

Flag flown wrongly

The flag of Taiwan flew over the University Tuesday in celebration of the establishment of the Republic of China in 1911. Intended to recognize the "National Day" holiday of Republic of China students attending the University, the flag also brings to mind the continuing struggle of the Chinese people.

As students involved in the study of the Chinese revolution of the 20th century, we hope the appearance of this flag on campus reminded those who saw it of something else. We hope it reminded them of the long and cruel exploitation suffered by the Chinese people. We hope it reminded them of the bitter struggle waged by the Chinese people to rid their country of both imperialist and internal oppressors.

And further, that the victory of this struggle came on Oct. 1, 1949 when the people, led by Mao Tsetung, liberated their homeland with the proclamation, "The Chinese people have stood up." This victory over the KMT and Chiang Kai-shek allowed a flowering of the Chinese spirit and National pride in the establishment of the Peoples' Republic of China.

The remnants of those who opposed the revolution of the majority in China fled to the island of Taiwan. There the Chiang Kai-shek regime re-established the Republic of China under the flag displayed Tuesday by the University.

The decision to fly the flag of the Republic of China shows recognition, by the Administration, of the Taiwan government. This recognition seems to become support in light of the absence of the flag of the Peoples' Republic on Oct. 1.

In the face of demonstrations last year by Arab students and others protesting the appearance of the Israeli flag on campus, and considering now the University's decision to display the flag of Taiwan, we feel questions are raised about the University's real motivation in flying only

these 'select' flags, questions whose answers reflect the University's role in relation to the forces that formerly oppressed China and continue to exploit third world countries.

But while the flag of Taiwan and those who aspire to once again oppress the Chinese people flew over the campus, we hope some were reminded of the revolutionary spirit of the Peoples' Republic of China.

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Support GTFs, labor

Last Friday it was reported in the Emerald that organized labor has thrown its full support to the GTF union in its continuing struggle for a just first contract. All members of the university community should appreciate this gesture of solidarity from the working people of this state.

Perhaps once again the viewpoint of labor can be brought into the college classroom. How little is the appreciation given by most students to the carpenters, painters, electricians, delivery, garbage pick-up, maintenance workers, etc. who keep their university running smoothly. What better way to repay our debt to labor than by supporting a strike or other actions by the GTF union in the weeks ahead, should the union members so vote?

A successful strike will bring home to the students of Oregon the importance and necessity of labor unions in a way no college lecture ever could. Even an unsuccessful

strike will surely expose the contradiction of those in high administrative offices who cry poor to those with money to give to them (the legislature), but who then turn a cold shoulder to those poorer than they (the graduate students).

The administrative office even uses the same excuse to graduate students that the legislature uses on them — low priority. Perhaps if the administration reversed its priorities towards the poor, the legislature would do likewise.

Can a hungry GTF or one without proper medical care teach an interesting class or discussion section? Can an average salary of less than \$3500 per year attract high-quality graduate students when almost all other universities offer more? Can there still be those who buy the scam of saying the GTF rates are high, even though total wages are low? Who can eat a rate?

Non-GTF graduate students, generally worse off even than GTFers, should realize that a successful strike and/or first contract will eventually lead to an upgrading of the level of support for all graduate students.

The president's office talks eloquently compared to those at other universities, but what does the record show about its fund-raising abilities? Likewise, if the office of the Dean of Liberal Arts spent half the effort it does squeezing dimes from the departments and programs on positive efforts for intellectually stimulating the university community, the university could recover that creative spark and in-touch-with-the-world non-provincial quality that attracts students, and causes us to be a great university. A small increase in enrollment would easily offset all of the modest financial demands made by the GTFs.

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Stock policy offensive

In the front-page article of the ODE on Friday, Sept. 29, former ASUO President Gary Feldman was portrayed as having made a switch in positions regarding South Africa now that he is working for a local investment firm.

If the article is at all accurate, he has made a drastic switch indeed. Most telling perhaps is his quoted comment that his job now is to "make the maximum profit for my clients."

As Mr. Feldman must know all too well, the precise critique leveled against the Western capitalist economic system by those searching for a more just and humane alternative is that its whole philosophy puts maximization of profits over human concerns.

Whereas Mr. Feldman last year was able to push for human rights and needs in South Africa, even at the risk of minimizing some corporate profits, he has now apparently turned around and will put maximum profits, his own and others, both individually and corporately, before people.

Such a shift, which he is even willing to try and justify now, evidences how deeply we Americans are immersed in our system.

I regret Mr. Feldman's backing away from a more human vision for the sake of profits... but I understand all too well how it can happen.

Norman Metzler,
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Vote misconstrued

At Wednesday's general faculty meeting an announcement was made by Gary McMahon, chairperson of the Student University Affairs Board (SUAB), stating that the SUAB unanimously supports the fact-finder's report and the GTFF's position in regards to current contract negotiations with the university.

Unfortunately, this statement does not represent the unanimous opinion of the SUAB, as I do not support the GTFF's position.

