



Questions

In light of the recent events concerning the ASUO vice president, I wish to pose a few questions to the ASUO executive office.

1. Do you believe public officials need to exercise good judgment?
2. Do you believe shoplifting is an example of good judgment?
3. Do you believe people should be held responsible for their actions?
4. Do you think a public official who exercises bad judgment in her private life should be trusted with issues that deal with other people's money?
5. Is it responsible for a presidential candidate to choose a running mate who has committed a crime, then not let the voters decide if they approve of her actions?

These five questions were not explicitly answered in either the *Emerald* or the *Oregon Commentator*, and I would like to give Jo Sonja Watson and Jennifer Bills the opportunity to answer them.

The answers will not change the fact that Watson stole from the University Bookstore while she was a member of the IFC. She stole \$7.27 worth of merchandise while responsible for the allocation of \$4.5 million.

But the answers to the questions will enlighten the public. If the answers are responsible and rational, the only responsible and rational option left will be for the executive officers to submit their resignations. If the answers are irrational and irresponsible, then we, the students of the University, will need to decide if we want our money and future in the hands of irrational and irresponsible leadership.

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Whew!

While reading the *Emerald* of Nov. 1 and the November issue of the *Oregon Commentator*, I found the articles concerning ASUO Vice President Jo Sonja Watson very interesting. The comments and assessments by Jennifer Bills were intriguing and expected.

According to the two publications, Watson is admittedly guilty of stealing. And she reportedly told the *Commentator*, "...And I'm not going to apologize for it."

She failed to appear in court as any responsible citizen should do. She wrote a bad check. She felt she is qualified to handle large sums of money, and these things are not relevant as to how she deals with political issues.

Bills, the ASUO president, knew about her conduct, and yet she and Watson conspired to keep it secret until after the election. Later, Bills told the *Commentator*, "We all make stupid mistakes ... it's not a problem." Whew!

This reminds me of the recent Clarence Thomas hearings. The allegations against Thomas were never proved, but even if they were true, I guess it wouldn't matter — we all make stupid mistakes. It wouldn't affect the way he makes decisions on the Supreme Court. It's in the past, anyway!

I believe Bills and Watson should resign from office for their conspiracy, and the way they defrauded and deceived the student body and the administration.

Ron Williams
Eugene

Butt out

Get off of Myles Brand's butt! How can you realistically expect him to ban the military from recruiting on campus?

If he had not vetoed the ban, the chance was that this university would lose precious federal money.

Considering the financial constraints that Measure 5 has put us under, the financial risk of upholding the EMU Board of Directors kept the ban from being a viable option.

Granted, discrimination in the military is not necessarily a positive thing; neither is discrimination against the military recruiters and interested parties because of a policy which is not their making.

If you feel a military policy change should be made, don't blame them. They're innocent.

The change should not be made on the University campus, but in Congress, where it began.

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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Unbeknownst to most ornithologists, the dodo was actually a very advanced species, living along quite peacefully until, in the 17th century, it was annihilated by men, rats and dogs. As usual.

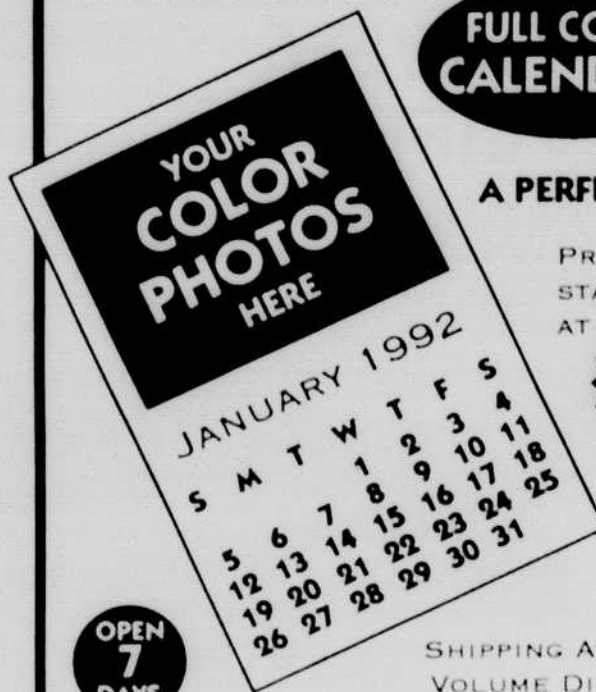
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