

Editorial

Olum should return EMU fiscal appeal

The Incidental Fee Committee and the EMU Board are engaged in a fiscal tug of war that didn't need to happen. EMU Assistant Director Frank Geltner's job is caught in the middle.

If the IFC and/or the EMU Board of Directors want to eliminate Geltner's position, they should go about it rationally by evaluating the worth of the position and eliminating it if necessary.

Instead, the position is a hostage to procedural and territorial infighting between two student government agencies.

The IFC is supposed to oversee the entire incidental fee budget. It has the responsibility to recommend fee and allocation levels, including those for the EMU.

The EMU Board is supposed to recommend an EMU budget to the IFC. Two IFC members sit on the EMU Board in order to maintain communication and give the IFC's perspective on such issues as the usefulness of Geltner's position.

The tug of war came about because the IFC told the EMU Board that a 5 percent budget increase was the highest the IFC would vote for. This decision is within the IFC's authority.

The EMU Board decided to request a 7 percent increase anyway, apparently on the "no harm in trying" theory. The EMU Board had every right to try because the IFC may sometimes be persuaded to change its mind.

This time the IFC didn't.

By refusing to abide by the IFC's ceiling, the EMU Board asked for trouble. Trouble obliged.

By choosing to remove a contracted staff position rather than simply reduce the total budget, the IFC went beyond its authority. Contracts can't simply be abandoned, they must be paid.

The EMU Board has decided to appeal the IFC's cuts directly to University President Paul Olum rather than go through the IFC's appeals process.

They should try the IFC appeal first. This problem came about due to lack of communication between students. It can be corrected by students working within established processes.

President Olum has other things to do. Let's see the IFC and EMU Board sit down and deal with this problem quickly and professionally.

Today's voting important for University community

Vote today for the people who get to pick your pockets, run your lives and protect the world from disaster.

It's election day, and people in the University community have a lot at stake. Congress controls student financial aid. The governor and Legislature affect tuition levels, faculty and staff salaries and many other aspects of higher education.

The Eugene City Council will have substantial influence on the proposed Riverfront Research Park, bikeways and the economic health and livability of Eugene.

Ballot measures include a proposed \$96 million bonded debt for prisons and a proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting income taxes on Social Security benefits.

In this society, people get to make these choices. If they don't vote, they shouldn't complain. Turn out to vote for your future.



EXPULSED FROM BRITAIN, THE SYRIAN DIPLOMAT WONDERS IF, BY CHANCE, THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT HE'S ARRANGED TO HAVE A BOMB SMUGGLED ABOARD...

Letters

Back Reagan

On the front page of the Emerald Wednesday May 7th ran a picture showing "Shantytown built to protest South African abomination."

I suppose I can accept their point of view, of them trying to run another government. But I cannot accept the disrespect for our government and our president.

A decent American would have burned that sign and severely criticized the ones that made it. This is subversive. This shows far less respect than the Russians do toward the U.S.

I have always respected our presidents. They were voted in by the majority of the people, and no matter what the politics were, they had my support.

I was at the U. of O. class of '45 and things were different. I think the Oregon Daily Emerald should make a public apology for showing a sign that defames the president of the United States on the front page of a paper that represents a University that some of us have been proud of until now.

What does the sign have to do with the conditions in South Africa?

I'm not very interested in supporting a University that is not supportive of our president.

Louis F. Bonson
Eugene

Fears assault

The May 12th edition of the Emerald contained a sarcastic letter by Edwin Lucas on the subject of the Saferide van. Mr. Lucas' apparent point was that the van is run entirely by and for lesbians. Given the recent campus antagonism toward Gay and Lesbian Pride Week activities, such a van is obviously needed!

However, the Saferide van is not run entirely by and for lesbian women. The van is there for all women who recognize the dangers of this campus. Mr. Lucas' sarcasm implies that only lesbian women fear assault. I suggest that Mr. Lucas educate himself by listening to female students, lesbian and straight. We all fear assault. We need the Saferide van.

If Mr. Lucas is truly interested in rape statistics, he can call the local rape crisis network and ask about the number of college women who call for help. Perhaps the truth will shock him out of his sickening assumptions.

Per Dahlin
GTF English

Gay violence

Get the facts, Pres. Paul Olum and all others so interested in the events which took place at the EMU involving gay and anti-gay protesters.

I encountered your statement made to the Emerald on Tuesday and was a little disappointed, to say the least, at the handling of the "supposed" physical violence you say occurred at the rally.

Mr. Olum, I was there, and don't recall seeing you there! However, your statement seemed to indicate you knew all that had taken place, as distorted as it was.

Yes sir, there was physical violence, however it was not by the anti-gay protesters, but rather by a pro-lesbian protester who did not like the point of view of the anti-gay protester, so "she" slapped him.

This, Mr. Olum was in fact the only violence that occurred at the protest, and was totally

uncalled for.

We have just as many rights to protest against gays as gays have to rally for homosexuality, and it disappoints me when we are condemned for it. I hope that in the future you will make sure you have all the facts to both sides of the story so that justice can, in fact, be served.

Randy Akers
Psychology

A Saferide wife

I am a female student who is thrilled to have a shuttle bus to get me to my car safely. I know the fear of walking alone at night, and of feeling the need to keep looking back to be sure you are not being followed.

I think Edwin Lucas is someone to pray for, then forget. He thinks that the bus has something to do with sexual preference.

All I know is that my husband and children are happier knowing that I no longer must walk alone to reach my car.

Lucas seems so angry. Perhaps he is mad that there are now fewer women walking around alone at night. Has the shuttle bus spoiled your fun Eddie?

Maybe he just doesn't like paying for a service that he doesn't use. Well, I'll use his share of the bus money, and he can have my share for the Oregon Commentator. No doubt he reads it loyally.

Perhaps it took lesbian women to start the service, because as a group they are more willing to work harder, and overcome the obstacles involved in doing it. They are willing to stand up against their adversaries, who wouldn't lift a finger to protect women, not even their own mothers, wives and daughters.

I hope that Lucas eventually finds himself in a New York subway late at night. When he keeps looking behind him, "just to make sure," perhaps he'll take back what he said. I believe that God gives us all the rewards we deserve.

Lisa Ann Wilson
Health Education

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