

## opinion

# Politicos downgrade Jackson's successes

The Rev. Jesse Jackson must feel like a child who does what all the adults say is the right thing to do, then discovers that no other children will play with him. Instead, they resent the child's pats on the back and find some way to show their displeasure, usually by shunning him or belittling his actions.

Jackson, who surely holds no illusions regarding the presidency, continues to do some of the things an ideal president should do. Jackson does not steadfastly proclaim the U.S. is right and the world is wrong; he criticizes when he sees injustice. Jackson does not rely on intelligence reports and convoluted press releases to determine what world leaders believe; he talks to them face-to-face, person-to-person. Jackson does not talk about action; he acts.

All Jackson has done is orchestrate the return of an American pilot, the release of 22 American prisoners, the release of 26 Cuban political prisoners, play a part in Cuban Pres. Fidel Castro's public discussion of normalizing relations with the United States and visit Central American leaders.

Naughty, naughty Jesse. Those pats on the back he's been collecting have managed to put his political pals' noses out of joint. Like a collection of 3-year-olds, our nation's political elites have shown uncommon commonness in showing Jackson their displeasure.

Walter Mondale and the Democrats have shown the most tolerance of Jackson's un-childlike behavior. After all he is one of them. So far they have not chastised him or refused to talk to him. Of course, they haven't led any cheers; nor has Jackson asked to meet with them or asked them their opinion.

Meanwhile, the Reagan administration has decided to both belittle and shun the reverend. Secretary of State George Schultz blasted Jackson for blasting the United States from the soil of a foreign country. Apparently George and chums haven't been listening. Jackson's criticism is hardly new. Then Schultz and Reagan, the pair Jackson requested to meet regarding normalization with Castro, refused to talk to Jackson and sent an underling.

Sadly, these political tactics have detracted from the reverend's accomplishments. Only Jackson knows if there are any reasons for his actions other than what he tells the world in public statements. While we would be among the last to advise accepting a politician's reasons without questions, we also believe results should be acknowledged. Instead of second-guessing and blowing more hot air, the administration should step out of character and take some action.

It should join in patting Jackson on the back. We do.

## Red tape seeps into summer p.e. classes

Sometimes a simple chore such as registering for a p.e. class can make a person see red — red tape, that is.

Because of red tape and crossed lines of communication in the college of human development and performance this term, students registering for physical education classes were not told to pay their fees before trying to enter gyms and locker rooms.

True, stamped fee cards are required for admission to the gyms even during the school year, but students usually have a 4- or 5-day grace period to pay their fees before being turned away at the door, says Mike Ellis, head of the physical education department.

This term, however, someone — no one seems to know who — arbitrarily eliminated that grace period without telling anyone. Not even the instructors or the people manning registration tables knew about the new policy.

Instead of admitting their lack of organization and giving unprepared students the benefit of the doubt on the first day of classes, the people in charge of admission at Esslinger Hall charged students one dollar for entry if they didn't have stamped fee cards.

This is ridiculous. Students should not have to pay for the department's mistake or for the University's chronic case of red tape. We pay enough already.

Most likely, those students who payed a dollar to avoid an absence on the first day of classes are out a buck. Even one woman who requested a receipt probably will never retrieve her dollar from Oregon Hall.

It's not the money that's so important, though; it's the principle. This university needs to stop making others pay for its problems.

Leaders of the human development college should right their wrong in this case by refunding students and discounting first-day absences and should improve their organization — or at least admit when they're wrong — in the future.



## letters

### Inexcusable

Oregon's policy of excluding women for consideration in managing Oregon's Far East Trade Office in Tokyo is an inexcusable breach of confidence with the people of this state, particularly females who aspire to a profession in far eastern affairs. We cannot compromise the basic principle that the most qualified applicant should be hired for the job regardless of sex.

Oregon's trade office in Japan is meant to serve a larger area than simply Japan. China, Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan and the Philippines are among other nations of the Pacific Rim that would be making frequent contact with the Tokyo office.

To suggest that only a male could be hired for this job because "that's the way they do it in Japan" is analogous to sending a team of business people to South Africa and insisting that they be all white because of the policy of apartheid in that country.

I would submit that an enlightened position regarding this matter may in fact have a beneficial impact — that of hastening the equality of sexes, even in Japan.

Jerry Rust  
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of Commissioners

### Eulogizing?

My wife and I just attended the evening of choral music held at Beall Hall this past Wednesday (May 23) and were so impressed with the performance of the Vocal Jazz Ensemble that we felt moved to commend someone for having the wisdom for bringing a program of such quality to the University

of Oregon. Imagine our surprise when we found that Jim DeBusman, the director, was not going to be rehired and that the program was to be discontinued. So instead of a letter of commendation, I find myself in the position of questioning what could possibly have motivated someone to terminate a program with so many talented young people. What is even harder to understand is how anyone who had seen this group perform (which I must assume that those responsible for making the decision to terminate the director's contract had done) could be other than impressed by Jim DeBusman's ability to inspire his students.

It makes me sad to think that another program of low cost but high quality is going to be terminated at the U of O. As a member of the general community observing this process, it almost seems that the University has an unconscious desire for mediocrity as it selectively eliminates programs of excellence.

I must admit that I don't have much faith that a letter of this kind will be taken seriously. I am well aware that once a decision to cut a program has been made that it is very unlikely that it will be reversed. I guess a small part of me wants to believe that there are exceptions to the rule; otherwise, what I have just written is nothing more than a eulogy.

Bill Freeman

### Whining ...

At first the headline calling the "courtyard" (on 13th St. where the hospital plans a parking lot) a "garden of businesses" made me snicker. I recalled the wins and transients I see there often. As I read

further I found it hard to believe Paul Ertelt's article was as biased as it appeared.

Jim Hanks, the city traffic engineer, says the hospital has failed to provide adequate bicycle spaces, but what about the covered spaces on the Alder Street side of the hospital? Rarely are they filled. Poor Mr. Nosh bar invested \$60,000 in his business and after five years is just now beginning to see a return. How much has Lenny earned? How could he stay in business five years without making \$, or isn't that what he's in business for?

There is a key question that Ertelt failed to include. What was the position of the courtyard businesses when the city parking program was being planned? As I remember, it was the merchants, businessmen, and residents in the area who complained most of too little parking space available. After the city parking program was initiated where did they realistically expect the employees and patients to go?

Between the merchants and the city, the hospital employees and patients who require parking spaces seemed to have gotten little concern in Ertelt's overly emotional sympathetic appeal or by the sniveling, inconsiderate merchants. The merchants' consideration for no one but themselves is disgustingly greedy. Ertelt's article about whining merchants failed to raise the pertinent question of their stand on the parking issue. The sniveling, whining merchants don't deserve to be on the front page even though they frequently purchase advertising in the Emerald.

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