

# Atlanta City Council may set precedent

If you had any doubts about the effect of the Oregon Citizens Alliance sponsored anti-homosexual ballot measures on Oregon's economic health, put them to rest.

On Monday, the Atlanta, Ga. City Council voted to boycott the state of Colorado and the cities of Concord, Calif. and Springfield. All three locations have recently passed anti-homosexual legislation and the OCA would have liked nothing more for the entire state of Oregon to join the club.

In defending Ballot Measure 9, the OCA claimed opposition fears over lost business were unfounded. And true to OCA form, it was wrong.

The decision by Atlanta will have a negligible direct impact on the politics of Springfield, but it may send a signal to other cities and groups who might do business with Eugene's neighbor.

Consider the consequences on tourism. Will people from cities that boycott Springfield decide to travel there? For that matter, will they come to Eugene or even Oregon?

As more government bodies follow Atlanta's precedent, the pressure will build on Springfield to join the 20th century. Hopefully, that date will not be far away.

A more effective boycott would come from a West Coast city, perhaps Seattle or even Portland.

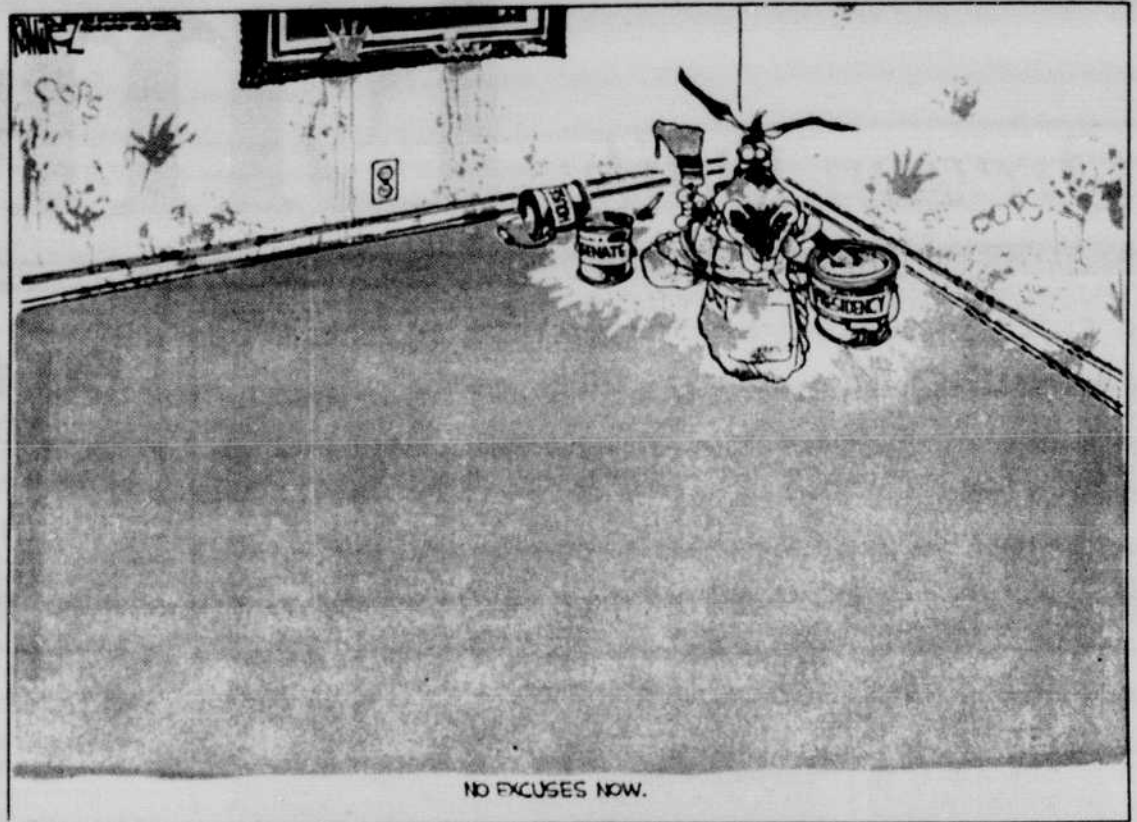
And what about Eugene? Being located adjacent to Springfield may cause some of the negative publicity to find its way westward and contaminate Eugene's economy.

In Thursday's *Register-Guard*, Springfield City Councilman Ralf Walters was quoted saying he "thinks it's unfair that they've singled out Springfield and put us on their list." Perhaps Walters should remember that his city has singled out homosexuals and put them on an "undesirable list."

