

### Cars are favored

Campus Security is once again scurrying around, double-stapling little mimeographed warnings on bicycles. The officers in uniform threaten to impound all bicycles that don't comply with the registration program's requirement.

Without going into the merits — or lack thereof — of either the registration program or bicycling in general (as opposed to driving), permit me to make an observation:

The University is currently spending thousands upon thousands of dollars to build a big, beautiful parking structure for all the car drivers at the school. At the same time, the University is spending good money to pay Campus Security to harass those of us who choose to bicycle — and as a result, to not generate any demand for big, beautiful parking structures.

It looks like the Los Angeles automobile mentality is firmly entrenched in the bureaucratic halls of this institution.

Is that one of the reasons the cynics call it the "University of California — at Eugene?"

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### Cyclists annoying

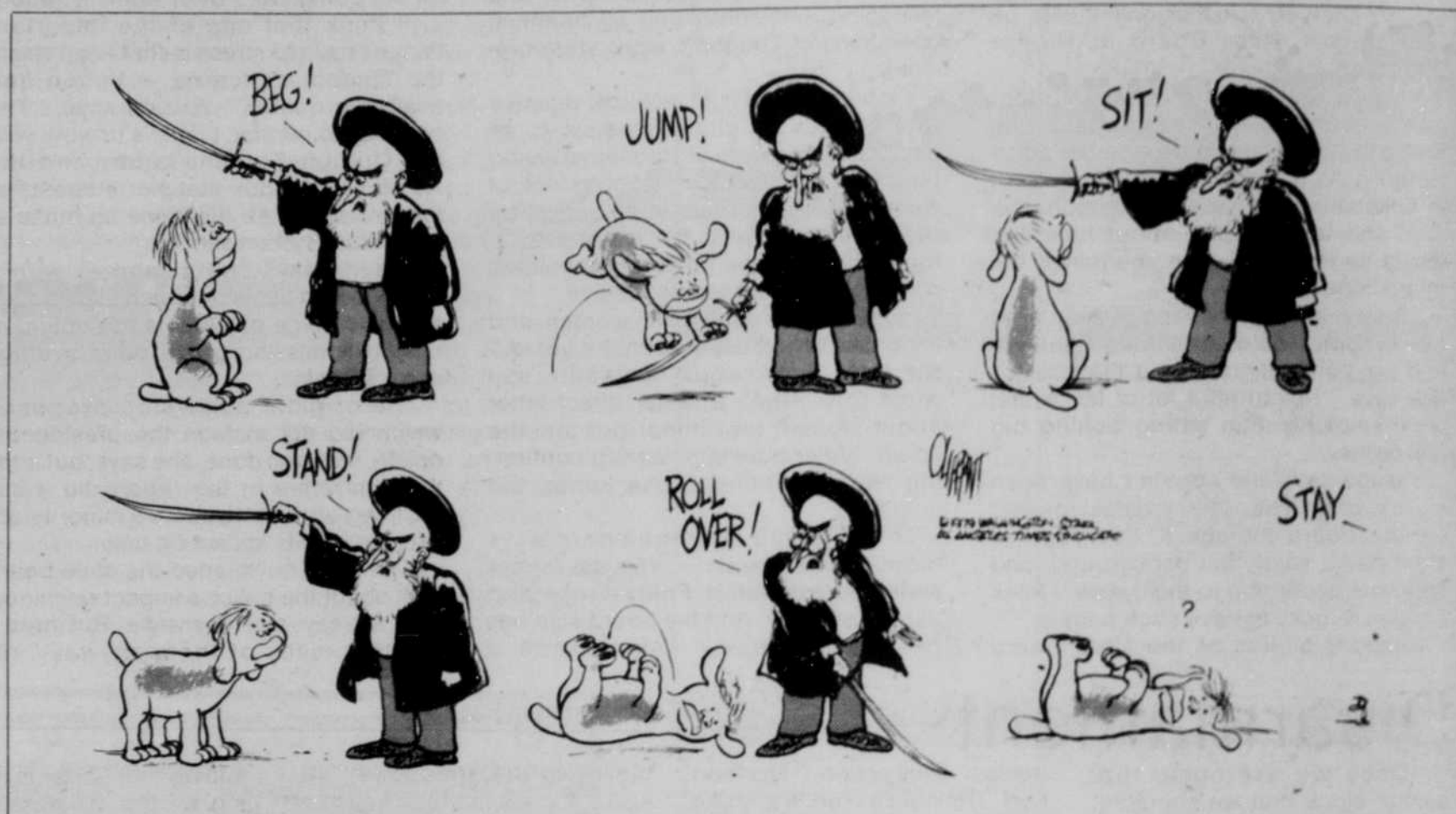
I have followed the debate about the campus bicycle problem with interest since I depend daily on my ten-speed for transportation, no matter what the weather is doing. It may be my imagination, but there seems to be a much higher percentage of flaming assholes on bikes this year. I think the most logical move the University could make would be to close University Street and 13th Avenue to cars, north of 15th Avenue and west of Agate Street. Then, ban riding of bicycles on University sidewalks. Cyclists should ride to the nearest curb, dismount, and walk their bike to a rack near their class. Naturally, like any proposal of bike lanes or anything else that has been proposed, this will not work all by itself. There is no way the University can afford to enforce this. So, we should all band together and use peer pressure. We all get pretty annoyed at people who tear around the sidewalks, ride the wrong way in the bike lanes, etc., don't we? Let's borrow a page from the Rocky Horror Picture Show fanbook and all vent our feelings at these people. When some jerk goes roaring 20 m.p.h. through the EMU breezeway during class changing time, everyone who was startled, cut off, or nearly run down should set up a roaring chorus of "asshole!" A few experiences with angry, vocal crowds of pedestrians and common-sense-following cyclists would make most of these yoyos think twice about committing another offense.

