

## Out-of-state money good for everyone

Today's classes at the University seem to be made up of more and more out-of-state students. The brunt of 1990's Ballot Measure 5 has brought about the increased recruitment in out-of-state students.

Any student who has attended the University prior to 1990's Ballot Measure 5 and during the cuts can most easily see that something has to be done. Targeting out-of-state students provides multiple benefits to the out-of-state students, the University and in-state students.

For Californians especially, the University's idea is a good one. By the time all of the bills are paid the cost of attending the University is only slightly higher than that of in-state California schools. For what money buys, Oregon universities, compared to California universities, give you the most for your money here. Classes are smaller and the quality of education is slightly higher. California schools are currently feeling the drastic effects of Proposition 13 (California's equivalent to Measure 5, only further in effect). The cuts currently affecting California schools have forced residents there to search elsewhere.

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Administrators have targeted students in both Colorado and more intensely in California. This works to the benefit of both the students and the school itself. A special program is allowing the University to keep almost all of the out-of-state tuition money, except just more than 4 percent. Usually the increased income is distributed proportionately to all state schools. This money can greatly increase the income to the University, in turn subsidizing the ill effects of Measure 5.

In-state tuition in California and Colorado is comparable to out-of-state tuition here at the University. The size of the University is appealing, too, because it is smaller than both California and Colorado schools. Living expenses in Eugene are generally lower as well.

For in-state students, targeting out-of-state students can also be beneficial. Feeling the Measure 5 cuts and paying increased rates of tuition, the added income of out-of-state students picks up some of the slack. Without the increased income from out-of-state students, many programs and positions would not have funding available. In addition, any in-state student meeting the minimal requirements is granted admission.

The impact of Measure 5 has been painful to everyone in the higher education system. Something had to be done. Targeting out-of-state students has many positive benefits and all alternatives to increase income must be encouraged. If the value of education at the University continues to drop, everyone who has earned a degree at the University suffers. No one wants a degree from a university operating on a less-than-substantial budget. Granted, targeting out-of-state students is only a start, but it is the beginning of a long and tiresome road of recovery.



## OPINION

# Sex, lies and shaving cream (yuck)



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*"Power is sweet; it is a drug, the desire for which increases with a habit."*

— Bertrand Russell

Lon Mabon needs to shave. If you've watched the news at all during the past couple of weeks, you may have noticed that Mabon, the brains (to use the term loosely) of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, is trying his darndest to look like Scott Lively, the OCA's head communicator who, in turn, looks an awful lot like the Unfrozen Caveman Lawyer from *Saturday Night Live*.

Mabon's failure to shave may have been related to pre-election stress. As you may be aware, last month the OCA put seven anti-homosexual ballot measures up for vote in several Oregon cities.

After the OCA's Ballot Measure 9 all-too-narrowly failed last November, the group has altered the measure's wording and is now field-testing the new measure in several Oregon cities before attempting another statewide measure in 1994. Give the OCA points for tenacity. The group's decision to follow the proven strategy of divide and conquer will almost certainly give the OCA a string of victories it can point to in 1994 as evidence of its support.

It is irrelevant that Oregon has signed into law HB 3500, which prevents these local measures from being enacted. Enacting the measures is not a concern to the OCA. All the group wants is another mark in the "W" column. The reason the OCA carries on these efforts is simple — power. The OCA has made

homosexuality its issue simply because, right now, it's hip to be anti-homosexual in certain vindictive Christian circles. Come judgment day, the joke will be on them. But until then, the rest of us are stuck with their company.

While voters were agreeing to prevent local governments from doing something they weren't going to do anyhow and is prohibited by state law, they were defeating school funding measures.

Why do voters typically defeat school funding measures? Because they believe government wastes the money it's collecting now, so why give it more?

But what do they think is going to happen the first time a government attempts to enact one of the OCA's measures? One word: lawsuit. And who do voters suppose is going to foot the bill for these lawsuits?

Apparently, voters are willing to gamble spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend these lawsuits as they drag on for years through both the state and federal courts, but they're not willing to cough up another dime for schools.

Actually, this may make sense. The OCA must realize that, should the electorate become educated (God forbid — literally), it would be less likely to be suckered into bankrolling Mabon and his fuzz-faced compatriots.

It's interesting to note where the OCA has chosen to place its measure on the ballot. In what was clearly a bold political move, the group placed its initiative on the ballots of cities and counties that passed Measure 9. If this were baseball, the OCA would be banned for life for fixing games.

Apparently the OCA brain trust hasn't figured out that winning what you've already won isn't really winning. Perhaps this is why the group's next big project is to tackle land-use

issues. Not that the OCA will be particularly influential in affecting land-use issues. It's hard to get people worked into a sense of righteous frenzy over soil depletion.

1994 will likely be the make-or-break year for the OCA. The group will be putting all of its eggs into one basket with another statewide, gay-bashing ballot measure and entering its political puppet Al Mobley in the gubernatorial race.

If the group wins (or even makes a strong showing) in either contest, we can count on its continued existence for at least another couple of years. Not that this is all bad. Continued OCA existence means at least another couple of years of fall-back material for columnists and editorial writers. If nothing else, the OCA is a sure-fire cure for writer's block.

Even if the group's anti-homosexual measures pass muster at the ballot box, they certainly will not survive in the courts. The Colorado Supreme Court made the statement awfully clear when it shot down that state's anti-homosexuality measure, Amendment 2, when it said civil rights are not something people can vote to restrict.

Not that a court's decision will mean much to Mabon. When the Junction City measure passed earlier this year, Mabon was asked what the group would do if a court overturned the voters. Mabon, displaying his political shrewdness, said if the courts overrule the voters, he and his group would simply replace the judges. Huh?

Perhaps this is why Mabon hasn't shaved in weeks. His shaving cream was killing his remaining brain cells. And perhaps this cycle of stupidity would come to an end if only someone would get Mabon an electric razor. Think about it.

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