

## Don't waste time, hold election soon

The students have spoken, at least to the extent that they want the right to be heard.

ASUO Vice President JoSonja Watson is up for recall, courtesy of a College Republican-sponsored petition. Just before winter break, organizers turned in 1,844 signatures to the Constitution Court — 153 more than needed.

Backers of the recall effort say it has bipartisan backing and deny the recall is politically motivated. Watson supporters scoff at the claims, and in one sleazy, unforgettable moment, charged racism.

The recall is a bit of both. For the College Republicans to say its efforts are completely out of the political sphere is ridiculous. Of course it has political implications. The College Republicans didn't back the Bills-Watson ticket, and in the spirit of minority parties everywhere, they are exploiting an opportunity.

Be that as it may, there is an opportunity. Watson did shoplift, was convicted, and served her sentence. Even then it wasn't such a big deal, but her actions after the story broke — seemingly no remorse, etc. — made it one. The College Republicans may have lit the fire, but Watson brought the wood and fanned the flames.

So the students will get the chance to remove her from office on what amounts to an insignificant issue. Watson's shoplifting did not directly affect her job, or have any bearing on her ability to fulfill her duties. Students have the right to know about it; there just shouldn't be this much controversy.

One more thing. The ASUO Constitution puts no time frame on when the election must be held. Not to put such thoughts in anybody's head, but conceivably, the election could be the day before Bills and Watson leave office.

Let's hope it doesn't go that far. Whoever runs the election needs to keep speed in mind. Get the election done, and quickly, so we can all get this nasty situation behind us and get on with things that are really important.

In a time of rising tuition costs and shrinking loans and grants, inconsequential issues such as this waste time, money and resources.

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## OPINION

# Happy '92, time to go to work



### THE FINE PRINT

BY DON PETERS

Hey, so it's the new year. Time to make some resolutions.

It's a tradition that has now become blasé. Nobody makes resolutions anymore, or if they do, they last approximately until Jan. 7. People hate to be reminded of their faults, and they especially don't want to say in front of witnesses that they'll give 'em up.

However, I believe it's important to keep a proper perspective of yourself. With that in mind, I've decided to make resolutions for some people. I know they're busy and all, so they'll probably going to appreciate this.

Here goes...

1. David Duke, resolve that if I lose the presidential election, I will leave politics, go to a tiny South Pacific atoll, and never bother anyone again.

1. George Bush ditto.

1. Bill Clinton resolve to check for hidden microphones and tape recorders before making another bigoted, off-color joke that could cost me the election.

1. Mario Cuomo promise to never again raise hopes with my on-again, off-again presidential aspirations.

1. Patrick Buchanan resolve to go back to television. Maybe take over Falwell's show.

1. Jerry Brown promise never to turn another candidate's debate into my version of the Home Shopping Network.

1. Dan Quayle resolve not to run for president. Ever.

OK, that about does it for the presidential hopefuls.

1. Ted Turner resolve never to fall asleep on national television when my baseball team is in the World Series, and that if I even think about colorizing *Citizen Kane*, I should be dragged over carpet tacks and dipped in rubbing alcohol.

1. Myles Brand resolve never again to shave off my mustache, and to grow it back at the earliest possible opportunity.

1. Barbara Roberts promise to kick the Oregon Legislature in the hiney and come up with some sort of a solution to Measure 5 before the state gets auctioned off to the highest bidder.

1. Mikhail Gorbachev resolve to get another job. Is McDonald's hiring?

In the spirit of fairness, I will make some resolutions for myself, too. Remember, these are not legally binding.

1. Don Peters do hereby resolve to do the following things:

Never again mix \$30 bottle scotch with diet root beer.

Wash my truck occasionally instead of waiting for a passing rainstorm.

Stop calling my boss "picklehead," even if it is only behind his back.

Not to go down any ski run named "Death from Above."

Start thinking about quitting smoking (the crucial first step).

Never again run a tab at a bar.

Root for the California Angels, even if they go 0-162.

Avoid taking a class entirely by Footnotes.

Learn how to cook. The Domino's Pizza girl knows me by name.

Stop staying out until 2 a.m. on a Wednesday.

Never again take another 8:30 a.m. lit class.

Clean my apartment more often, instead of the semi-annual schedule I have now.

Learn how to hit a 2-iron.

Avoid using the word "diversity" in anything I write.

Vote, even if I have to put down "Bill and Opus" for president again.

Continue to hate the Dallas Cowboys, the University of Miami and the New York Yankees.

Not date anyone who can beat me in arm wrestling.

Stop referring to Northern Californians as "them." Must be nice; they have all the water.

Actually go *in* the library this term.

And finally...

Not come into the office at 3 p.m. on a Sunday with no idea what I'm going to write.

Well, that's that. You all should make some resolutions, too. It's fun to do, and even more fun to break them.

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