you!

Purim March 17 at Sunset
Purim commemorates a time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from extermination.

St. Patrick’s Day March 17
St. Patrick may have drove out the pagans, but he also brought in the drunks. Celebrate this year’s St. Patrick’s day by exposing yourself to a child at a Catholic church. If the Father’s been drinking, you won’t be alone.

Summer Solstice June 21
The summer solstice is the longest day of the year. Celebrate by attempting to stay up from sunrise till sunset while rolling on OxyContin—the poor man’s heroin.

How to do Drugs
This Month: Heroin
You will need a spoon, a needle and, of course, the sweet brown sugar. Use the needle to measure out about 50 units of water and squirt it onto the spoon. Use a lighter to heat the water and heroin so that it dissolves entirely into the water. Of course, if you have a good shaker, you don’t need to cook your fix, but it does lose a lot of the drama. Suck the mixture back into the needle. Before you inject, it’s important to get all the air out. Nothing breaks up a good heroin party like some guy keeling over from an embolism. Grab your belt and tie off just above where you plan to inject the heroin, the best place being just below the elbow on the inside of the arm where it is easiest to spot the vein. Make sure the tourniquet is tight so that you don’t pass out halfway through. Now, put the needle in your arm, making sure that you are in the vein. Nothing says first timer like a big knot of H stuck in your arm. When it’s all in your bloodstream, let go of the belt. Enjoy the next hour of writhing and moaning in euphoric ecstasy.

Hangover Cures
—Weep, shudder, vomit, sweat bullets, lay on couch in fetal position cuddling bottle of Tabasco sauce. Repeat. Convert to Mormonism around 4 PM.
—Do fifteen keg-stands, only, like, backwards.
—Run a really hot bath, pour in a bottle of Tabasco sauce, add the yolk of three eggs, and stay there until you’re zesty.
—Sever your own head (ask an adult for help with the scissors), have roommate administer 40 ccs of magical glowing serum, carry head around under one arm Re-Animator style until it stops hurting. In the meantime, go to the store and buy some more Tabasco sauce, because you’re out.
This mess with Iraq has got to end. The incident that was supposed to take “weeks, not months” has been going on since September, and there really isn’t a finish in sight. As I write this, France, China and Russia, three of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, have said they will not support military action in Iraq, and our fearless leader won’t support anything but military action. Way back in October of 2002, Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan offered a solution to this quagmire that is looking more and more reasonable as Showdown: Iraq drags on.

“Bush wants to attack the whole of Iraq,” Ramadan said, “the army and the infrastructure. If such a call is genuine, then the American president should specify a group, and we will specify a group and choose neutral ground with (U.N. Secretary General) Kofi Annan as referee, and we will use one weapon with a president against a president, a vice president against a vice president and a minister against a minister in a duel. In this way we are saving the American and the Iraqi people.”

The White House’s only response was to say that the statement was “irresponsible” and didn’t warrant a “serious response.” I object. I say bombing Iraq’s capital city to punish one man is irresponsible, and it’s high time we responded seriously to this underrated suggestion.

A three-on-three duel would be quick, efficient and damned entertaining, and the only people who would get hurt are those directly involved. All the soldiers and civilians on both sides who really don’t give two shits about any of this would be spared, for once.

Since I appear to be the only one giving this solution any weight, I’ve taken the liberty of working out the particulars. First off, we need to get our three-man team together. Iraq’s deck is already stacked. Saddam was a professional party assassin before he became president. He’s actually killed men with his bare hands. I’d say this gives him a leg up on old Dubya. But George is quite physically fit, and with the proper training I’m sure he could hold his own. Cheney’s fat ass, however, is out. He’d probably have a heart attack before Ramadan or Iraq’s other vice president, Taha Muhle-eldin Marouf, would get the chance to kill him. Ramadan didn’t say whether he or Marouf would be filling the VP slot; it doesn’t really matter, though. I’m sure they’re both generalisimos, and quite adept at killing.

Bush would need to appoint a temporary vice president to take Cheney’s place in the duel. I’m going to go out on a limb here and guess that he’d pick Walker, Texas Ranger. (To avoid confusing the president, Karl Rove would insist that the action star don his cowboy hat and belt buckle at all times and answer to the name “Walker.”) Chuck Norris was an actual fighter before he started “acting,” so I’d wholeheartedly support this decision. Anyone who can go a few rounds with Bruce Lee can defend my country’s interests any day.

As for the “minister” position, I think another substitution is in order. I don’t know which minister would represent Iraq, but I’m positive he’d be a large, handle-bar-mustached, sunglasses-wearing individual with a nasty disposition and plenty of combat training. I’m sure Don Rumsfeld would be champing at the bit to take on the Iraqi minister, but he’s just too old. If he breaks a hip or throws out his back, we’re fucked. So Bush would have to create a new cabinet position and fill it with somebody more appropriate. How about Mike Tyson as Secretary of Date Rape, or something of that sort? Iron Mike is the perfect man for the job: big, dumb and vicious. I recommend fucking with his prescription dosages for about a week before the duel, just to get him in the right mood.

Now we need a weapon and “neutral ground” on which to hold the duel. The weapon of choice should be a big fucking stick – no, a big fucking stick with a nail through the tip. That would do plenty of damage, but it probably wouldn’t kill anybody too quickly. We need just the
The writer H.L. Mencken once described Puritanism as "the haunting feeling that someone, somewhere, may be happy." Consequently, a perfect example of a puritan is U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, a man who abhors the thought that someone, somewhere, may be happy because of marijuana.

Earlier this week, federal agents apprehended dozens of people across the United States for selling and transporting drug paraphernalia across state lines in a nationwide investigation code-named Operation Pipe Dream. Among those swept up in the drug bust were a pair of Eugene entrepreneurs.

