Econ department can't take babies

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The University economics department admitted Thursday that although it has nothing against professor Margaret Seconol, it is unable to tolerate babies.

The statement came in response to a question asked during the department's weekly press conference, held on the EMU terrace.

"It's true," verified a masked spokesman for the department. "My conscience won't permit one more day to pass without admitting that Seconol is a fine teacher and could probably contribute adequtely in research, if her priorities were straight. But the baby was the last straw."

The tall, rather average-looking speaker denied allegations that the department had offered to finance an abortion for Seconol three months prior to its decision to relegate her to the position of GTF.

But the department was forced to reconsider, when the GTFF informed them that Seconol was over-qualified for membership.

"Damn students," the spokesman muttered. "Give them a title and they think they have rights."

Following several after-hours meetings in an undisclosed room, the department voted 6-5 to grant Seconol a one-year contract, rather than demote her to GTF.

"It was the only way we could get the students off our backs," explained department head Hairy Goldindex-finger. "The whole issue got us a lot of bad press."

But Goldindex-finger insisted that Seconol's politics had nothing to do with the department's decision.

"The fact that she doesn't support the department's view towards the South African government is immaterial," he said fondling his Krubberands. "But she'll never be one of the boys."

Goldindex-finger maintained that Seconol's decision to get pregnant is proof positive that she does not fit into the department's philosophy.

"I mean, look at us," he pleaded. "Do you see any other pregnant economics professors?"

Seconol's new contract comes up for review in June so that the department will be able to replace her, should she still not meet their requirements.

"And it's for her own protection," Goldindex-finger said. "This way she has a year to seek more suitable employment."

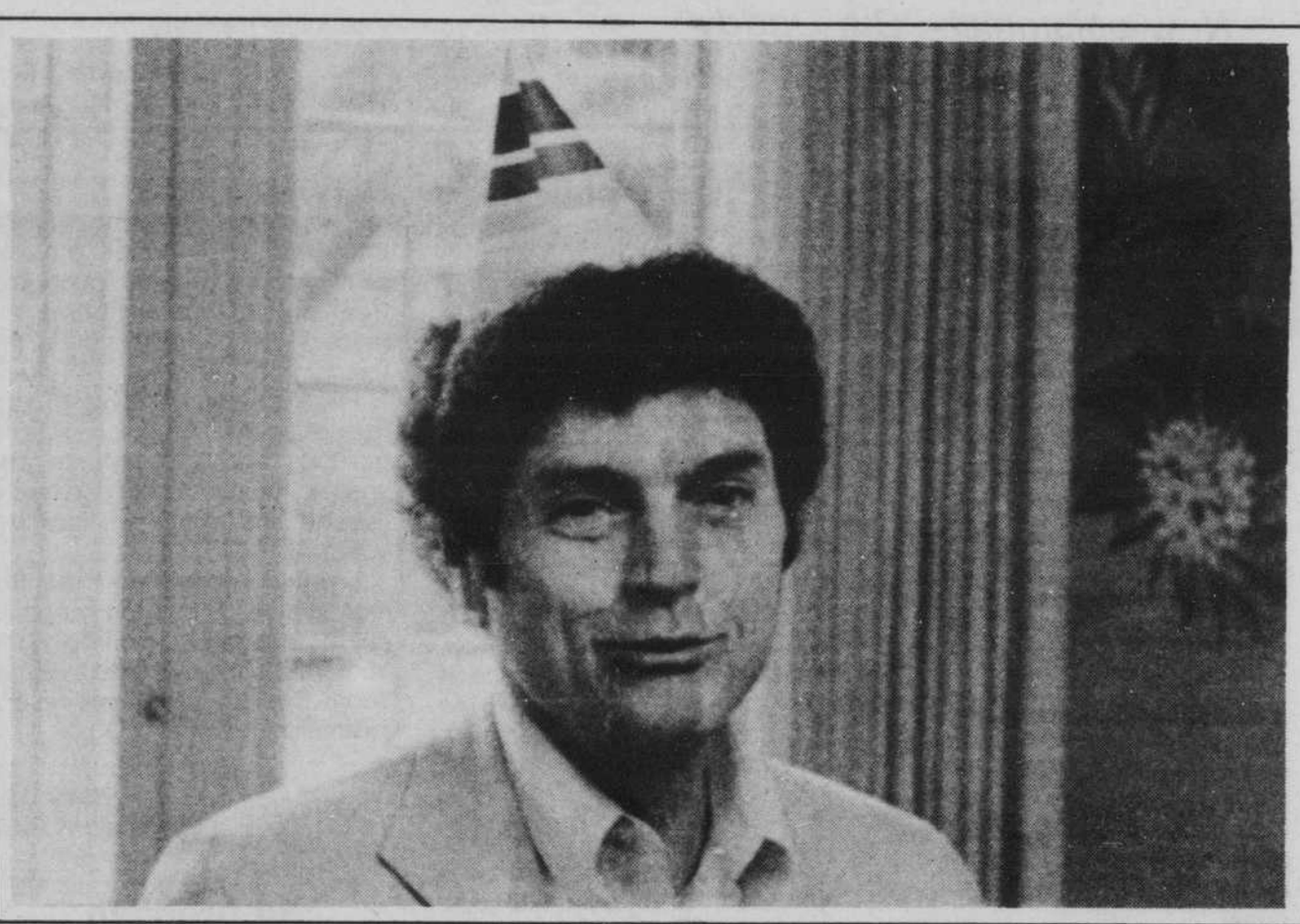
Goldindex-finger remained speculative concerning Seconol's research potential.