Fortunately, the American Civil Liberties Union will soon file a court motion claiming Springfield's Measure 20-08 violates the state Constitution on the same grounds as 1988's Measure 8 did.

In time, the people of Springfield will restore statewide and national respect toward their city. But until then, they better get used to being the bad guys.

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## LETTERS

### More crime

I feel it is necessary for myself and on behalf of the Eugene Police Department to answer Hope Neelson's apt question: "Is there not enough crime to keep (EPD) busy...?" (*ODE*, Nov. 9).

No there is not enough significant crime in Eugene to keep the entire police department busy, so one must regulate the more common, but equally important, crimes of misdemeanor. We must commend, not condemn, EPD for generously providing many jobs and sources of income to the community.

We all must realize how hard Lane County has been hit by declining timber receipts and the passage of 1990's Ballot Measure 5. Lower timber receipt revenue has caused a decline in county income and an increase in unemployed timber industry workers.

Neelson may be a bit bitter at EPD for infringing on her rights, but she shouldn't take it personally. Think of all the food she put on the tables of the many people who participated in her booking and processing. I'm sure everyone from the arresting officers to the laundry person who washed her jail garb is gracious for her contribution to the Eugene economy.

Neelson's \$200 and 40 hours of labor invested more in the city than it could have ever on the retail scale. She shouldn't be sour that her rights were negated, but proud of her contribution to the city of Eugene, Lane County and the state of Oregon.

I must congratulate the fine intellectuals who discovered these creative means of stimulating the economy.

Jeff Philpot  
Geology

### In color

Ryan Blacketter asks, "Do Duong and Orozco think King was just another Uncle Tom?" (*ODE*, Nov. 18). We believe Martin Luther King Jr. was a powerful leader of human rights. But King is also used as a token black hero because he is portrayed as more accepting

of whites. Continually Blacketter tries to make racism white and black, which it isn't. It's a multicultural issue.

Blacketter also degrades the esteemed Jesse Jackson by calling him "Jesse." He degrades people of color by continually referring to them as "minorities." And he attempts to degrade us as multiculturalists by saying we twist "the meaning of words."

Yet Blacketter must be quite a racial activist to be finger pointing and also be able to speak on behalf of King. Or is he just another informed white who has read some interesting books? On the other hand, Thanh and I are both active representatives of the racial organizations Witness for Peace, ALLIES and ethnic student unions working against racism and for cultural advancements.

Blacketter really has much to learn. This is not meant in a belittling manner. He challenges "multiculturalists to be accepting, or their mission has failed." Again the burden is on us, but we accept it and invite him to work with us.

Or does he not undertake what he expects from a people already ridden with more than 400 years of oppression? As King said, "It is not the white supremacist — KKK style groups — we should fear, but the large apathetic white middle class."

Sven Orozco  
MEChA Historian

### Genocide

The Allies vowed after seeing Nazi atrocities that they would never allow a genocide to occur again. The Rev. Numeyer, a concentration camp survivor, preached that individuals and nations that don't speak out against genocide become partly responsible for it.

What action has the West taken for the tens of thousands of people who have been killed by ethnic cleansing? Both Muslims and Croatian Catholics are being killed. What group of people will be next?

A new genocide is occurring in former Yugoslavia. Will the U.S. allies sit back knowing that a genocide is happening and do nothing? The world will

be responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people. As students, we have to speak out and promote actions that will stop the killing.

The United Nations, Europe and the United States must do whatever it takes to stop the ethnic cleansing. Sanctions should be tightened on Serbia. Serbia should be given an ultimatum to stop using its air force and heavy artillery on civilian targets.

If Serbia refuses, allied air power should eliminate their planes and heavy artillery. Direct military intervention, under U.N. auspices, should be considered and individuals responsible for genocide should be tried for war crimes.

Students should keep informed about the "Serbian Holocaust." Our silence should be broken and we must demand the U.S. government to take necessary action to stop the genocide. Our silence will continue the killing.

Martin Lewis  
PPPM

### Ad bad

Just when we were wondering what to do this weekend, the *Emerald* came to our rescue with half-off coupons for Lollipop.

We were actually worried for a while that the paper thought students at the University were above blatant disrespect of women. Just because we are pursuing higher education doesn't mean that we are above some good ol' clean, American fun.

Everyone at the University can benefit from these ads. The *Emerald* receives money so it can continue to bring us its thought-provoking articles, and the students can save money to buy books for the required race, gender, non-European-American class.

And we all know that in the end, money is the most important thing (no matter who we degrade, offend, etc.).

Keep up the good work.

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