The brain child of U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft and the Drug Enforcement Agency, Operation Pipe Dream targeted businesses that sold pipes, bongs and other alleged-drug paraphernalia through websites. These establishments, according to the DEA, were violating federal law by selling and exporting illegal drug paraphernalia. The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 barred the selling and interstate transport of drug paraphernalia. Offenders can face up to three years in prison and a fine of $250,000.

Jason Harris and Saeed Mohtadi, the two Eugene businessmen that federal authorities indicted, are co-founders of Universal Glass and the retail shop Higher Source. Running an establishment that sold pipes and bongs, among other products, these two men were probably aware of the quasi-legality of such paraphernalia. According to Oregon Revised Statute 475.525 items are considered illegal drug paraphernalia when they are “marketed for use or designed specifically for use in ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing marijuana.” Most stores that sell glass pipes and bongs attempt to demonstrate that the products are intended for tobacco use. Many shops place signs that state that the products they sell are “made for tobacco use only.” It does not appear to matter if the signs provide a magical legal force field or if the Eugene Police Department turns its eyes away from the industry; “head shops” thrive in an otherwise financially stagnant downtown Eugene.

When the government forces a business to close while the nation suffers an economic downturn, it not only hurts the owners but also the families and individuals that worked with them. The closure also affects other companies that interacted with the business. Though Higher Source is still open, its future is unclear if they can no longer sell what the government considers illegal drug paraphernalia.

What the owners of Higher Source were caught on was the export of alleged-drug paraphernalia over state lines through three websites (these websites are no longer operational). Those transactions pushed what would have been a state matter into federal jurisdiction. Ashcroft seized this opportunity to take the owners of several websites into custody; apparently without warning. If the Attorney General wanted these businesses to cease the sale of drug paraphernalia over state lines, a federal order to demand the end to interstate exports would probably have worked. A cease and desist order would have been like a warning shot. However, news reports have not indicated that the DEA gave any sort of notification. Instead, intent on publicity, Ashcroft had 55 people arrested and shut down their businesses, thus placing several more Americans in unemployment lines across the nation.

It is clear that Ashcroft desired a high-profile drug bust in order to breathe life into the federal government’s faltering anti-drug crusade. The "War on Drugs" cost U.S. taxpayers $11.2 billion for the year 2003. Using this money, our media-savvy government has given birth to monstrosities such as the “drugs equal terrorism,” “marijuana leads to teen...
Colin Elliott explains how the state tried to use scare tactics to pass the buck — OK, a giant tax increase — to voters to bail the state out of its financial woes.

The means the State has devised to fix Oregon’s “Budget Crisis” is comparable to methods employed by even the most amateur of kidnappers. First, someone must be kidnapped to be held ransom and create a threatening, fear-filled environment for the victim. Then a ransom note must be left to both threaten the victim, and lay out one’s demands in exchange for the return of the kidnappee and the restoration of comfort to the victim.

The State of Oregon passed out a cleverly timed ransom note last month entitled “Measure 28.” Like the aforementioned analogy, the State successfully used all its devices to create an environment of fear in the form of headlines and threats like: “Oregon Budget May Cut Classes Short” (CBS News, Jan. 28, 2003) or “Measure may increase tuition surcharges” (ODE, Jan. 13, 2003). Fear was created and Oregonians began subscribing to the idea that the failure of Measure 28 would mean such dire consequences as a month cut out of the school year, and the elderly and children basically being thrown out on the street (Oregon Voters Pamphlet, “Legislative Argument in Support”). The state’s ransom amount was a 3-year income tax surcharge — essentially a tax on a tax, imposed upon the people during the largest economic recession since the 1980’s.

Fortunately, much like the strategy of Keanu Reeves in Speed, Oregonians decided to “shoot the hostage,” voting down the measure by nearly ten points, and essentially calling the State’s bluff. Now the State is starting to realize what it should have understood long before five special legislative sessions and an unsuccessful attempt at ransoming the taxpayers of Oregon — reforming the system is the only way to truly “save” Oregon’s Budget “crisis.”

This is the most undesirable result for any kidnapper – the failure of fear tactics. Fear is the only real weapon of any kidnapper, and when the victim no longer is afraid, then there is no reason for them to hand over the ransom. So what does it mean when Oregonians, in the face of a pro-28 propaganda barrage, still refuse to fork over the money to subsidize Oregon’s spending problem?

Well, on the one hand, it means that Oregonians simply don’t have the extra cash flow to give. Indeed, Oregon’s unemployment has been constantly between six and nine percent for the past two years. Oregon’s astronomically high minimum wage hasn’t helped either — driving up prices and forcing layoffs in privately owned local businesses.

On the other hand, it means that Oregonians believe that there already is enough money in the state to operate the necessary functions of government without tax increases. Statistics back up this view quite well.

According to current State of Oregon Budget Statistics, Oregon’s budget went up over $643 million since the last bennium. It is probably not a coincidence that the budget shortfall was almost exactly this amount after a couple legislative sessions in the summer of 2002. In fact, even with Measure 28’s failure, Oregon spending still went up over five percent, while the average Oregonian saw little or no increase in their personal budget.

On the University front, students were marching around campus prior to the January voting deadline, toting T-shirts with slogans like “Stop tuition hikes. Vote yes on 28.” They were alarmed because the University, like other public institutions around the state, was demanding a $10 per credit ransom upon the failure of Measure 28. Students should have found the Universities ransom note in their mailboxes last week.

Perhaps, but not likely, it is because of reasons like these that State leaders are beginning to look to reform the system. The reason for this threat not being pushed through could be based on the work or President Frohnmeyer and other officials in the OUS working out a deal called the “Higher Education Efficiency Act.” There is still very little that is known about just what exactly this piece of legislation is. A search of the internet and press archives yields nearly fruitless results. As far as can be told right now, it’s a plan that will grant Oregon Public Universities more autonomy to run their own affairs as long as certain conditions are met, i.e. educating a certain number of Oregon students, and so on.

