

**Slow down**

A month ago I watched a mother race her baby stroller across Agate Street because there is no safe crossing between 15th Street and 19th Street.

With the return of daylight savings time and warmer weather, everyone is spending more time outdoors — this includes more cars and motorbikes on the roads, and bicyclists and pedestrians.

As the business of the academic term escalates, so does another activity. I am particularly concerned about pedestrian safety near Bean parking lot on Moss Street, and all the streets feeding the lot which is located between campus proper and East campus family housing.

I am one of more than 100 student parents of more than 100 children who cross the streets. They are on their way to school to play. They are extremely vulnerable to the thousands of cars that are driven through our neighborhood.

Our student government has begged the city and the University to design changes to improve conditions. We have talked with some individuals who use the parking area to drive slowly in and out and to understand there are children around.

Some drivers feel very insulted when a mother yells "slow down." Again, on behalf of the parents, children and bicyclists, I ask drivers to slow down, and for the University and the city to act now.

There have been accidents — so far no deaths or serious injuries. Please respond because no one wants this mess to result in a 911 call.

**Mary Tegel**  
East Campus  
Neighborhood Council

**Bike sweeps**

The Office of Public Safety has recently stepped up its patrols of Lawrence Hall in search of illegally parked bicycles. The issue involves the fire code, lack of rack space, theft and vandalism, building maintenance, and more I'm sure.

My main concern is my need to count on transportation late at night. Anytime I'm in Lawrence Hall after dark I'm going to have my bike in the building.

If I were to come out of the building at midnight and find my bike missing or vandalized, I'd be in trouble. The issue is my personal safety and I can't compromise that. A quick survey in my studio, (after the latest OPS sweep) with between 11 and 14 students present, revealed 11 bikes stolen and three vandalized collectively. The threat is real.

There have been various solutions suggested and some are pretty good, but they aren't being considered. None have been implemented and the OPS sweeps are catching me and my efforts to protect myself in the middle.

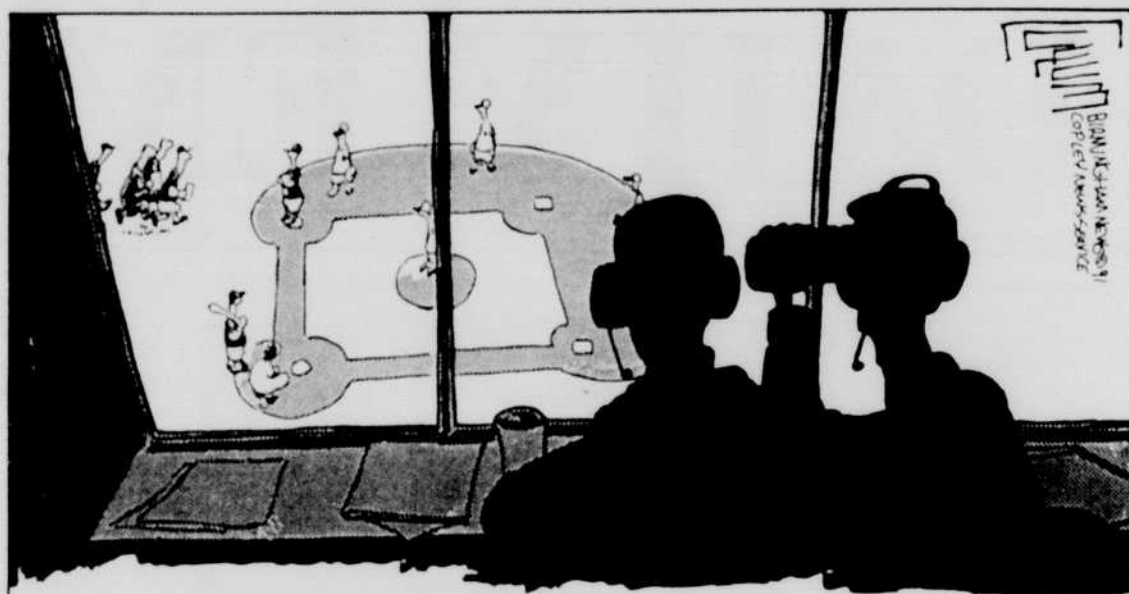
It's incredible that the officers of safety are working against my safety. This should be a non-issue. I'm satisfied that this can be resolved to the satisfaction of the fire marshal code and I don't understand the resistance.

**Carol Paddock**  
Architecture

**No panic**

I was greatly disturbed by the *Emerald's* choice of headlines (April 12) in reporting the bomb scare at Johnson Hall.

The headline read "Johnson Hall Bomb Scare Causes Panic." Nowhere in the article was it indicated that there was a



"WILLIAMS IS SAFE ON THIRD WITH A TRIPLE....AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE SOX WILL HAVE TO TAKE A TIMEOUT TO RENEGOTIATE HIS CONTRACT."

panic. It seemed that people were concerned — who wouldn't be — but the impression I got was the only panic going on was that of the headline writer who is apparently bucking for a job with the *National Enquirer*.

