

## LTD ballot botched by executive-elect

While the Oregon Daily Emerald did not endorse the Lane Transit District Ballot Measure, we must take exception to the controversy and mudslinging that has occurred in the past week.

ASUO President-elect Karen Gaffney and Vice President-elect Steve Hoyt have spearheaded attempts to force the LTD measure (which asks for \$4.50 a student a term in exchange for unlimited student bus service) off the ballot. Their claims that LTD used an inappropriate process seem odd in light of the fact that when Gaffney served as ASUO vice president, she supervised the election process. In this capacity, she could have made certain that LTD did everything they needed to do months, instead of three days, before the elections.

It appears that recent problems surrounding the LTD proposal stem from miscommunication between measure proponents and the student government. Gaffney and other concerned students claim LTD needed to go to an Incidental Fee Committee goals hearing. Measure proponents claim they were not aware of this.

Gaffney also charges that LTD violated election rules by having a student intern work on the measure campaign. It seems strange, however, that Gaffney would wait until the day before the elections to bring this point out into the open, when the intern had been working on the measure since fall.

Gaffney and Hoyt have argued for student empowerment since the beginning of their presidential campaign. Unless that empowerment is extended to student LTD proponents and the voting student body, the whole point of empowerment becomes moot.

## There's still no fair game for minority ball managers

The number of minority managers in major league baseball doubled last week — now there are two.

Frank Robinson was named skipper of the hapless Baltimore Orioles after former manager Cal Ripken led the team to an 0-6 opening. Robinson's hiring has, so far, not done much either for the Orioles, currently off to the worst start in the game's history, or for the advancement of minorities.

Though challenging, getting to guide a team in last place isn't much of an opportunity. And when a team is in last place with a hopeless season before it, naming a black manager could be viewed as paying lip service to a problem that has existed for a long time.

Robinson has been straight-jacketed like this before; his previous managing experience was with cellar-dwelling teams in Cleveland and San Francisco. The California Angels employ baseball's other non-white manager, Cookie Rojas, who has coached teams in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela, but never in the United States. Rojas' call-up came out of former manager Gene Mauch's unexpected tumor.

Baseball's old-boy network is peculiar in that it expects managers to come ready-made; it takes a lucky break or prior experience to get the job. For aspiring minority managers, the strike zone is too small.

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## Letters

### Pride Week

"Gay Pride Week" will soon rear its ugly head on the University campus. But just what is the source of the homosexual's pride?

Hopefully, he's not proud of his fundamental irresponsibility in the spread of the AIDS plague: proud of the spread to heterosexuals, innocent hemophiliacs and new-born babies. There can be no pride in the tragic deaths, misery and economic loss that his degenerate lifestyle has spawned.

Perhaps then, he is proud of being able to twist the political forces to protect his lifestyle rather than to protect the public health — to where even doctors can be sued for revealing AIDS test records to their nurses, or to other doctors and surgeons.

Or is he proud of being able to undergo the physical pain and bodily destruction that results from an abnormal practice that his body was never intended to withstand? Proud of flaunting his aberrational acts in the face of societal norms of basic morality? Proud of fraudulently portraying homosexuality as an acceptable "alternative lifestyle" to recruit adolescents into a diseased life of mental and physical degeneration?

Mr. Homosexual, if ever there was a time to quit being proud, this is it. Better rename your

week to "Gay Shame Week." You owe it to yourself, your community, your society and humanity. However, there's one thing for which you could be proud: Publicly renouncing homosexual behavior for the perversion it is.

Jon Wollander  
Eugene

### Money pool

In response to Darla Churchman's "Objection" (ODE, April 14): You shouldn't object.

Your argument is that we the people should not have to pay for something that just a few of us use. Well, where do you think the funds for things like Student Health Center come from? They also come from us. Money is taken from us and put into a pool and put to use by several organizations on campus: one of which is the Student Health Center and one of which should be the mass transportation proposal by the Lane Transit District. We do not all get sick and therefore we do not all utilize the services by Student Health Center, but we all pay for them. There's nothing wrong with this. We have been doing it for years in the form of Social Security, welfare plans, insurance, etc.

I think it's great that we have the opportunity to save some of our natural resources (gas, etc.) by taking the bus, not to mention our nerves by avoiding dealing with campus car congestion.

I suppose some people would prefer to squander our natural resources needlessly, but let those of us who would like to have bus service have our bus service.

Dan Gruber  
English

### Goo not cool

I hate to be a social poop, as I am sure everyone else would hate to be one. You know what I mean, the type of person who complains and whines about the simplest of issues. That person to whom, in your best Dirty Harry voice, you want to say, "Sit down, shut up." I hate to

be one of those people, but something has forced me to adopt such a role.

As we all know, Hayward Field has been undergoing renovations. A couple of weeks ago I noticed a crew working on the east bleachers at the corner of 15th Avenue and Agate Street. They seemed to be "stripping" off that old, sick-colored green paint. Good; it was unsightly and induced intestinal gas pains. I was horrified when I recently observed that they had repainted those bleachers that same faded Portapody nuclear-winter green. Why? A Physical Plant van looks better than that. Bad breath smells better than that looks.

I hope it is only temporary. This is supposed to be a world-class track and field. Our accommodations should reflect this. Then again, maybe Fuller Price, or Dutch Boy, was having an irresistible sale on that goo, relieving the University from any further financial burden. Great. Or maybe they are saving the good paint for all of those science buildings.

Dain Nestel  
TCF

### Coors ad bogus

I understand that the Oregon Daily Emerald needs Coors' financial support. This year the paper seems plastered with beautiful, white, beer-drinking women and wonderful, white men, as in the Coors Light Jamin' Sweepstakes ad (ODE insert, April 18). This image typifies a Coors attitude of pushing supremacy into nations below the United States.

The Coors foundation privately contributed a C-4 military transport plane to the Nicaraguan Contras. I'm sure the Emerald is not condoning this company's politics, but in theory the paper should at least publish a disclaimer. Even better, the Emerald could publish the dirty facts behind this glamorous company rather than ignore the manipulative power of advertising.

Rachel Formanek  
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