Fortunately for Oregon’s leaders, there is an abundant amount of opportunity for them to show Oregon that they still serve the people and do not rule the people. There are several forests that could be sold to private parties, lots of people in administration making over one hundred grand a year, as well as an Oregon council on Ginseng. When Oregonians refuse to foot the bill for the State’s abuse and overspending, then it becomes necessary for the state to stop making empty threats and take action on behalf of the people it represents.

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What happens when good intentions get mixed with ether? Professor Jan Cuny and Senator Ron Wyden head a charge to apply Title IX to the science departments.

By Scott Parker

Computer information science Professor Jan Cuny is working, along with Senator Ron Wyden, to increase the number of women teaching science classes at the University of Oregon. They are hoping to apply Title IX to the sciences in order to achieve greater equality. This is just the latest example of the unfortunate trend in today's universities to pursue equality in demographics over quality in academics.

Title IX, like Affirmative Action and other forms of social engineering, makes one of the very mistakes that it tries to avoid. It places people in groups and then discriminates based on group membership rather than identifying people as individuals and treating them accordingly. In doing that these types of programs actually reinforce racism, sexism and the other forms of discrimination they would like to eliminate. Instead of being objective toward race, sex, or who knows what else, programs like Title IX are so preoccupied with physical differences that they actually perpetuate the tendency to judge people based on their affiliation with their social group (black, white, male, female, etc.)

This kind of thinking has become commonplace these days. We assume that if there are more men than women teaching science classes it is due to a sexist department and we must involve ourselves. It is as if we think the science department is more concerned with ensuring its patriarchal tradition than attracting qualified scientists. This even though, senior instructor and chemistry Assistant Department Head Julie Hack (a woman) was quoted in the Emerald (ODE, Feb. 14) saying, “For me, as a scientist, I didn’t perceive any real barriers. Academically there was no shying away from the hard science courses; I was encouraged to pursue science and math.”

The sciences, maybe more than any other department, are always competing with other universities to attract top students. It seems that they would have a strong incentive to hire the best professors possible, without the added encouragement from Title IX, which forces them to reach quotas, even if at the expense of qualifications. A science department, always striving for objectivity, if left untouched by popular opinion would model the ultimate meritocracy. People would be judged not by the color of their skin or by their gender, but by the quality of their work.

But science is not free from popular opinion. This current Title IX push is more evidence that, like with any other arena, people are fond of saying that science needs more women or more minorities. The question of why we need a different demographic is not always clear. The term ‘accurate representation’ is often used. But accurate representation of what? Of the exact demographics of our population? If we’re going talk about men and women in the science department, why not also talk about the average age, or height, or hair color of the professors? If we’re going to be average, damnit let’s be average. Well, age, height, and hair color obviously have nothing to do with being a good professor and should not be criteria for appointment. It begs questioning, then, does skin color or gender influence a person’s ability as a scientist?

There is a related but slightly different issue of discrimination based on gender or skin color, which social programs try admirably to eliminate. If it were shown that the science department was discriminating against people based on their appearance, then we would have a problem that needs attention. But Title IX methods do not address discrimination; they addresses numbers. “In an effort to increase the number of women involved in math and science, Wyden is leading a push to use Title IX federal statutes as a guiding principle in hiring, tenure, scholarships and lab space” (ODE, Feb. 14). It’s not about science anymore. It’s about numbers.

“[Math Professor Marie] Vitulli said she doesn’t think there is any conscious discrimination against women pursuing careers in math and science, but added that she thinks the scarcity of women is still a serious problem” (ODE, Feb. 14). This statement seems to reflect the general sentiment that, problem or not, there’s no reason social engineers shouldn’t involve themselves. After all, who is the science department to decide whom they should hire?

On a final note, I have a question for the supporters of Title IX in academics and athletics; to supporters of Affirmative Action; to supporters of identifying people by which group they belong to: why stop with gender or skin color? Lucas Szabo’s letter in the Emerald (ODE, Feb. 18) made a compelling case for affirmative action for the vertically oppressed. But again, why stop there? Perhaps it is implied in Szabo’s letter, but he never specifically mentions the challenges faced by people who are abnormally tall, have short legs, big feet, or curly hair. And I don’t think it needs mentioning the complete absence of left-handed desks in many classrooms on this campus. Are they to be ignored? If we want equal, hey…fair is fair.

In fact, there are a lot of kids like me who never make it to college. If anyone wants to help, I am starting a petition to get kids with big ears and pointy noses into college. I will have a booth in the EMU at 1:00 all of next week.

Scott Parker, hungry for Shaquala Williams’ job, is also a staff writer for the Oregon Commentator
The Programs Finance Committee (PFC), currently embroiled in a conflict over recalling incidental fee budgets, administers more than $8 million in fee money every year. The PFC has come under fire for any number of reasons over the course of its existence, often from the pages of this magazine and sometimes even in the *Ol’ Dirty Emerald*. From tabling our budget due to our mission statement last year, to recalling budgets to make up for a huge accounting error, the PFC often proves that it is ineffectual, incompetent, and in need of some severe restructuring.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that the PFC has managed to ignore its own rules and procedures in favor of appeasing a particularly persistent group of fee collecting thieves, the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG).

The usual cast showed up for OSPIRG’s first hearing, Campus Program Director Ben “Bunger” Unger, a volunteer by the name of Tim Johnson and some miscellaneous other members of the organization made their pitch to the PFC on January 28th. Their case was the same as it always is, that they need us to support OSPIRG so they can work at a statewide level and undertake projects that are in the public interest. The student members of OSPIRG handled most of the presentation, but Unger did fill in the gaps when the students did not know what was going on. Surprisingly, the first voice raised against OSPIRG came from PFC member James Tilford, who raised concern that OSPIRG had not provided information that the PFC requested. The budget request from the group was $150,000. This included, as OSPIRG representatives admitted during the hearing, some money to start a chapter at Oregon State University.