Please be more careful in the future that the headlines reflect the story and get over the desire to become a sensationalist newspaper, unless of course you intend to start marketing the *Emerald* in supermarket checkout lines.

The *Emerald* might also think about an apology to the staff in Johnson Hall.

**Norma Sax**  
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**Fuzzie facts**

"Be a voice for the 20,000 laboratory animals who suffer in silence at the University of Oregon" read the flyer advertising Donald Barnes' talk (April 8) sponsored by SETA.

The University doesn't, in fact, have 20,000 animals, but rather houses 17,570, as of the Jan. 21, 1991 census. By implication the flyer suggests that those supposedly suffering animals are all warm fuzzies — cats and non-human primates.

In the interests of accuracy, the truth is as follows (these numbers are public record and available to all, including SETA.)

Of the 17,570 animals, 83.7 percent are fish (zebra fish and cichlids), 0.9 percent are amphibians, 15.1 percent are rodents (rats and mice). The total remaining 0.39 percent are cats, owls, rabbits and non-human primates.

Furthermore, those of us who

work with these animals do not believe they suffer, in silence or otherwise. Fish are, by their nature, rather silent, but these fish are cared for far better than those found in most pet stores or home aquarians.

The same goes for the warm fuzzies. Good science can't be done by studying sick or mistreated animals. Animal activists such as those in SETA may feel that no science is good science if it uses animals; the vast majority of the public feels differently, and is interested in seeing that research continues — as long as the animals are treated humanely.

**Traci Bork**  
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**LETTERS POLICY**

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**FORUM**

**No money? Don't count on Bell for representation**

By Fritz Blair

**Commentary**

Does Marie Bell represent you in the Oregon state Legislature? If you live on campus, or north or west campus from I-5 to the Willamette River, or if you attend the University, the answer is probably yes.

But if you are a student, then the answer is no. Because she has shown repeatedly in both words and deeds that the interests of students are not her interests, that those of us at the University mean little to her.

On April 17, six students from the University and LCC traveled to Salem to lobby their interests to several of their Senators and representatives. Of the ones they visited, Bell alone did not meet with the students in person, instead sending an aide, Steven Baughman, to answer the group's questions. The aide was decidedly evasive when asked about Bell's general ideology, and when elaborating, said, "I don't want to get that specific ..."

Marie Bell's aide upset and angered the Eugene students, but their dissatisfaction was not about party politics. They came to Salem with a bipartisan agenda focusing on toxics-reduction

legislation and school funding.

However, Bell's apathy toward the University related issues frustrated the students much more than any stance on them. Although students make up more than 30 percent of Bell's constituency, she refuses to take their needs seriously.

District 41 is "too big" for Bell to adequately represent, admitted her aide, who perceives a world where only "money talks," and overly "idealistic" students with their "heads in the clouds" don't count for much. The spokesman for Bell went on to say that, "Be it OSPIRG, ASUO, or the athletic department, (Bell) does not represent these special-interest groups ..."

Representative Bell does, however, practice an "open door" policy where "anyone ... no matter if she agrees with them or not" can speak with her (or an aide) and she will lend an ear. Of course, what elected official does not promise at least this much? Bell also pursues some very positive legislation concerning the rehabilitative disposition of sex offenders, demanding that they attend at least one of the victim's support group.

On most other subjects she just has not done her homework, though. Abortion and the rights of homosexuals, for example, are issues pertinent on campus. But Marie Bell is not interested in either. Baughman would say that Bell opposes abortion, but could not speak on

it. Furthermore, he admitted that she had "never discussed" homosexuality in her office.

Clearly, she cannot resolve student-related conflicts if she will not address them. Even if the University were "too sheltered," a world for students to be able to make responsible political choices, Bell does not fare much better off campus than on. When asked about industrial regulation and toxic waste, Bell's aide quoted her as saying that she would actively neglect a dump that was killing people, favoring "free enterprise" over a positive life threat.

Bell has so little regard for students' intelligence, if nothing else, that her spokesman misrepresented the facts on the subject of campaign funding. The aide told four supposedly naive students that PACs, groups notorious for promoting needs of wealthy corporations, had not been a part of Bell's election. But when confronted with information to the contrary, he quickly contradicted himself by saying, "Yes, there were substantial contributions (from

PACs)."

The last time OSPIRG went to Salem, they brought Marie Bell over 500 postcards on one single issue, a formidable amount from anywhere. In explaining how Bell then disregarded those 500 student opinions, Baughman said they were "insubstantial ... with no meats and potatoes" to them.

Baughman said full-length letters with "in-depth supports" for the position they take would have an increased "psychological effect" on Bell, who would then take the students' opinions into account.

No matter what Bell believes, students are, by and large, well-informed, voting citizens with specific needs. This is especially true of those at a public institution like the University, which is dictated by the state Legislature. Therefore, students simply cannot allow their voices to go unheeded any longer. Marie Bell needs to be shown that our opinions do indeed count.

Fritz Blair is a student at the University.

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