

You want fries with that?

I thought it was odd that the ASUO president resigns, and then gets appointed to the Incidental Fee Committee with only three meetings left for this year's committee. Even more disturbing is the fact that at the first meeting in which he is a member, one of the items on the agenda is to remove another member of the committee who holds a two-year seat, thus vacating a seat for next year.

Due to my insatiable curiosity, I decided I would attend this first meeting with our former president on the committee, and not listen to the biased opinions of the *Student Insurgent*, the *Oregon Commentator* or the *Emerald*.

At this meeting, an injunction was delivered barring a change in rules that would have allowed the committee to remove a member. I breathed a sigh of relief because I believed the committee could now focus on the budgets for the remaining days.

Friday came, injunctions were lifted, and Steve Masat was removed.

I attended the meeting on Monday to ask the committee if it was going to justify its actions because I didn't understand how any of this was legal. We can't just abolish rules to remove someone because he or she says something we dislike; this is not Nicaragua.

Monday's meeting was heated and confrontational and there was no way any of the members could speak honestly and openly in that atmosphere. I believe the political stacking and maneuvering was dishonest even if Masat deserves the lynching.

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Six feet underground

To wear a helmet or to push up daisies. That is your question (*ODE*, May 24). Well, I will be the first to agree with a person's right to be free of "limitations," however I cannot support the logic leading up to the *Emerald's* conclusion.

In comparing helmets to seat belts, you cited their cost and access. Please be aware that seat belts are not included free with your car; they are part of the price, as should a helmet be when purchasing a bike.

Second, if you suggest that wearing a helmet is only valuable in the city, then you should know that most accidents occur in those quiet, peaceful places close to home. It is the lack of awareness and caution at those times that lead to accidents.

My suggestion is that if you want to go helmetless on a sunny day, get off your bike and rest on the grass. I for one would rather lie on it than under it.

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Stop the genocide

Before the violence and genocide was imposed by the fascist Serbian forces on the Bosnian people, Muslim, Jews, Catholics and Orthodox all lived together in peace. All people were free to practice their religious beliefs and national custom without fear of oppression and destruction.

In the 13 months that have passed, the world has witnessed the gang rape and deaths of innocent kids, young

women and elderly women by the Serbian forces. It is clear who is the aggressor.

I would like to pose the following questions: Where are those nations who talk about human rights (the West)? What would it take to wake up the world's consciousness to stop the fascist and vicious Serbian forces? Would the West still be indifferent if Muslims were the aggressors and committing the same crimes? Would the West be willing to fight for Bosnians if they had oil?

Obviously it is quite clear the West will choose her side according to her need. The Bosnian Muslims don't need Western help. All they're asking is to have the right of self-defense (lift the arms embargo).

Rape, especially gang rape, is a war crime. Innocent Bosnian children and women could be my or your family. We are all human beings of one race — the human race. As humankind, we have a moral obligation to stop uncivilized behavior.

The Serbians should be kicked out of the United Nations unless they stop their barbarian acts. And the leader of Serbian forces must be brought to justice for the war crime acts.

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Ignorance in media coverage

I resent all forms of the media on this campus that have slandered people who are trying to make a positive

change for everyone. These issues need to be debated, not "bated."

