

# EDITORIAL

## I am happy

I am happy to say that the University has finally recognized the importance of the bicycle as a means of transport to and from campus. The addition of new bicycle parking facilities around campus proves that the past problems of bicycle overcrowding are being solved.

I have conducted a survey from May 28-31 to analyze the efficiency of the parking facilities. The statistics show that campus bicycle parking had a high of 80 percent of available spaces used at the EMU compared to a low of 25 percent of potential space used at Esslinger Hall.

I divide the bicycle parking racks into five major areas: the closed end of 13 Avenue; the area between Pacific and Columbia; in front of Willamette Hall; the EMU; and Esslinger Hall.

Theft constitutes a major deterrent to most bicycle riders at the University. OPS has not compiled this year's statistics, however, they have indicated that they are quite high, bordering on ridiculous.

To combat this major problem of theft I have a rather unusual solution that would be most efficient and effective. My proposal is to hire 10-20 work study students to simply patrol the major bicycle parking areas. They do not need to be given any police powers to catch criminals or give tickets, merely to watch over the bicycles. Thus, the danger to themselves would be minimal and in the long run it would easily pay for itself by reducing the burden on OPS and more expensive forms of University sponsored transport like car parking and bus facilities. It is my hope that the University will continue to recognize the bicycle as an effective way to alleviate the growing transportation problems associated with such a high density of people.

Cedar R. Ingber  
Eugene

## What was that?

What was that God-awful smell that permeated campus

May 30? I must say the smell even overcame the odor left by the administration's ban of the Grateful Dead. Whatever the cause of the smell, maybe next time the University decides to add such an odor to the campus area, they could wait until all the students are on vacation like they did when they cut down trees behind the library.

Sharon Keller  
Eugene

## Walking around

Walking around campus I have seen many students wearing T-shirts that read "Respect, demand it." I believe this is a reference to our talented football team deserving more respect than they currently are afforded.

However, many years ago a wise old man told me that the only way to get respect is to earn it. If you have to DEMAND respect from people you probably don't deserve it.

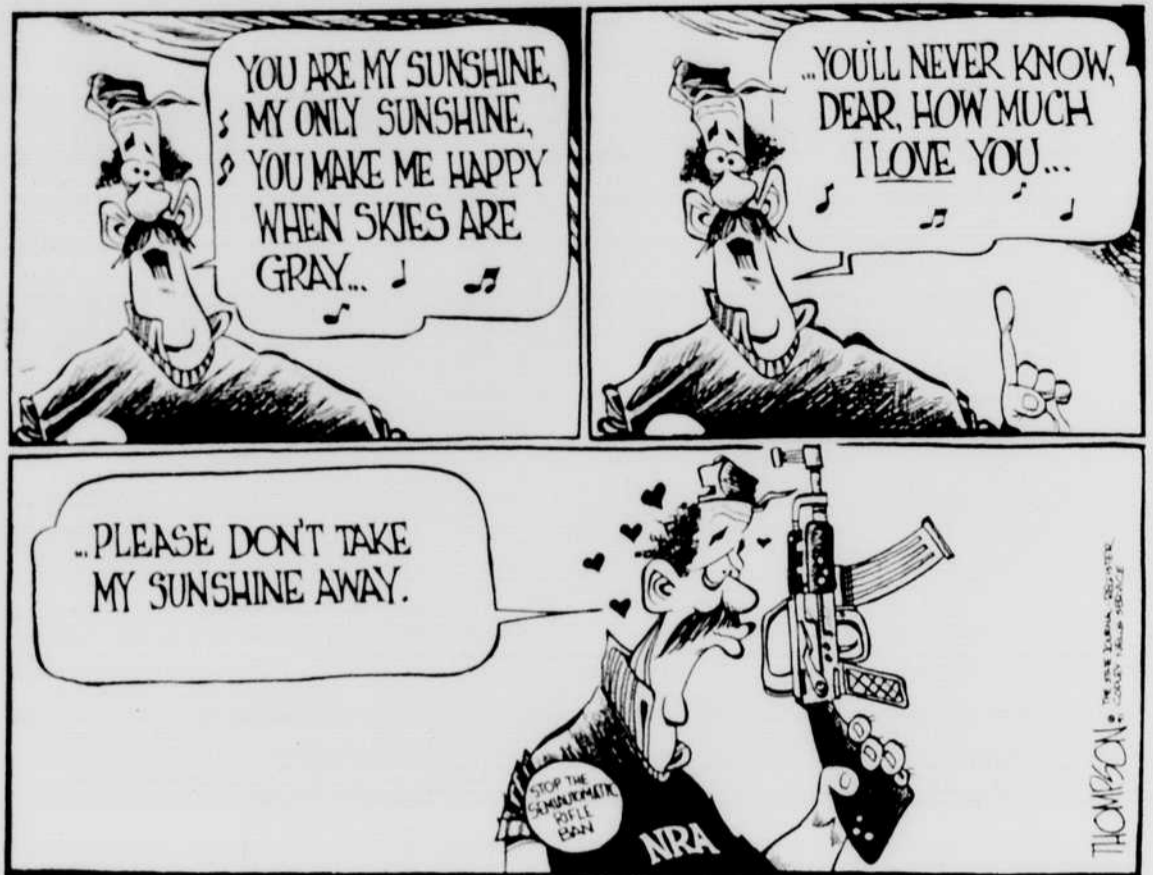
Michael Campbell  
Eugene

## While we're on

While we're on the subject of minority Americans who can't get a scholarship based on their minority status, how about:

Iranian-Americans, Indian-Americans, Celtic-Americans, Gaelic-Americans, Romany-Americans, Norman-Americans, Basque-Americans, Laplander-Americans and all other incredibly diverse, infinitely varied separate cultures that "political correctness" so crudely, arrogantly and ignorantly lumps together as "white" America.

