

Taking one last look before party's over

With the benefit of two weeks' hindsight, let's take another look at the March 31 student-police tear gas showdown over parties.

- We appreciated University President Myles Brand's measured response to the 14th Avenue disturbance. Brand was both firm and fair in his statement; he expressed his concerns while making it clear that throwing bottles at cops is a stupid idea. Furthermore, Brand really demonstrated his appreciation of student concerns in the matter. Unlike, say, his response to the October science building protest, Brand considered student complaints and even went so far as to criticize some of the police actions.

- Brand also met with student leaders in a roundtable luncheon to ask for their ideas in ending the antagonism. This was an admirable step, but one thing that is becoming increasingly clear about the party confrontations is that they are much more than a police-student problem. The situation is a community issue. It's the University's estimate that only one-third of those involved in the disturbances are University students. The recent arrest lists bear this out; most of those taken in have not been students at the University.

Eugene's city council halted cruising on Willamette Street two years ago and the results are showing up now: Bored high school students are coming to the campus area for their entertainment. Solutions to the student-police problem must involve input from the city council and from the local high schools.

Along these lines, there's a need for some sort of mediation or citizens' review board to meet with the police. ASUO President Andy Clark has expressed some interest in these steps; they're great ideas and he should be encouraged to pursue them.

- Most people don't blame Eugene's anti-cruising law for the new party problems. They instead blame the University's greek system decision to go semi-dry, and there's been a lot of talk about allowing the fraternities to pool house funds and host keg parties again. Surprisingly, the fraternities say they are against this for reasons of image and liability.

The fraternities certainly have the right to manage themselves, but it's our feeling that allowing kegs wouldn't be a bad idea. First of all, it would mean a return to larger private parties at greek houses, where high school students can't crash. Secondly, it would mean fewer off-campus parties and the drunken driving that arises from it. Thirdly, the fraternities' current policy of individual purchases means more hard alcohol purchases, which may lead to higher rates of alcoholism within houses. Finally, and we're not being facetious here, beer in plastic cups is safer than beer in bottles — you can't hurt somebody throwing a cup.



Letters

Preservationists

We're really getting sick of watching a few uncompromising owl preservationists threaten the well-being of all Oregonians. And now, we have a team of 16 preservation-biased scientists calling for a logging ban of nearly 8 million acres of land in order to "save" perhaps 3,000 pairs of spotted owls (that's over 2,500 acres per pair of owls!).

We appreciate these scientists' concern for a few owls, but we are absolutely appalled at their blatant disregard for the well-being of at least 60,000 human beings (plus their families) whose jobs are directly threatened by their proposals.

But the preservationists are still not satisfied. To them, 8 million acres is not enough. Where will they stop? These preservationists shrug off thousands and thousands of lost timber jobs/ruined lives as if the people involved simply don't exist. They argue that our economy will ultimately rebound. But after how many years, and at what price? We can't afford to wait and see.

Why can't these few noisy preservationists see the big picture and exercise some rational, moderate thinking? Let's put a quick end to the preservationists' hysteria by submitting the spotted owl/logging issue to a vote of the people. Let the majority voice of the people from the Pacific Northwest decide our future ... not a few preservationists or a team of 16 scientists from back East.

Rob Jefferson
Eugene
And 10 other signatories

Warning

I would like to warn people of a threat to their health that they may be subjecting themselves to. I am talking about the prolonged use of oral antibiotics as an acne treatment.

Several years ago I allowed a dermatologist to persuade me to use antibiotics (tetracycline, erythromycin, minocin) for my acne. One or two months after I started this treatment, I noticed that I was having more trouble

controlling my emotions than usual. I cried a lot and acted impulsively, often to my regret.

It took me at least a year to realize that these problems were occurring mainly before each menstrual period. How do antibiotics cause premenstrual syndrome? They prevent the body from properly utilizing calcium; even if calcium-rich foods are eaten regularly, and calcium deficiency leads to PMS. Antibiotics also increase the likelihood of osteoporosis, (brittle bones), because they prevent a young body from accumulating the bone mass that it will need later in life.

It has been more than three years since I stopped taking the antibiotics. I still have PMS and very sun-sensitive eyes and skin — another side effect. Once I was nearly hit by a car because my sun-sensitive eyes were blinded by an amount of sunshine that formerly would not bother me.

Waking up and going to bed at the same time each day can reduce acne without ruining your health. And maybe people that judge you by the texture of your skin aren't good enough for you.

Alice Berry
Eugene

Concerns

Never in my short history of dealing with the media have I seen my words so blatantly misrepresented as they were in Peter Cogswell's article (*ODE*, April 6) on the IACUC's approval of Dr. Richard Marrocco's macaque research.

I would like to suggest that Cogswell familiarize himself with the difference between direct citation and paraphrase so that in the future he can avoid placing grammatically and/or factually incorrect paraphrased statements in quotations.

My concerns about the IACUC decision include Marrocco's questionable level of training; however, that is secondary to the belief that ex-

ploiting non-human animals is no less oppressive than exploiting humans, and that a healthy University should not advocate such forms of oppression. I do not feel Cogswell communicated this in his article, although I believe I made it clear in our interview.

Jill Freidberg
Student

Thanks

We would like to thank the Eugene Police Department for warning us that tear gas would be used to disperse the crowd at the March 31 party. Our only request is that in the future they remove their gas masks so that we may hear such a warning.

Matt Bender
Kent Darcy
Students

Partytime

Tim Hughes (*ODE*, April 5), you are my kind of man! Whoever you are, you are making a brilliant point! It is about time for us students to stand up for our rights.

Through the last century we have seen the unions fight over life-threatening conditions, we have heard environmentalists moan over our heating of the globe, we have heard the poor, sick and old cry out for justice, and we have seen people of color fight for equality and fair treatment — so, now it is really time for us totally ignored students to fight for the right to party!

Everybody from Lake Oswego in the north to Palo Alto in the south, the time is now to get united. We are proud of the heritage and the old fight for freedom of assembly. Dear 20,000 oppressed and poor students, it's time to party!

Fred Oyen
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