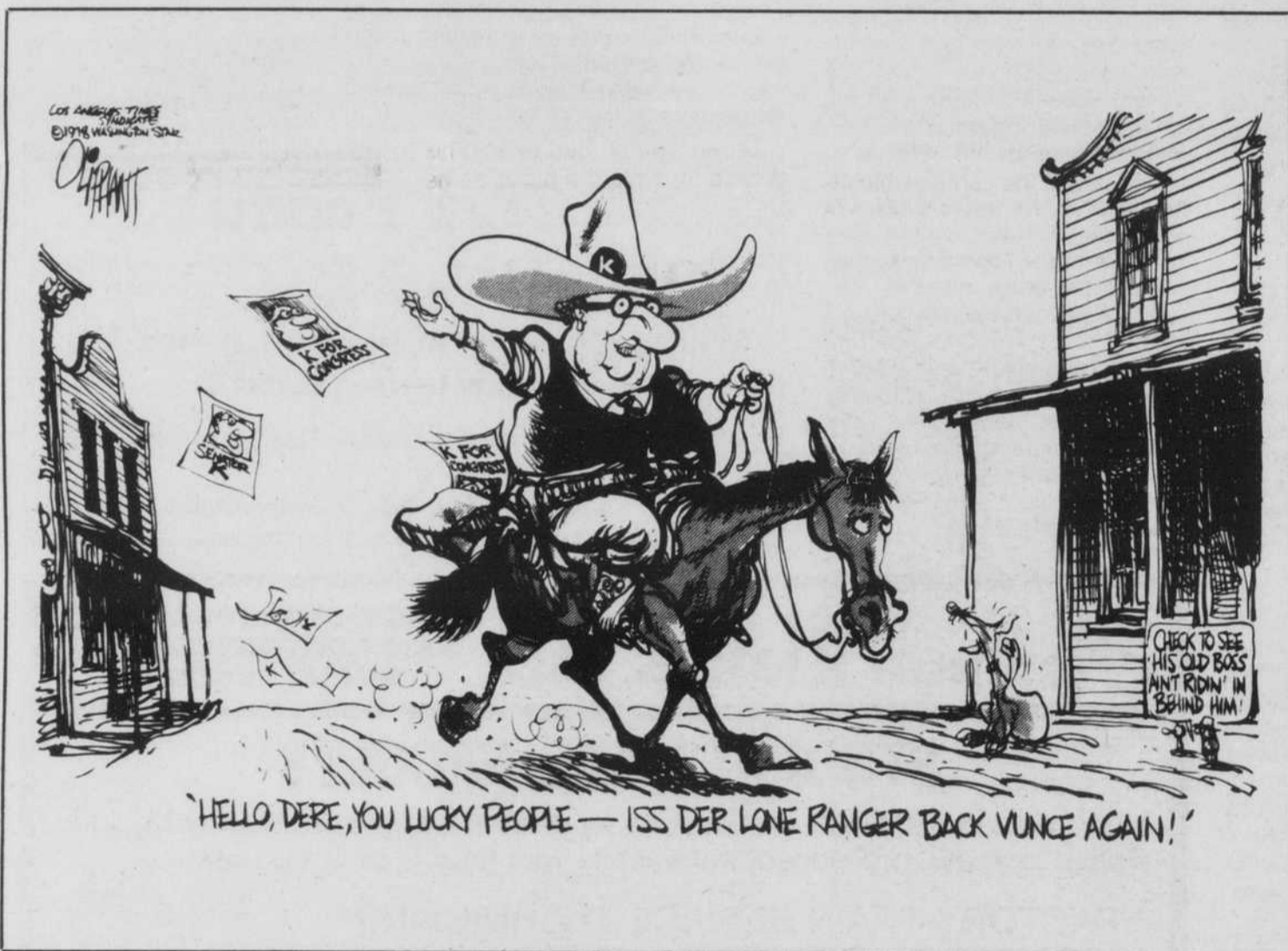
This misrepresentation was due to the fact that I was unable to attend a SUAB meeting held the previous Monday. During this meeting the position was endorsed unanimously by those members present, and later the statement was drafted.

I believe the problem was largely my own fault as I did not inquire on the events of the meeting until it was too late, and also the fault of those responsible for the statement as I was never asked an opinion on it, and knew nothing of it until minutes before the faculty meeting.

I realize that the position I am taking is not the most popular one, but considering the university's current financial situation, I believe it is the most logical one.

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Two U.S. officials flub gas deal

From the Bend Bulletin

Mexican-American diplomatic relations took a downturn recently when a combination of Sen. Frank Church and Energy Secretary James Schlesinger killed a deal to sell Mexican natural gas to American gas distributors.

At issue was the price. The Mexican government wanted to sell the gas at \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet.

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That's higher than current U.S. prices, but below the \$3 per thousand Church and Schlesinger favor paying for Libyan gas.

The Mexicans had negotiated in good faith with two major U.S. distributors. The distributors had in good faith agreed to pay the price. Mixed in with their domestic supplies the new source would have required a mod-

est rate increase.

So, instead, the Mexicans will use the gas themselves. This country will continue to give all kinds of tax benefits to those who will find and produce gas at the domestic price.

And all told, price and tax benefits probably add up to close to the \$2.60 the Mexicans and their potential customers had accepted.