"Perhaps she could pursue labor economics, but only after she gives birth," he was overheard commenting to one colleague. "At any rate, she could certainly help young mothers get a handle on the economics of parenting."

He did not respond to protest that one month is not sufficient time for any one to produce substantial research.

"When we offered her the appointment, she knew the score," Goldindex-finger asserted. "Perhaps her new offspring could help with the research."

The economics department Thursday greeted Margaret Seconal's return to the staff.



Aliens arrive

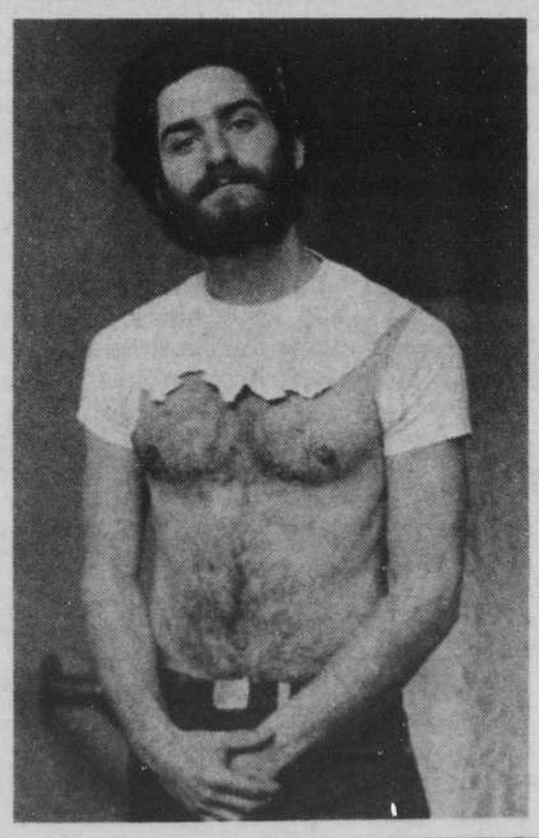
This strange creature arrived on campus Thursday offering students fried chicken embryos. The most information anyone could get out of him was that he was from Remulac, (that's France).

Police find no leads in non-crime

Eugene Police ended a grueling three-day search of the city's trash heaps Thursday with nothing to show for their efforts but dirty uniforms.

The search of the trash heaps is in connection with a crime that has not been committed, said Fierce Looks, Eugene Police Chief. The search is also part of a program which is guaranteed to get photographs of city police on the front page of the Eugene Register-Guard, Looks said.

"We've though long and hard about how to get our officers on the front page of the newspapers in our area, so we decided that a good swim in a garbage dump would do the trick," Looks explained to reporters at the beginning of the search Tuesday.



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