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### Cruel trick

Recently, a manual wheel chair disappeared from Gerlinger annex, over the weekend of November 3rd. This chair belonged to a handicapped student who was participating in a physical education class. Not only are disabled students continually dealing with the inconsiderate manners of fellow students, but now they are being robbed of their property.

By the time students reach the university level, I would expect that they would be more reasonable and respectful of others and their property. If we are supposed to be wise and knowledgeable, then I am saddened by the behavior demonstrated in this instance. The honor system could be workable if students would be empathetic and realize that they would not want to be in the position



of that handicapped student. The wheel chair is vital for any handicapped student's mobility. I would expect that the person taking the wheel chair did not stop to consider how tragically he or she limited the disabled student — not only in mobility, but also in spirit. A part of the chair was found in the cemetery and this leads me to believe that the person taking the chair had no idea of its value and significance.

No questions will be asked if the chair is returned to Gerlinger. I would hope that we could all begin to consider each other's needs and rights more seriously, while allowing our fellow handicapped students special considerations.

**Barbara Yost**  
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### Warns about waste

I would like to comment on a story regarding the storage of radioactive wastes on the University campus. Robert Sudmann, the source of the information used in the story, appears to be advocating a return to the sloppy practices for the disposal of radioactive wastes that led to the creation of his job with the University in the first place. Sudmann, director of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety for the University, alleges that, "They are filling up radioactive dumps with materials that could be dumped down the drain."

It was precisely this type of negligent practice that led to the creation of the office that Mr. Sudmann now holds. There were many instances where students were exposed to abnormal levels of radiation and there were accidents which led the regulatory agencies involved to require the University to hire a health physicist to oversee the disposal of the waste and insure that it was safe.

Sudmann's advocacy of incineration of the radioactive material is reminiscent of a time when radioactive wastes were incinerated in the physical plant and the only determinant of whether the populace would receive exposure was the direction of the blowing wind.

Sudmann is also the same "expert" who has gone on record as saying that one could eat the radioactive source contained in ionization smoke detectors and nothing would happen. Scientists and consumer advocates have been concerned that, even when protected by plastic and metal coverings, these radioactive source materials may constitute a health hazard.

Alternative methods of dealing with radioactive waste are badly needed but

the safety of the University students and the community must be first priority. We should not sacrifice the safety of the University and community in the name of expedience.

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### P.L.O. responsible

Many letters concerning the situation in Iran have graced this page over the past few weeks. However, one group directly involved in events at the American embassy in Tehran has so far succeeded avoiding the spotlight. I am referring to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Let us not forget that our fellow Americans who are being held hostages in Iran were taken hostage with weapons supplied by the P.L.O.! Yassar Arafat boasts of having armed, financed and trained the Iranian revolutionaries that brought Khomeini into power.

Then, in order to score some public opinion points in America, Arafat sends a P.L.O. delegation to Iran to give the impression that the P.L.O. is trying to help the U.S. by negotiating for the peaceful release of hostages. Come on, Mr. Arafat! The P.L.O. pursuing peace? Screwing for chastity makes about as much sense.

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### Seeks participation

This year, the University will present its quadrennial mock National Nominating Convention. This is an excellent educational opportunity for all University students and I urge all those with an interest to participate. This only happens every four years!

The past conventions of 1976, 1972, and 1968 were simulations of the Democratic Party's national convention. This year, the steering committee chose to simulate the Republican Party's convention for several well founded reasons: 1.) The Republican candidates and platform may be in a time of radical transformation. 2.) The Democratic or Kennedy/Carter convention does not offer as diverse an educational experience. 3.) The Republican candidates will be fighting tooth and nail in a battle for the White House with more candidates in the fray.

Those people who have shied away because of the word Republican should be informed that we are in no way affiliated with the Republican Party other

than for informational assistance and we are not trying to espouse the views of the GOP out of the role-playing situation. This is the most educational choice with the most role possibilities for the most students. In addition, this is a great opportunity for those who might not otherwise take the time to learn just what the Republican Party is all about and get college credit for doing it! The entire convention procedure will be simulated and it can be a fun educational experience for anyone no matter what their political affiliation.

Students can be delegation chairs, lobbyists for interest groups (such as Common Cause, the ERA, Right to Life, etc.), or they can be media people covering the convention. These roles can be played as extensively as the participants wish. Don't miss this once in a college career event! Get involved, be the Republican you never thought you would be! Contact the Mock Republican Convention people at 823 PLC or call ext. 4890 for more information.

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### Slobs lack sense

I'd like to address this letter to the slobs who feel that defacing University property will accomplish anything.

Despite our personal beliefs, whether right or wrong, we can use other methods to express ourselves than spraying slogans on walls in tacky orange paint.

No matter what the issue or concern, it angers me to think that somebody with a limited intelligence has to resort to vandalism to get their point across.

**Michael T. Riley**

### Approved methods

We would like to make a statement concerning the defacement of property on campus. Some of the sentiments expressed have appeared in our leaflets and posters. We hope no one assumes that this organization is responsible for the defacement. The Iranian American Friendship Committee does not condone such irresponsible behavior. We hope that those who are guilty will realize that they are only creating anger and breaking down communications on the Iranian issue. We will continue to use approved methods to make our position known to the public. We urge others to do the same.

**Nancy Murray, Jessica Heath**  
Iranian American Friendship Committee

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