

## On eve of holiday, 'ODE' gives thanks

On the day before a great American holiday, a day of feasting, friends and family, the *Oregon Daily Emerald* would like to take a few moments to participate in one of the most cherished traditions associated with Thanksgiving.

But because a newspaper can't gorge itself with turkey and mashed potatoes, we'll just have to tell you what we're thankful for instead.

We are thankful that we generate just enough controversy to fill our editorial page with letters to the editor. No more, no less.

We are thankful that the Oregon Citizens Alliance, Bob Packwood and the Incidental Fee Committee show no signs of disappearing, thereby providing us with editorial topics into the next year and beyond.

We are thankful the *Insurgent* has come out only twice this year.

We are thankful the *Oregon Commentator* includes a back page, which is often the only part of it worth reading (aside from jokes about the *Emerald* editor's drinking prowess).

We are thankful that Sundance Natural Foods has devised a way to construct a whole turkey — drumsticks, stuffing and all — entirely out of tofu.

We are thankful that the Ducks aren't going to a bowl game this year, so sportswriter Dave Charbonneau doesn't have to spend New Year's Eve alone in a motel room in Shreveport watching the *Porky's* trilogy on USA's "Up All Night."

We are thankful for 1990's Ballot Measure 5, because it provides us with a catch-all to blame every problem on ("You don't like Taco Time? Blame Measure 5!")

We are thankful for the multicultural curriculum, because it gives student leaders something to bitch about.

We are thankful that we can get pizza delivered to the *Emerald* office.

We are thankful that University President Myles Brand hasn't grown back his mustache.

We are thankful that the Schedule of Classes still costs only 25 cents.

We are thankful that Michael Jordan has retired, so that when the Blazers lose again in the NBA Finals (assuming they get there), they'll be able to blame their own ineptitude rather than the force of No. 23.

We are thankful for freelance reporters, who cover our asses when we don't bother to do any actual work.

We are thankful for the state highway division, which had the wisdom and foresight to all but close Interstate 5 northbound just in time for the holiday weekend.

We are thankful for bike riders, who give us something to laugh about on those dreary, icy days.

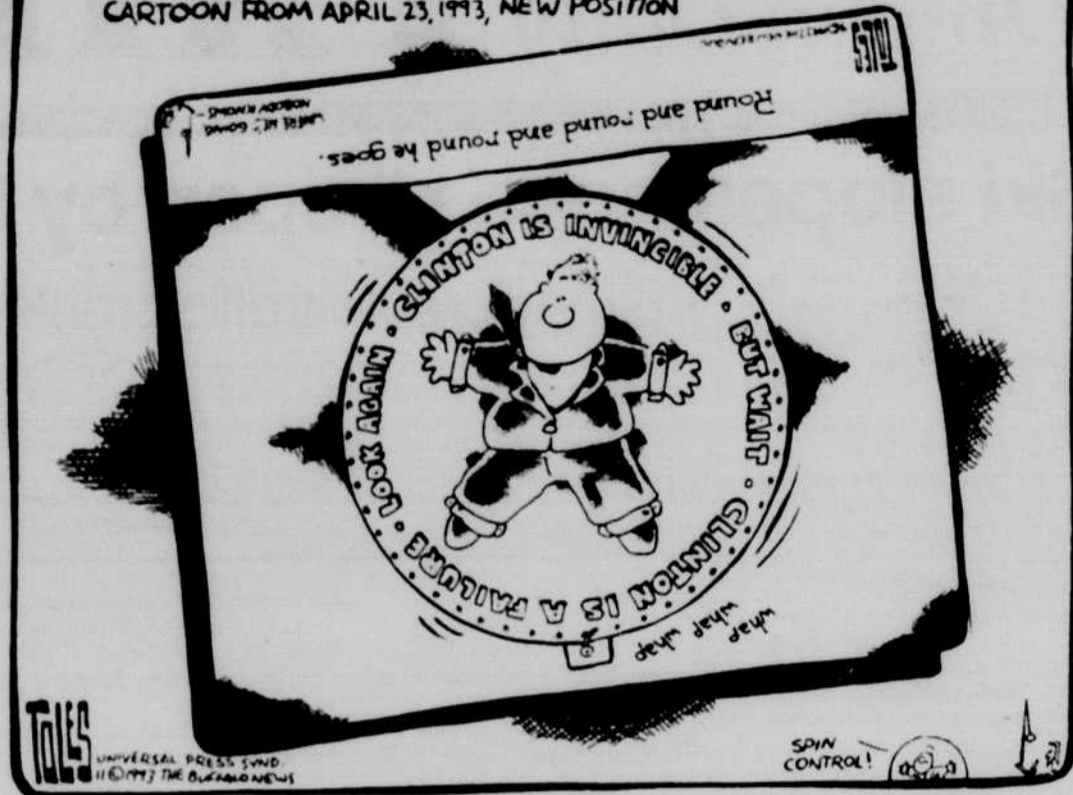
We are thankful that after 17 years and a record of 82-104-4, head football coach Rich Brooks will be coming back for yet another year.

