

### Board member for hire

I recently transferred to the University from Lane Community College. In my last year there, I served as student body president, during which time I was elected to the board of directors for the United States Student Association. I lobbied all the community colleges in Oregon to become actively involved with USSA.

The reason I am writing is to be a voice for the returning non-traditional students. I've returned to school to change my career. I've found that in order to make change, you must get student government leaders involved and working together.

I don't see any representation for returning non-traditional students on the ASUO administration. With the population of these students increasing every term, the ASUO needs to find a representative to address their needs and issues.

What better way than to take advantage of my services and qualifications? Then I could continue as a board member of USSA.

I was told many times by both the USSA president and vice-president that the University would benefit from this, and that I would have no problem getting funding to attend board meetings.

Now that I've missed the January board meeting, and I'll miss the upcoming meeting this month, I'll have to resign my position as a board member.

The non-traditional students are invisible on this campus, but are a very important part of this community. I urge all returning students to get involved and make your presence known. Come to the Returning Students Association, Room 27 of the EMU at 346-4305. We are an important part of this community.

**Ernie Woodland**  
Student

### 20-04 works for community

In his letter (ODE, March 3), William Amlin does not fully state the impact of the renewal of the tax levy 20-04. Programs that currently allow those 33 criminals he speaks of to work for the taxpayer, rather than spend time in county jail, will be shut down or drastically eliminated.

The tax levy renewal funds a 76-bed Work Release Center, an eight-bed Lane County Psychiatric Hospital, a



14-bed facility for juvenile offenders with drug and alcohol problems, an Adult Corrections-related alcohol and drug treatment program that offers sobering and detoxification services, and a 60-bed Forest Work Camp facility in Alma, Ore.

These programs help put community members back into society after they have received needed skills, discipline or treatment.

These programs also greatly enhance law enforcement's ability to provide a community that is safe for students, faculty and staff as well as citizens of Lane County.

Yes, as Amlin states, "the county jail will stay the same size regardless of whether the three-year tax levy passes," but what will not remain are some of the programs I enumerated earlier. Also, 13 full-time sheriff's officers will also be eliminated from the county.

I wish Amlin would reconsider his position and do a little more research into what the tax levy funds before marking his ballot. The answer should be yes to 20-04.

**Carey Drayton**  
Citizens for a Safe Community

### Motorin' Otis

Despite the fact that this is Dead Week, I saw something so amazing Tuesday I felt I had to share it.

Walking down a pathway between Chapman Hall and the art museum on my way to class, I hardly noticed a bicyclist ride past. A few seconds later, the roar of an engine tore me from my thoughts, and I watched Otis Scarborough of the Office of Public Safety race by in the hot new security pickup, laying on the horn and spewing sod out the back.

I couldn't believe my eyes. The bicyclist finally realized he was about to be plowed down and surrendered in front of the PLC steps.

Having seen this, I was forced to ask whether such methods of enforcing the bicycle ban on the pathways around campus are perhaps a little extreme. Was Scarborough really acting rationally and appropriately to secure the safety of students? I think not.

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### Unfair labels

If the man who bombed the World Trade Center had been a Christian or a Jew, do you think the headlines would have read "Christian terrorist plants bomb" or "Jewish terrorist bombs World Trade Center?"

When a terrorist act is committed by a fundamentalist Christian (i.e., bombing an abortion clinic) or by the IRA in Ireland, it isn't labeled "Christian terrorism." Also, the way Palestinians have been treated in their homeland by the Israeli forces can't be denied by anyone, and this isn't called Jewish terrorism. But when an Arab commits a terrorist act, he is labeled by his faith as a "Muslim terrorist."

In Bosnia, Muslims are being tortured, raped and are getting their heads cut off. The media does not label the Serbian forces as Christian terrorists. These examples show how the media has treated Muslims unfairly and has painted them as nothing but terrorist. The media cannot lie forever.

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### New on home video

While Steve Close has a less than average premise (ODE, March 10), his argument contains more than seven different fallacies. Close misses the point of equality completely, so I will write it again at the eighth-grade level so he can understand it: All men and women are created equal.

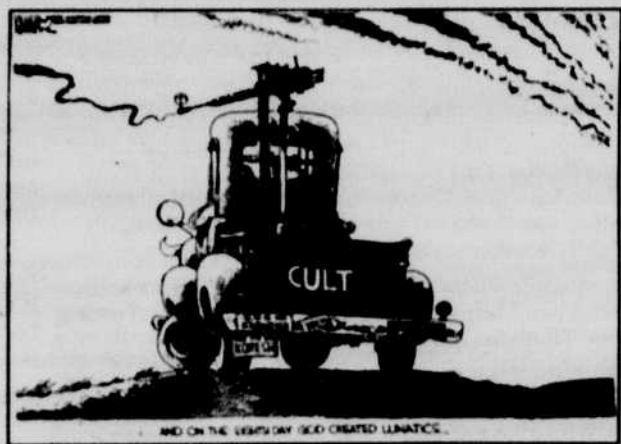
Therefore, skin color should have nothing to do with their employment opportunities. The most qualified applicant should receive the job, not the one who has the darkest or lightest skin color.

Yes, racism exists. But combating it with more racism is not the answer. Paying minority professors more money is not equal opportunity, it's racism.

I am not offended when you label me an A.S.S.H.O.L.E. — this is the kind of hatred I expect from someone who bathes in ignorant Political Correctness. I hope he can come to grips with his hate crimes, but then again, how could he know any better?

Please, before responding, read a book on logic forms. Or rent the video, there's probably more pictures.

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# If You Voted No on 9, Vote Yes for Chris Pryor.

Alan Brown, Ron Chase, Greg Evans, Sarah Hendrickson, Marion Malcolm, Laurie McClain, Gretchen Miller, Jan Oliver, Greg Rickoff, Jack Roberts, George Russell, Marshall Saucedo, Angie Sifuentez and Richie Weinman urge you to

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