The request for funds to start a chapter at another university was the major issue the PFC found with OSPIRG during their first hearing. Joy Nair, former ASUO vice president and current PFC Programs Appointee, raised concern that OSPIRG had not provided information that the PFC requested. The budget request from the group was $150,000. This included, as OSPIRG representatives admitted during the hearing, some money to start a chapter at Oregon State University.

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Unger’s argument was that OSPIRG’s mission provided public goods, therefore everyone receiving benefit should not have to pay. This, however, was a direct contradiction to an earlier statement that because University of Oregon students receive benefits from OSPIRG, they should pay for 35% of the group’s operating budget. Double talk such as this is par for the course where OSPIRG is concerned. They have, since their inception, claimed to be a campus group when their funding actually pays for offices and lobbyists in Portland. This was pointed out at various points during the hearing, and it seemed to actually do some good. The PFC, surprisingly enough, seemed receptive to the idea that OSPIRG should not be funded at the level the group was requesting. Ideally, OSPIRG would get no money at all (they were zero-funded at Portland State University), but any progress toward that goal is welcome. After some debate, with and without input from non-committee members, the PFC settled on Nair’s recommendation of $82,320. That budget was a 31.87 percent decrease from OSPIRG’s budget last year.

Sadly, that budget did not last. OSPIRG brought an appeal before the PFC on grounds that they had new information to be considered in the budgetary process. This, however, was untrue. When OSPIRG brought its appeal before the PFC on February 11th, all they had was a memo stating that they were not planning activity at OSU. This information was not new, the OSPIRG representatives had stated the same at their initial hearing. Their budget proposal included $30,000 to help establish new chapters, but they had stated that they were not planning work at OSU when asked. Thusly, the memo that Johnson and others provided was not new information, but a restatement of things that had already been heard. On those grounds, the PFC should not have heard OSPIRG’s appeal. In addition to not providing new information, OSPIRG’s new budget proposal still included language indicative of performing activities at OSU. They attempted to
justify this by stating that the passages were left in for completeness; also, that any hi-lighted sections had been changed. Having not provided new information, and having not removed references to activity at OSU from their budget, OSPIRG had no grounds for appeal of its allocation. The ASUO Executive, however, recommended that the PFC hear the appeal. And the committee voted to hear the appeal on February 12th.

The executive recommendation was to raise OSPIRG’s budget to $98,223 on appeal. This recommendation was derived by averaging OSPIRG’s spending over the last two years. A simple average is not a particularly good way to arrive at an estimate. Furthermore, the PFC considered that OSPIRG had spent all of its line-item in the past as evidence that they should receive more funding. That is a pathetic and irresponsible way to conduct policy. Fiscal responsibility is ignored in favor of rewarding excessive spending. The PFC routinely nickel and dimes responsible groups such as this magazine and the Oregon Daily Emerald while allowing $17,000 to be spirited away to work for political groups. Joy Nair put it best, “It’s really sad to see the committee really debate with $20, but you’re just letting $17,000 go right now.”

Tilford, to his credit, tried to keep OSPIRG’s funding at the level initially allocated, but his motion died for lack of a second. The other committee members, disregarding law and common sense, voted for the executive recommendation later in the meeting. PFC member Mike Sherman asked that Nair justify her inclusion of OSU students in her recommendation for OSPIRG, and the committee followed suit. Sadly, OSPIRG’s budget was raised to $98,223 on appeal.

The most nonsensical thing said during OSPIRG’s appeal came from ASUO President Rachel Pilliod, “Regardless of whatever your final decision is in terms of allocating their budget, I think (PFC) should commend the students for working with (PFC) on (its) budget.” So, Pilliod thinks that OSPIRG should be rewarded for taking the time to go through the same process as every other fee-funded group on this campus. If that were the case, The Commentator would deserve a Nobel Peace Prize. Technically, OSPIRG is a contract group like the Rec Center and the LTD, but that does not justify special treatment by the PFC. The Rec Center and the LTD subsidy deliver direct, measurable benefits to the students of this campus, OSPIRG does not.

The PFC had a chance to make the right decision regarding OSPIRG’s funding. A lesson could have been taken from the Student Finance Committee at PSU, where OSPIRG has received only $21,000 in a holding account. Here at the University, the PFC instead erred in its judgment by allowing OSPIRG to swindle the student body out of nearly $100,000. While some members of the board, namely Joy Nair and James Tilford, tried to act in a fiscally responsible manner, the majority of the committee acted to allow the misuse of student fees for another year. The PFC’s choice makes the need for administrative oversight of the incidental fee apparent.

**What Could We Buy With OSPIRG’s Cash?**

OSPIRG’s allocation is $98,223 next year. Any of the following could be purchased instead:

- 114 Issues of the Oregon Commentator
- Two more solar panels for the EMU
- A 2003 Lotus Esprit with all the trimmings and $8000 left over for cocaine
- 171,568 bars of Ivory soap to wash the stink from this campus
- 7015 12-packs of Widmer beer
- 12,293 official OC thongs
- A subscription to both the AP wire and Reuters for one year.
- 54,266.85 gallons of regular gas at retail price from the Coburg 76 station
- 3275 cartons of Pall Mall Gold cigarettes.

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Many know and few have wondered why the French are the most dominant of losers in modern history; both of dignity and of warfare. If there's one fact to learn, it's that there's a pattern.

The French Republic
Area: 545,630 sq. mi.
Population: 59,765,983
Oil consumption: 2 million barrels/day (1.9 million from import)
Military expenditures: 2.57% of GDP

- Illegal to insult a government official in the media.
- Illegal to work more than 35 hours per week.
- Currently making neo-colonial bid for control of Ivory Coast
- Last war victory: Helped United States a little in War of 1812

--- THE PAST ---
- Gallic Wars — Lost, to an Italian.
- Hundred Years War — Lost but saved by Joan of Arc, who is later captured by the English and burned as a witch.
- Italian Wars — Lost, to Italians. Again.
- Thirty Years War — France is not officially involved, but is still invaded by the Germans.
- French and Indian War — Lost.
- War of the Spanish Succession — Lost.
- French Revolution — Won
- The Napoleonic Wars — Lost after certain victories led by a Corsican.
- The Franco-Prussian War — Lost.
- World War I — Tied and on the way to losing, France is saved by the United States.
- World War II — Lost, then liberated by the United States and Britain.
- War in Indochina — Lost, delving the United States into its most unpopular war in history: Vietnam.
- Algerian Rebellion — Lost.