Amazingly enough, a lot of us worked in strawberry fields (or hop fields or cranberry bogs or corn fields or chopped cord wood) beginning at an incredibly young age — a dollar meant a great deal to ourselves and our families, and many of us sweat and bled to get to college, too. We too have struggled to get by — where the thought of owing thousands of dollars of student loans is terri-



fying and daunting to us and others like us.

And truth to tell, my University education has not even begun to do justice in seeing that all students be required to study Celtic, Iranian, Basque or Rom. history, let alone the languages of our cultures. Oh well.

Michael T. MacDonough  
Eugene

## The Emerald

The *Emerald's* policy of calling the position in favor of legalized abortions "pro-abortion" and the position opposed "anti-abortion" seems to me an attempt to be fair. The position in favor has developed such euphemisms as "reproductive choice" and "terminate a pregnancy" in order to conceal the very shocking reality of killing human fetuses for any and all reasons.

"Political speech and language," writes George Orwell, "are largely the defense of the indefensible," and "have to consist largely of euphe-

misms." Thus, allowing those in favor to call their position "pro-choice" does nothing to further the debate and only obscures the issue.

Henry Crume  
English

## I was

I was recently browsing through the classifieds in the *Emerald*, looking for some housing when I came across an ad requesting "Christian" roommates.

"How odd," I thought to myself. Why don't people ever request something original — maybe Tibetan monks or Wheel of Fortune finalists? And why wouldn't a household be interested in broadening their spiritual horizons and exploring new realms of religious beliefs? After all, college is supposed to be a learning experience, right?

Then I began to rationalize, and realized there are definitely some foreseeable problems for those who choose to take a more liberal stance.

We obviously have to take

into consideration the fact that some people will have more difficulty allowing heathens into their household than others. This is certainly understandable. One little goat sacrifice in the living room and the resale value just plummets through the basement.

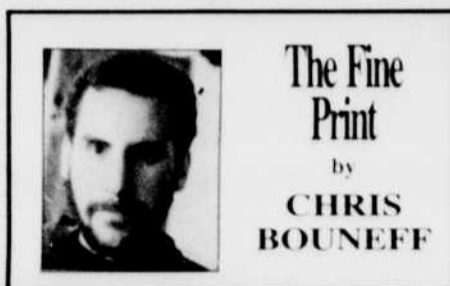
Then, too, there is the potential for mutual conflicts of interest when time comes for home entertainment. Say, for example, you're all sitting around after dinner eating your breath mints, and someone digs some old assault rifles out of the closet and suggests a lively round of "Conflict in the Middle East." Admittedly, a sticky situation at best.

But it seems to me there might be another side to the coin. Now, as much as ever, cultural literacy and an open mind are two tremendous assets currently in high demand. Certainly, it is up to each individual to make a final decision, but I think most will find the benefits of keeping an open mind far outweigh the pitfalls.

Mary E. Locke Klein  
Eugene

# OPINION

## This year only: Two Muslim groups, one low price



In this piece, I'll be referring to the Muslim Student Association.

But just to keep Charles O. Porter\* — the attorney who has nothing better to do than worry about which group actually is the MSA — off guard, I won't be too specific.

That's because members of the "real" MSA, which consists of Muslims from only one sect of the religion, have withdrawn as a University-supported organization and taken the name with them.

Other Muslim students, who were shut out of the MSA, filled the MSA void by

reviving the group so the vast array of Muslim students could still have their own association.

But Charles O. Porter\*, attorney at law, dutifully notified the new MSA leader, the ASUO and the *Emerald* that the name Muslim Student Association was a name duly registered.

So the now-outlawed MSA changed its name to the MSA of the University of Oregon, but Charles O. Porter\* again notified all parties involved (especially the party of the first part who will be known as the party of the second part) that the name MSAUO was also registered, as well as all variations on MSAUO, by the same sect that no longer associated itself with the University.

In the latest move, the now-outlawed MSA and MSAUO changed its name once again — this time to the MSA of the Islamic Society of North America. Charles O. Porter\* says, OK, that one's up for grabs.

For those of us keeping score at home, this confusing situation calls for an offi-

cial program. For the amateurs, this calls for a quick explanation.

If a group of Muslim students on campus want to form an organization, technically they would be a Muslim student association, but not *the* Muslim Student Association.

So, if I were to refer to the student group that is really sponsored by the University as the Muslim Student Association, Charles O. Porter\* might be prompted to start another round of letter writing.

But, if I were to refer to the University-sponsored group, which rightly should be able to use the name MSAUO, as the school's Muslim student association, Chuckie\* (a registered variation of Charles O. Porter\*) would not get paid as he would have no grounds to write more letters.

Got it? It's all in a word.

You would think that a group not officially associated with the University of Oregon — which is a trademarked name — would not be allowed to register the

school's name. But University officials are unsure whether using the school's name violates any law.

However, they do say that the non-University-affiliated MSAUO could not use the school's name for financial profit.

That means the non-student MSAUO could not sell such things as MSAUO T-shirts to raise money to pay off the Chuckster\*, because such use would violate trademark laws.

Now that the whole issue of the MSA and what constitutes a trademark violation is clear to you, I would like to point out several words and phrases that I've registered with the Oregon Secretary of State's office. Any use of these words without paying royalty fee to me, in care of this paper, is strictly prohibited.

The list is as follows: diversity, empowerment, left turn, glasnost, "Did you go to Shasta last weekend?," schmutz and Presbyterian.

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