

## Move the band back behind the basket

If you have been to any Oregon basketball games at McArthur Court this year, you haven't sat in the center section of the student seating — unless of course you are in the band.

A section of the seats that used to be reserved for students only is now taken by the band. The Athletic Department moved the band from behind the south hoop into the middle of the student seating for several reasons. And although some reserve seating has been changed to student seating in other areas resulting in a net gain of eight student seats, the students are still getting the raw end of the deal.

Having one large unified section of students sitting close to the stadium floor, screaming at the opposition, is what a college basketball home court advantage is all about. Mac Court was voted by ESPN as one of the top five toughest places to win on the road last year.

Last year, in Pac-10 play, the Ducks were 7-2 at home and 3-6 on the road. They beat Arizona and UCLA at home and got crushed by the same teams on the road. Does that tell you anything?

The band was moved from the student section to the seats behind the basket originally because fans in the mezzanine deck complained that they could not see over the instruments. When the seats were given to the students, the problem persisted because students stand throughout the game. So the Athletic Department decided to move the band back into their original seats in the student section.

The Athletic Department also cited having to move TV cameras to the opposite side of the court, and having the band sit directly across from the visiting team as reasons for moving the band. They feel having the band sit across from the opposition improves the home court advantage.

But this is not so. There is something about the student seating located on the floor level that motivates and unites students in a cohesive, screaming frenzy. The band can be heard just as well by the opposing team when they are sitting behind the basket. In fact, they are even closer to the floor.

Students, especially in this year of rising tuition, larger student/professor ratios and horrendous housing and parking problems, seem to suffer the brunt of problems they did not create.

Now the Athletic Department is adding another insult by taking away the good student seating and replacing it with poor substitutes.



## FBI action recalls World War II nightmare

With the Persian Gulf crisis apparently headed to war, the Eugene FBI office is contacting people from Arab nations in town, and in some instances, interviewing them.

The action is part of a nationwide effort to gather information about terrorist attacks and to avoid possible backlash against Arab-Americans in the event war does actually break out.

The FBI and the U.S. government should approach this issue with extreme caution. Congress recently approved reparations for thousands of interned Japanese during World War II. But it is not the money that hurts the U.S. It was the obvious racist nature of the internment that still clouds our country.

Locking people into concentration camps seems like a still from an old Hollywood movie. But it happened before and it can happen again.

An FBI spokesperson said their actions do not suggest intimidation at all. But any-

one who gets a call from the FBI is going to assume the worst. How can one not feel intimidated when a government agency calls someone and wants to talk to them because of their nationality? And what better way to obtain information on people in case of a national security emergency?

We are concerned about the FBI's latest tactics. Although the FBI claims that the contacting of Arabs is for their own security — in case of community or individual harassment from a possible gulf war — the FBI is not known for humanitarian actions.

There are rapists, robbers and murderers the FBI could be chasing. There are plenty of junk bond salesman and savings and loan officers who have bilked the American public for billions of dollars.

Instead, the FBI jumps on the paranoia wagon, as happened during World War II. Leave the Arab-Americans, or any other nationalist group alone. It smacks of racism and has no place in the U.S.

## LETTERS

### Educate me

In Russel Barnett's letter (ODE, Jan. 7) concerning the IFC funding for SETA, Barnett seems somewhat confused on several points.

He states that the job of the University is education. I agree, but a vital part of this education has got to be exposure to a diversity of viewpoints and opinions.

The purpose of all the IFC funding for groups is to help provide this diversity to aid in the education of all students.

Barnett also seems somewhat confused about SETA. We are not "anti-research" or "anti-education." If we are anti-education why are we in college?

Although many of our members believe that research on animals is wrong and should be stopped, this does not make us anti-research. Barnett needs to remember that most of the research that goes on at the University involves no animals, and I know of no one in SETA who objects to any of this research.

Finally, Barnett says that the research facility must now have many security measures to pro-

tect the people and animals involved in University research. Too bad these security measures can't protect the animals from brain surgery or having their eyes rotated or sewn shut, or the many other procedures performed in the name of research.

I ask Barnett, who needs protection from whom?

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### Copy cat

In response to Michael Hoyt's letter (ODE, Jan. 11) concerning the placing of packets with the EMU Campus Copy Center, let me say as the person ultimately responsible for CCC that we have made every attempt to make the experience a short one.

We do have extended hours during the first two weeks of each term, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

We serve at least 70 percent of our customers on the first visit. Those who do not have to place an order are able to return in a matter of hours and do not wait in line again.

We have developed a system

of pre-ordering while in line which greatly speeds up the line. Although the line may seem to be overly long, in monitoring the people at the front they assure us the longest wait is about 10 minutes at peak periods.

The first two and the last two hours of each day the line is almost non-existent which would tend to suggest that few students are really interested in buying a packet at 3 a.m. in the morning.

We are aware of the need for fast service and have additional help in all phases at the beginning of each term. We have been able to maintain the lowest prices per sheet for packets while offering a reasonably good service to the student and teacher.

We pledge to continue to improve in any way we can and if extended hours appear to be warranted, we certainly will respond. Those students wishing to express an opinion please contact me at the University Printing Services, 101 Allen Hall.

Wayne Merritt  
Director

### Correct dress

The politically correct student body on this campus is dedicated to challenging such fascist, patriarchal institutions as the CIA and the University. By donning the proper attire these student insurgents promote diversity and individuality.

Selecting the correct persona is paramount to the success of any campus leftist effort. If you are a novice political activist but have nothing to wear, here are a few tips:

Nicaraguan peasant skirts can be purchased at several politically conscious boutiques

for under \$50. A pair of tie-dyed overalls will also reflect that mellow, collective side of you and convey a "just off the organic farm" look.

Other appropriate items include karma crystals to ward off disagreeable vibes and a body-odor-simulating perfume sold under a catchy euphemism "patchouli."

At no cost, white college students can illustrate their individuality and exploit a Jamaican tradition by growing "brotherhood" dreads. Women need only shave their heads to worship goddess archetypes and fashionably denote their sexual orientation. Such fash-

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