--- THE PRESENT ---
Current President Jacques Chirac: twice the cool, half the ballés. Chirac outlasted raging bigot and general French annoyance Jean-Marie Le Pen in the 2002 election. Surrendering in advance to the will of the Germans, Chirac stands on the heated middle ground between a successful Iraqi defiance and the anxious United States, threatening the stability of the European Union and challenging the authority of the U.N. Can one leader of a security council member halt the advancement of modern warfare in the 21st century? Answer: he's French.
An ally no longer, France should now be considered a viable threat to our nation’s security. It’s time for our University to take a stand and deny admission to French students at the end of Winter term.

By Pete R. Hunt

Q: How many Frenchmen does it take to defend Paris?
A: Don’t know. It’s never been tried.

Q: Why are there so many tree-lined streets in France?
A: Germans like to march in the shade.

Senator John McCain (R)AZ: “France is like an aging actress from the 40s… she’s still trying to dine out on her looks but doesn’t have the face for it.”

Actions bring about consequences. And France’s actions of late certainly demand response. France has actively undermined President Bush’s push for a regime change in Iraq. France has threatened their Eastern European neighborhoods with exclusion from the European Union if they support the United States. France has even held back evidence of smallpox stockpiles in Iraq. In conclusion, France has been very childish. And if France wants to act like a child, it should be punished like one.

It has already been suggested that Americans boycott French products. This is certainly a good start. Let’s stop consuming their “whine” and cheese. But let’s take the boycott a step further. There are currently 11 French students enrolled at this University. Let’s demand that these parasites stop leeching off of our taxpayer funded ed. Students here have already suggested that the University draw up some sort of resolution regarding the war. I would be happy to pen it. To the French student, we must say “au revoir.”

We should let these students finish up their winter term studies, give them time to pack their bags, and then usher them through the metal detectors and aboard a plane. And if France will have him, we should reserve a seat for New York Times columnist Paul Krugman.

Administrators may be concerned about the loss of income. But I say we make up for tainted French tuition money by importing more Canadian students. They have all the charm of their French counterparts, but they’re far less whiny. Unlike the French, the Canadians are actually grateful to the US. They know that if the US were to disappear, it would be their country that would be overrun by immigrant workers from Mexico.

Such a move would send a message to this University’s thriving left. After Iraq is liberated, you will be judged for your actions. When Americans see images of torture chambers and starving children broadcast across CNN, they’ll remember the leftists dancing around the streets waving their homemade signs, acting as if world politics were just a thinking man’s Phish concert. Saddam doesn’t like stoner rock. He likes stoning people with rocks.

Like the French, anti-war protesters hate Bush, America and deodorant. Unlike the French, American protesters are actually citizens of this country, which makes them much more difficult to exile. Though perhaps they could go against the tide of traffic and row their way to Cuba.

In the meantime, we must deal with France.

Remember World War II? France betrayed Czechoslovakia shortly before the invasion of Hitler in 1938 when it refused to help defend the country. Months later Germany came knocking on France’s door, only to find it wide open.

Today France is playing the same shell game. But this time the United States may not be there to bail them out.

France’s approval rating in the US has dropped to its lowest point in a decade. According to a recently released Gallup poll, one third of Americans now have an “unfavorable” impression of France. The poll notes that France’s image has deteriorated more rapidly over the past year than that of any other country in the annual survey. Likewise, Germany’s unfavorable rating has shot up to 21%. That’s still low compared to Afghanistan’s 66% unfavorable rating, the Palestinian Authority’s whopping 73% unfavorable rating, or Iraq’s 90% unfavorable rating. But obviously things will get worse with France and Germany before they get any better, and the American people wisely recognize that frogs and snakes don’t make good bedfellows.

Germany and France have comically been coined the “axis of weasel” for their “let the inspectors work” filibuster to keep the US out of Iraq. Donald Rumsfeld even labeled them “old Europe,” which in the political lexicon is the equivalent of a flipped middle finger. But perhaps a more accurate description of these two perpetually joined nations would be Neverland. Because we must now consider France and Germany to be nations run by children. As French President Chirac so aptly displayed in his temper tantrum against the Eastern Europeans, these people clearly aren’t ready to sit at the big table.

Meanwhile, the adults of the world—a coalition of the United States, 20-plus European nations, Australia, Canada and many others—are preparing to take care of very serious business in Iraq. Adults aren’t deterred by parades and songs and Hollywood ideologues. They don’t take the notion of freedom for granted.

So if the children have to be left at home, then so be it. But this University shouldn’t accommodate them. It’s time to say “va te faire enculer” to our snobby students from the East.

Pete R. Hunt—Editor-In-chief of the Oregon Commentator—just wants you to love him like you love ‘Pac.
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Leftists Are Not Liberals
And Other Lessons Learned From The
David Horowitz Visit to Campus.
By Pete R. Hunt

David Horowitz is Not Jesus

Nor is he the final authority on the coming war in Iraq. But he is the first high profile conservative speaker to visit this campus since I started attending this school, and his insider knowledge of the campus leftist movement (he organized the first Vietnam protest back in the ’60s) makes him a fierce opponent of those who peddle in rhetoric.

Horowitz is quick to point out the difference between liberals and leftists.

“Leftists today are only liberal about sex and drugs,” he said repeatedly.

