



Peter Keller, a journalism major, receives a ticket from Officer Merle Olson for riding through a red light.

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when riding through campus. However, there are rules for campus riding that are not applicable elsewhere.

One can be fined for blocking ramps or walkways with his or her bike, failure to yield to pedestrians, failure to register a bike, and unauthorized storage. Fines for these violations range from \$5 to \$15.

If in doubt about what is legal and what is not on public roads, refer to the Oregon's Driver Manual available at the Department of Motor Vehicles. The University Office of Public Safety can give information on the rules of riding on campus.

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what was seen as an overtly liberal *Emerald*.

"The University deserves a paper committed to: excellence in journalism and other writing, a conscious effort to present diverse opinions and maintaining a sense of balance." Publisher Dane Claussen once wrote. "We don't think any newspaper on campus has these goals, and if one does, it doesn't show."

The magazine was boosted early in its first year when the Institute for Educational Affairs, a New York-based foundation, awarded the publication a \$6,000 grant on the merit of its work. However, there were problems. The *Commentator* failed to receive any money from the Incidental Fee Committee in its first three years of production. Further, a conflict of interest question arose when a member of the IFC contributed to the magazine.

After the first generation of *Commentator* members moved on, the magazine took a decidedly apolitical turn.

"It had a lot of fluff," Brennan Rounds said. "It was sort of like the *People* magazine of the University of Oregon."

Thomas Mann, who had been involved in the beginning of the *Commentator*, came back and took it over. He re-established its commitment to politics, and controversy soon followed.

In 1989, the IFC voted to discontinue funding for the magazine after then-editor Paul Coughlin wrote an edi-



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torial diatribe on homosexuality. Members from the campus, including *Emerald* Editor Aaron Knox, rose up against this resolution, and the IFC reversed its decision. IFC Chairman J. Lauren Norris commented, "I think it's trash; I think it's poor journalism."

Where do the members of the *Commentator* plan to go now?

"We want to continue to offer a bit of politics and a bit of humor," Carson said. "The students hear enough boring news from CNN."

"We have four set goals for this year," Brennan Rounds said. "We want to recruit a younger, committed staff, we need better equipment, we need to come out on a regular basis and we need to eliminate copy errors."

"With this many virtually college-educated students," Carson said, "we should print at nearly a professional level."



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