

Get involved or else higher ed goes away

Cut, slash, slice, dissect and gut. That's what's going to happen to the Oregon higher ed budget.

Thank you so much, Measure 5. College students really do appreciate it.

On Tuesday, Chancellor Thomas Bartlett gave the higher education board a list of recommendations for cutting the system's budget by 20 percent in the 1993-95 biennium. The list was just the first step in the trimming process. College administrators will get their turn soon, and the board will vote on cuts this July.

Any way you look at it, the University — as well as the rest of the state higher ed system — is in trouble. Bartlett's recommendations would slash \$152 million from the current budget. No campuses would close — they'd just be sliced into minute bits.

And while all of this was going on, what were students doing? Most of them definitely weren't at Lane Community College Tuesday afternoon to meet with the OSSHE tuition committee and discuss ways out of this financial quagmire.

It can't be stated more clearly. If students don't take more of an active interest in what's going on in the smoke-filled budget rooms, the whole higher education system will collapse like a house of cards in a tornado.

Wouldn't that be neat?

So this is a plea to both sides, students and administrators. If you're taking classes, remember that you are responsible for protecting that right for future student generations. Write letters to Congress, the Oregon Legislature, the governor or the board of higher education. Tell them you want to keep tuition affordable and stop the dwindling of programs.

To those making up the budget, think of the state's priorities. If education is the key to the future, as we've all been told, then keeping access to colleges and universities is vital. Take notice of what students are saying.

Everybody — get involved.

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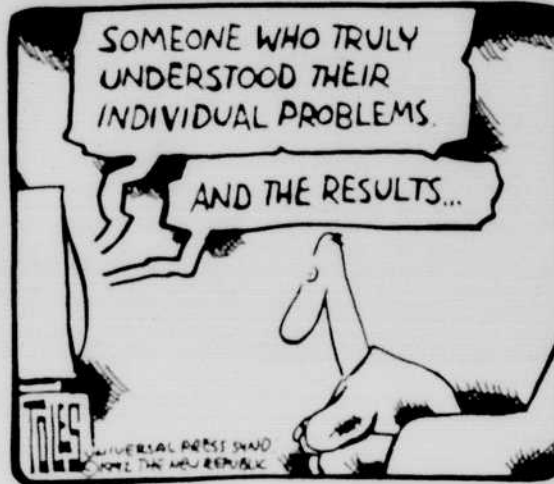
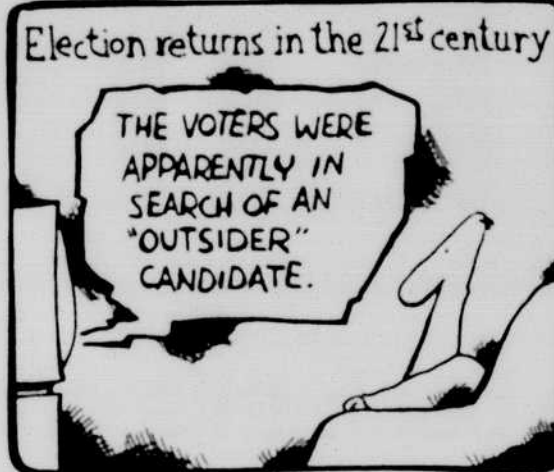
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Helping

One week before the five-year anniversary of my rape, I had the opportunity to attend my third Take Back the Night march. A few days before that march, something happened that I very much wanted to talk about at the speak-out. However, I chose not to. That incident, though, is very important to me, and I still want to share it.

About a month ago, I did something that was a very important step in taking care of myself: I chose to put focusing on my healing on a higher priority than the relationship I was in. Someone was hurt because breaking up was not what that person wanted.

Last week, we were talking and the person got angry and told me my choice was selfish. That pushed some buttons for me, because I have been told that taking care of myself is selfish for a majority of my life by my mother, father, some teachers and the man who sexually assaulted me.

This time, I was very confused because the person who said it was a woman and one of my best friends. I thought she understood the importance of supporting others when they take care of themselves. To her and everyone else, when you accuse me (or anyone) of being selfish when I am working very hard to help myself, you not only invalidate my attempts, but you also invalidate your own efforts. And that's not fair to any of us.

Sandra Saathoff
Springfield

Sniveling

Pat Malach missed the point concerning the recent alteration of the summer school banner (*ODE*, April 30, The Fine Print): Why does the University (and the University Bookstore) continually neglect to include people of color in their displays? Would it be so horrible to include intellectual figures such as W.E.B. DuBois in a

banner on this lily-white campus?

As for Malach's "white-male" snivelings, I (as a white male) am sick and tired of guys like him who self-righteously claim to be representing my race, class and gender. Grow up, Malach, and open your eyes.

Matthew Weeks
GTF

Accountable

In reading Gerrit Koeppling's article that appeared in the April 29 issue of the *Emerald*, I can't help but shake my head when I hear this whole problem was the result of an oversight made by a University administrator.

"Oversights" like this are an example of what is wrong with this University. It is oversights like this that remind faculty, administrators and students that we have a long way to go in making the University truly multicultural. It's oversights like this that effectively negate any small progress the University makes toward becoming that truly diverse place we can all be proud of.

This oversight also further underscores the need for a more comprehensive assessment of diversity in our curriculum. The race, gender, non-European-American requirement is in dire need of an overhaul, as it is meaningless in its current state.

To Lisa Lawrence, Teresa Naillon, Diana Collins and those other 40 students who took down the banner, thank you for again reminding the University that these oversights, these insensitivities, will not be tolerated.

To Ron Trebon, while I do believe your oversight was not malicious, I do hold you accountable for this incident. This issue is not a matter of political correctness, nor is this the "cult of ethnicity" in ac-

tion. This is a matter of accountability, responsibility and drawing the line to say that such oversights in the future will not be tolerated.

Jon Motohiro
Student Senate

Lead me

The Black Student Union is under a self-inflicted media blackout, which is totally understandable. I mean, like what business does the media have reporting on the protests anyway? Like mind your own business, media.

I must admit, though, how else would I have been able to watch Brian Hoop kick in the Federal Building's windows? Now that's what the University needs in the ASUO — more senators like him. Lead me to violence, Hoop, lead me.

Matt Terwillegar
Student

CORRECTION

A front page article in Thursday's *Emerald* incorrectly reported that changes to general education requirements approved by the University Assembly Wednesday would go into effect next fall.

Further negotiations at the state level must take place before any changes in the University curriculum can be implemented. An official date has not yet been set for any of the University-approved changes to take place.

Norm Kuehl's letter (*ODE*, May 7) should have read "Just because I despise all gays gives me no right to break the law."

The *Emerald* regrets any confusion these errors may have caused.