Meaning that most of today’s conservatives would fall under the classical definition of liberal, while most of today’s “liberals” care little for true issues of freedom. Witness their stifling of speech that might ignite debate and threaten their choke hold on campus politics. And witness the mob-like mentality of the peace protesters who marched under the organization of a Communist front group.

The way Horowitz throws around the term “Communist” you’re tempted to believe he’s engaging in McCarthyism, but you’re wrong. Even if you don’t believe that Communism is inherently evil, you have to admit that the track record of Communist nations over the last century is rather dismal. Hitler was an awful man, but his atrocities against humanity pale in comparison to Stalin’s.

But the leaders of International ANSWER— a front group for the World Workers Party -- have repeatedly gone to bat for dictators and unquestionably evil men. Kim Jong II. Slobodan Milosevic. Ayatollah Khomeini. And now Saddam Hussein.

It’s Horowitz’s claim that ANSWER’s intention is not to stir up debate, but to actively undermine the United States and our military. The protesters, then, are either knowing or unknowing pawns in an attempt to see that the United States loses this war. So the tie between peace protests and Communism isn’t as nebulous as you might believe.

Regardless, whether you agree with Horowitz’s assessment of the “peace” movement or not, if you truly believed in a diversity of opinion then you probably showed up to hear a dissenting opinion from the typical campus line.

That is, if you heard about the speech to begin with.

The Emerald Loves Maya Angelou

The Emerald was in fine form on the day of Horowitz’s visit, running a front page above-the-fold puff piece about Maya Angelou’s visit to campus and her close friendship with campus race monger Edwin Coleman.

Where was the story about Horowitz’s speech that night? Online.

It’s black history month after all. The Emerald had their PC credentials to think about. It wouldn’t look right to run a piece about “poet, playwright and historian” Maya Angelou next to a picture of the man behind the “No Reparations For Slavery Ad Campaign.”

So the Emerald management checked to see that their tails were still tucked between their legs and wedged tightly up their respective asses, and then ran a small blur on the cover that said “Inside: Dave {sic} Horowitz will speak today. Page 8.” Page 8 wasn’t much more enlightening—a one sentence “news” piece that failed to offer the when and where of the speech. For those of you who aren’t journalism students, those are two of the major “Ws” of news reporting.

A longer piece about Horowitz was available online, but the Emerald’s point was clear. During Black History Month, Gay Awareness Month or any month ending in “y,” the Emerald will not give ink to a conservative speaker.

The Cultural Forum is Spineless

But, wait, there’s more. At the end of the online Horowitz story, Mikhael Romain, the contemporary issues coordinator for the Cultural Forum, said that “bringing a right-wing conservative to campus is a good thing. Sometimes there is an unhealthy amount of liberal voice on campus, and [Horowitz] has a perspective that’s rarely heard around here.”

Well, that’s just wonderful. The Cultural Forum admits that there aren’t enough conservative speakers on campus. And the Cultural Forum is the group in charge of bringing speakers to campus.

$27,000. That’s how much money the cultural forum paid Maya Angelou to come and speak. That’s a lot of money for a two-hour presentation.

$3000. That’s how much the Oregon
David Horowitz Likes To Talk

The Commentator and the *Emerald* interviewed Horowitz several hours before his speech. We nearly ran out of tape. Left or right, liberal or conservative, anarchists or libertarian, I think anyone who attended the speech will agree that Mr. Horowitz likes to talk. A lot.

We began by asking him for his impression of last week’s global anti-war/peace rallies.

“They were neither anti-war nor peace protests,” he said. “If they were really interested in stopping war they would be putting pressure on Saddam Hussein to comply with UN resolutions.”

“The few conditions for Saddam remaining in power were that he would disarm and allow inspectors to make sure he disarmed. He has not done that in ten years. So anybody who believes in peace should be protesting in front of the Iraqi embassy.”

Mr. Horowitz said that the rallies were organized by International ANSWER — a front group for the communist World Workers Party. He correctly pointed out that the mainstream press failed to mention this.

“What is being organized here is a fifth column,” he said. “These people are betraying every American man, woman and child.”

Then Horowitz started talking about the University of Oregon.

“This is a Left-wing University that has enforced the most ruthless and long-lasting blacklist in the history of America. It’s against conservatives, libertarians, and anybody that doesn’t follow the leftist line.”

The Faculty at this University is Clueless

Hurwitz gave his speech at 7pm in 110 Fenton. It was a packed house, stacked about 50/50 between supporters and opponents. During Horowitz’s speech he again challenged the University’s war against conservative students, and one member of the audience was particularly aghast.

“I think I speak for most of the faculty when I say I had no idea students felt this way,” said Michael Kellman, a Professor in the chemistry department.

Kellman apparently lives in a plastic bubble. It was have been quite an eye-opener for him to witness all the students at the speech applauding Horowitz.

How can a Professor at this school possibly believe that conservative voices aren’t being repressed? Hadn’t he been to any of the “teach-ins” that sought to indoctrinate students under the guise of teaching them about the politics of the Middle-East?

And where were the “Faculty for Peace and Justice” who so impassionately want debate on the subject of war? I didn’t see Frank Stahl or Daniel Pope at the speech. Nor Carl Bybee and his ilk from the Journalism School.

By not showing their faces, they lost converts. One woman was so moved by Horowitz’s speech that she handed him her “No War” pin and announced that she’d been misled.

The Campus Anti-War Movement is Spineless

Many representatives of the campus left were present, but they seemed reluctant to participate in the Q and A afterwards. There was a group of what must have been anarchists sitting in front of me. One of them wore an “Anti-Flag” t-shirt complete with a Russian fist. But neither he nor his friends had the gumption to challenge Horowitz.

Don Goldman, the crazy old guy with the PA, tried to interrupt the speech, but was verbally bitch-slapped by Horowitz and then promptly left to smoke a bowl, or do whatever it is he does in his free time.

Another man tried to get in a shouting match with Horowitz during the Q and A session but was escorted outside by security. When the left can’t debate, they yell loudly.

