

# Progressive notion is very distant The administration is running reckless

By Jonah Bookstein

It's as if the wheels of intelligence have come to a ear-drum shattering, howling, screeching halt — the doves of peace shot and roasted. There is a serious disease brewing in the adminis-

## Commentary

tration which threatens any distant notion of progressive with which we might have labeled ourselves at the University.

We enter the marble-floored world of Johnson Hall. A world of power, intrigue and navy blue suits.

"First, after we hide the news of toxic dumping at the riverside playing fields from the student body for several years, we'll ignore the claims of student groups trying to halt the building of an inevitable, B2-bomber-type-multi-million-dollar-financial-fiasco research 'park.' But this is just for starters. We are warming our engines. We can run them over with even better pork-barreling, on account of our Ph. Ds. We'll pay off the testing company anyway.

"Oh I see ... Toxic wastes on the Riverfront site ... Ha ... Wait till those fake-fur wearing activists see the job market for liberal arts majors. They'll be begging for construction crew work-study!

"Haven't we had the last laugh on the parking structure issue? Those ignorant students are trying to halt pure development genius. We got Olum out of the way, and our new parking spots will be ready for next winter. This collective conscience will take the environmental concerns about our concrete pet, voiced by students, and fix some undone work on the Hatfield Science Complex.

"Those crunchy granola types who think we will ruin our earth from burning fossil fuels ride bikes in the rain like fools. They can never appreciate the gain from installing a fifty-foot-high cement monolith. Who needs tennis courts or mass transit when you can guzzle gasoline every morning and night as you commute? We need parking to attract more faculty members who also refuse to acknowledge the dire conditions of our environment, and use up money with which we could build affordable student housing. Instead we will push students into the housing

crunch with low-income local families, and we'll waste our attempts on building an unwanted dinosaur of technology and pre-global warming monstrosity.

"Did everyone get a tour of the new primate torture labs? I hear they are state-of-the-art, designed by CIA operatives in Chile who lost work recently after Pinochet was forced out.

"The only part we have trouble covering up is this brain implant thing — why do you suppose the monkeys died when their brains were exposed to air?

"The checks from the Pentagon just came and there is a New Year's Card attached:

"Dear Administration: Thank you for preserving the vital Military Science department. Without that vital link, we might all be digging coal mines in Siberia. Train them young and they will learn to follow orders, accept the status quo, die for George Bush and create destruction. Happy New Year, The Pentagon."

"The University Affiliated Gun Toting Death Mengers Committee, UAGTEDMC for short, have requested your presence at a Panama invasion reception, Mr. President.

"Is that with nice men and women from the ROTC, the National Security Council, the CIA, the FBI and General Electric, which are allowed to recruit students for immoral career choices on campus?

"By tightening the screws on the ability for students to assemble outside of school, we can further hinder creative resistance to our deranged visions of conquering nature and

buy into the present rising fascism in the "law enforcement" community. Tear gas is just the beginning.

"And when the Nuclear Free Zone falls, we can latch onto some GE cruise missile grants and other first-strike-related industries. How convenient. Since our jobs' security now rests in our ability to garner grants from whatever illegitimate source possible, how free we shall be to pursue free market educational capitalism."

A pathetic combination of circumstances, even for the most optimistic of reformers. We could always sit down with the newly student-funded *Insurgent* and read while they pick on minority student unions; or the Sons of the Aryan Nation influenced commiehater and their diatribes against pluralism; or the creamy, nondescript flavored center of the *Oregon Voice*, react to the bar scene in Eugene, while drinking a grossly overpriced, exploitation-valued can or cup of soda from the EMU Main Desk; but that might make front-page news in the *Emerald*. And since we were trying to cut down on image, we should settle for a cup of coffee at Kinkos, and watch students pay exorbitant, corporation-funding prices, to underpaid, dogged employees and compile the next issue of "Manly Collectors Edition of Anti-Choice Letters Which Appeared in the *ODE*." But hey, that is just to much excitement for one creature of the Earth.

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