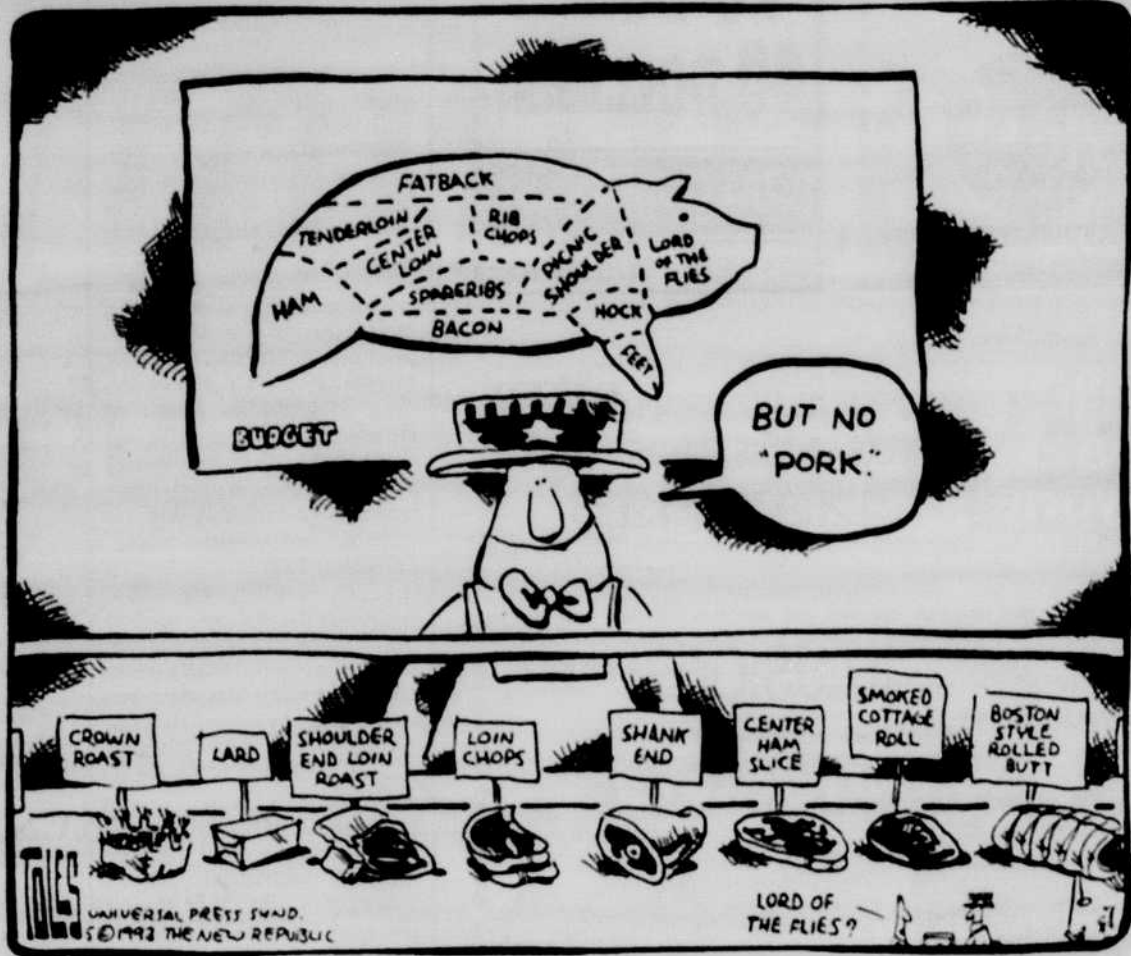
It is interesting to watch people's perceptions of these issues; racism and prejudice feelings can be openly seen on both sides. The *Emerald*, the *Oregon Commentator* and the *Student Insurgent* have all proved themselves to be good examples of ignorance and irresponsibility in the press. The *Insurgent* got too angry, the *Commentator* got misinformed and the *Emerald* biased everyone and chose to use ignorant coverage on just about every subject regarding race on this campus.

The *Emerald* then asked "students of color" to apply (*ODE*, May 6). Although it is true that we should have equal representation in the media, we also need equal unbiased education for all. It is this mis-education that is revealed in the ill representation, mis-information and portrayal of students and people of color in the media.

It is not just the color of one's skin, but what is in one's head that can represent us equally. Sadly, some of you may be the next generation to portray, instigate and create unneeded wars and factions between people, even those who choose to be uninvolved.

To top it all off, someone scraped a swastika in our student union's billboard. If anyone knows who this person is, please invite him or her down to the basement. I'd like to ask that person why he or she did such a thing.

Kevin KJ Chang
NSE



TONIGHT
Unshakeable Race

SATURDAY 5/29
Body and Soul

SUNDAY 5/30
TERRY EVANS

MONDAY 5/31 51
Blues Jam

TUESDAY 6/1 52
High Street

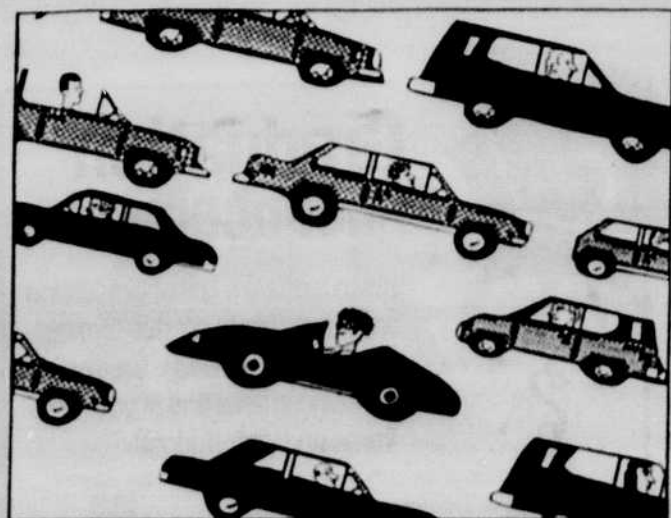
WEDNESDAY 6/2
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