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Double Speak

pregnancy,” and “getting high will make you shoot your friend in the face” advertisements. Some of these public service announcements appeared in the past two Super Bowls, costing a total of $7.4 million, according to the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. A review of the advertising campaign conducted by the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse found that teenagers were unlikely to avoid marijuana use because of the ads. The report stated, “There is relatively little evidence for direct effects of the Campaign on youth.” Teenagers are apparently not as gullible as Ashcroft believes them to be.

Ashcroft has carried his national war on drugs down to the state level, interfering with state-legislated medicinal marijuana laws. His federal crackdown on medicinal marijuana growers resulted with the conviction of Edward Rosenthal, a 58-year-old Oakland man, in federal court earlier in February. Never mind that the city of Oakland authorized Rosenthal to supply medicinal marijuana to qualified patients. Never mind that Proposition 215, passed in 1996 by Californian voters, legalized the medical use of marijuana in the state. The prosecution worked with Federal Judge Charles Breyer to keep these facts from the 12-member jury. After the trial, seven members of the jury held a press conference expressing shock and outrage over being denied of Rosenthal’s side of the story. “By convicting you in a trial where the defense was unable to properly present its evidence and testimony, I have participated in wronging you, Mr. Rosenthal,” stated Charles Sackett, the jury foreman. “I am truly sorry.”

In 2001, Ashcroft sought to enforce his puritanical views on Oregon by blocking the voter-approved Death with Dignity Act of 1994. Ashcroft authorized federal drug agents to punish doctors who prescribed federally controlled drugs to perform euthanasia on terminally ill patients. The following year U.S. District Judge Robert Jones ruled that the Attorney General and the Department of Justice lacked the authority to abolish the physician-assisted suicide law.

Hooray, score one for the voters.

The number of Americans who accept marijuana use as socially acceptable is undoubtedly increasing and the effectiveness of the America’s “war on drugs” is plunging. Ashcroft has turned a deaf ear toward the voices of many citizens and is instead portraying individuals like Harris and Mohtadi as drug-pushing internet bogeymen to parents. “Quite simply, the illegal drug paraphernalia industry has invaded the homes of families across the country without their knowledge,” stated Ashcroft at a February 24 news conference in Washington, D.C.

The needs of the public do not weigh heavily on Ashcroft’s conscious. His personal motivations and desires are what fuel his actions. As a Republican, he is a hypocrite because he veers away from the GOP’s traditional support of states’ rights. Instead, he abuses his power by swinging around a federally funded baseball bat to smash apart the wishes of the voters.

In the end, Ashcroft is a man who is afraid that someone, somewhere may just be happier than he is.

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The Main Event

right amount of brutality to drag the fighting out a while, because this shit is going on Pay-Per-View. Did I mention that yet? A bout like this has to be on Pay-Per-View, live around the world. Man, everybody would tune in for that, even at $39.95 a pop. That’d stimulate the goddamned economy.

“Sunday, Sunday, Sunday! Live at The Hague! George W. Bush, Chuck Norris and Mike Tyson versus Saddam Hussein, his vice president and a minister in a one-time-only duel to the death, with special guest referee Kofi Annan! Winner takes all in this fight for Iraqi sovereignty! Only on Pay-Per-View!”

Crass? Simplistic? Perhaps. But it’s a whole hell of a lot easier than a war, and more humane, and way more enter-

Aaron Rorick, a strange lad of unknown origins, is a staff writer for the Oregon Commentator.

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We live in a time of great turmoil. War is on the verge of breaking out everywhere. Today, there exist many things for us to be afraid of. Now more so than ever, we as Americans have every reason to fear for our lives: chemical warfare, global terrorism and the new season of American Idol...just to name a few. It is during these incredibly trying and unpredictable times when America especially needs its true heroes.

When I was young, I was told that heroes were those who have performed great deeds for humanity and who have achieved great things. These heroes were the people who fought to keep our country free. They faced death on a day to day basis so that one more mother could sleep soundly at night, knowing that her children were safe. Who were these heroes? They were the men who fought at Iwo Jima. They were the civil rights soldiers who died so that their children and their grandchildren could grow up with the freedoms that they never had. They were the astronauts. They were the fire fighters. And they were the unlucky civilians who died at the hands of our enemies, not during war, but during peacetime.

Where are my heroes now? In today’s cesspool of political dishonesty and deception, who can I and my children, for that matter, look up to as role models? Who are our country’s true patriots? Look no further, for I have found America’s true patriots. While most people run for cover at the slightest sign of attack, these unsung heroes stand dutifully by their post. No, I’m not talking about the soldiers in Iraq nor the fine men of the New York Fire Department. I’m speaking of the ever-loyal proprietors of such patriotic adult entertainment websites like www.exploitedblackteens.com who, in blatant disregard to the empty threats of terrorists, dare to offer us 100% Pure Chocolate Teens.

During times of national crises, people can be separated out into two groups: the Weak and the Strong. The Weak close up shop, grab up all the canned food they can eat and hide out in the basement with their families. The Strong stay strong. Instead of cowing in the corners with their wives and children, the Strong remain loyal to the American people. The Strong ardently stand behind their commitment to offer the people “the most absolutely disgusting facials you’ve ever seen.” These honorific few allow us to forget the hostilities in the Middle East and the threats of domestic terrorism with endless opportunities to “see these chocolate faces get creamed” and to “watch these totally exploited black teens get banged!”

But the true patriotism does not end there. By simply using small, animated graphics of the American flag waving ever so proudly in the air, the administrators of www.cartoonfucking.com remind to “never forget” such national tragedies like 9/11 or the recent disaster with the Space Shuttle Columbia while, at the same time, also entertaining us with an artist’s rendition of a hot, steamy three-way between George Jetson, his daughter, Judy and JabberJaw; a wisecracking, mystery-solving, cartoon shark who played the drums and constantly complained about not getting any respect. If that isn’t a microcosm for the current state of affairs in the Middle East, then I don’t know what is.