We are thankful for the traffic control booth on 13th Avenue; \$38,000 is a small price to pay for a glorified Fotomat.

We are thankful for the University Office of Public Safety, because it makes us feel so safe and secure.

## CARTOON UPDATE

CARTOON FROM APRIL 23, 1993, NEW POSITION



## LETTERS

### Join in

I have never had much interest in politics. Because of this fact, my friends were quite surprised that I volunteered for a political campaign. A year ago, I'd laugh at the idea too. I have never found a candidate that I trusted with my future. Most of the time, I would end up voting against candidates rather than voting for them.

Then I heard about John Kitzhaber. After reading about his past accomplishments, and talking to people who know him, I became greatly intrigued. I would like to share with you some of my findings:

- He sees the direct relationship that education has on economic growth and stability and wishes to make education Oregon's top priority.

- With our national resource-based economy in a period of transition, we face a unique situation. Where will Oregon be in 2010? John has proven himself as a liaison between Oregon's diverse communities, while serving in state government (as a representative, senator and as Senate president).

- As governor, John will not be leading the state on his own. He wants direct communication between local and state government, to plan for Oregon's future.

For more information, please call 345-1178 (Kitzhaber '94 headquarters in Eugene) or join Students for Kitzhaber meetings, which are Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room F. Come and see what he's all about!

**Susan Ratzlaff**  
Students for Kitzhaber

### We're KWVA

We would like Mr. Abraham to come and work for us because you know exactly who and what percentage of the community listens to our station. We just had a survey with hundreds of responses asking for many different types of music. We'll throw those away because you speak for the aver-

age college student.

KWVA is student-funded, and we would like to be as inclusive as possible. We have a rap show, reggae show, alternative show, techno-industrial, blues, jazz, punk, R&B, etc.

The point isn't how many people read a student publication, belong to a club or listen to KWVA. The point is that all these things are available to the students and the rest of the community to enjoy and grow from.

KWVA is not for breaking in new bands. KWVA is for offering the University and greater community an alternative to "mainstream" (see KDUK) music. KWVA is for teaching University students how to work in a radio environment, the workings of the music business and making students familiar with the basic radio broadcast equipment.

We're not MTV, and we have no desire to be MTV. We're a student-run, student-organized and student-funded radio station, not a corporate-run, corporate-organized television station. If anyone has any ideas on how to make KWVA a better station, let us know. If you want to hear "non-huge bands," like Nirvana, U2 and Alice in Chains, listen to (watch) MTV.

**Gilbert F. Hanson**  
KWVA Promotions Director

### Look

I couldn't help but notice that in your Tuesday story about the Black Student Union accusing the *Emerald* of bigotry that you printed a photo ...

**Geoff Wilson**  
Physics

### Slander

I really hate to question our school's African-American com-

munity's decision to publicly state its belief that the school newspaper is racist. Racist based mainly on the grounds that it printed the mug shots of the men involved in criminal activity at the University Inn a few weeks ago.

Please correct me if I'm wrong, but don't all newspapers, not just our school newspaper, normally print the mug shots of people involved in criminal charges without regard to race?

Unfortunately, everyday newspapers are filled with mug shots of people of all races who have been involved in criminal activity. This is usually purely for the fact that no other photos are available.

While I'm not denying that our school is not free of racial problems, for that would be a lie, I do believe that this particular incident was a bad call. Those men committed a crime and had been involved in previous crimes prior to the ones at the University. Let's face it, whatever their race, they are pretty crummy guys for doing what they did, and it was pretty big news at the University, as well as the city for that matter.

To personally attack a single person of racism is a pretty serious matter, and perhaps Jake Berg should not take the harassment and slandering that his name as well as the school newspaper has taken lying down. I really believe people need to think about what they're creating with such accusations. These are serious allegations. Perhaps this energy could have been put to better use — like the group that built the African-American family of four a home right here in Eugene. Now that's progress and support.

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