Such true patriotism exists on the international scene as well. The propaganda put forth by the liberal media depicts the US as alienating its allies
though the threat of military action against Iraq. But when we look deeper, we can see clearly that this is not the case. We can see from the German-based website, www.dasShitHaus.de that our allies are still behind us. The ever faithful filth-purveyors of Das ShitHaus care neither about Resolution 1441 nor about some bullshit Security Council. These German compatriots adhere to same code of loyalty as their American counterparts. Petty bickering between nations and governments do stop such loyalists from offering their people “Fette Fotzen von riesigen Monsterschwänzen gefickt!!” When the entire world was shocked by the events of September 11th, Das Shithaus was one of the first to jump on the anti-terrorist bandwagon. For four whole months after the incident, Das Shithaus’ motto was changed from the ever-amusing: “Wir scheißen auf alle!” to a more sober, fear-inspiring: “Wir scheißen auf die Terroristen...God Bless the USA!”

Since the dawn on civilization, society has been constantly let down by the administration. Politicians, police, lawyers and judges can all be fickle and susceptible to the temptations of wealth and power. But if there is one thing I have learned throughout it all, is that there has always existed a certain sect of society; a group of humanitarians who know no such vices. I’m speaking, of course, of the unsung heroes who provide us with the sustenance we need to help us get through such trying times. A few worth mentioning are the editors of periodicals like “Bare Ass Nasty,” “Filth from the Far East,” “Goth Gash,” “Gangbang Granny”, “Clodfisting Weekly,” “Raver Raunch and Martha Stewart Living.”

So the next time you happen to glance at that issue of “Swank” at the local newsstand, go rummaging though the old porno collection, or “accidentally” click on the link to www.andydickspillowparty.com, I want you think of the True Patriots responsible for peddling you their smut, and shed a single, salty white tear for our U S of A.
ON AUTHORITY FIGURES

We’re trying to get one man, right? And we’re going to kill tens of thousands of people to get him. It seems like a pretty inefficient way to do things.
— Ted Turner on the efficiencies of a war with Iraq. Maybe the Mouth from the South could talk Saddam to death, but we’ll have to wait. How’s the AOL merger treating you, Ted?

He made me spank him one night and — and that was very, very hard ... It was much easier to be spanked than to spank your father.
— Turner, on swatting ol’ Pops Turner. It was very “hard” when you were spanking the old man, eh? Well, it’s that kind of stick-to-it-iveness that made our country’s media moguls so successful, although swatting one man in an effort to dominate the world seems like a pretty inefficient way of doing things.

ON THE ELECTORATE

Ah, Oregon, and its dumbass voting system.
—Economics Professor Christopher Ellis. We’ve been against the referendum system for years. This politically schismatic state is going to end up in the 7th circle someplace being flayed by demons for all eternity.

What’s the point of freedom if there’s no funding for schools?
—Woman at David Horowitz event, implying that living in a totalitarian regime is A-okay as long as the schools have plenty of money. These are the kind of folks we’ve got to deal with, Christ.

ON THE LOSS OF INNOCENCE

Hamilton is not as innocent as he claims ... He requested [Onterrio] Smith to be his host, asked to go to a party and joined in several activities freely. ... If God was there with him, as he claims, then God is a pretty wild guy.
— Posted to the ODE’s web site in response to the story that football recruit Lynell Hamilton refused to sign on with the UO because there was drinking, drugs and sex during his official visit. We almost didn’t come here because there was no drinking, drugs or sex on our first visit to campus. But we had faith, and look where it got us. As for God, he has to be a pretty wild guy to have created Snoop Dogg in His own image.

PLUS: Are you FUCKING KIDDING?! Onterrio as host???
ON MEIN KAMPF OR YOURS?

Your ideas aren’t all that revolutionary. Not too long ago a man with similar ideas came to power and started “cleaning” his nation of useless people in order to get rid of population and economic problems. His name was Hitler.

— Sophomore Zachary White in an ODE letter. Once, there was a college sophomore who missed the point of an ODE op-ed that ripped off A Modest Proposal. Not too long ago that sophomore embarrassed us all with his lack of education and inability to function as a rational person. His name was Zachary.

I want to repeat this: In terms of sheer anti-Semitism-inspiring power, the New Testament makes Mein Kampf look like The Nanny. I’ve read Mein Kampf, and I gotta tell ya, I was expecting that book to be a lot more evil than it was. Hitler comes off as just a whiny fag; if he were born today, he’d have a Robert Smith hairdo and a stack of Depeche Mode records.

— Mark Ames in a review of the Bible. Who are we to believe, Zach or Ames? Who knows. But Depeche Mode has caused a lot more pain in life than most people are willing to admit.

ON ONE MORE KISS FOR THE ROAD

Eugene Station, the hub for local LTD buses[sic], provides a bustling social scene for people from all walks of life.

— Deck from a recent ODE article by none other than OC favorite Aaron Shakra. Hmm... we only got a B- in Grammar 101, but we think the proper spelling is buses, not busses. Maybe Shakra was too winded from his rawkin’ set at Starbucks to notice.

ON INSULT + INJURY

While I have your attention, crew members, if I give you some donuts (uh hum, Nate Jolly), would you pretend to like me? Or do you only accept Nike shoes as bribery?...

— ODE Sports Don Adam Jude. Adam may be from Seattle, but we don’t hold that against him anymore. We’ll buy your affection with money, though!

The new Duck, by the way, is still the worst mascot in sports and will stay that until Nike gives me free shoes...

— Jude, again. Couldn’t have said it better ourselves. Although we did say it first, it’s always important to have the ODE sports crew in the mission against AssQuack.
YOU F*CKING RACISTS

Liberty knows no color. Freedom knows no region. Don’t deny Arab states the liberties you enjoy.