

Inaccurate editorial throws weak punch at union

By the Black Student Union executive officers

The Black Student Union is very disappointed that the *Oregon Daily Emerald* would use our organization as a platform to espouse its views concerning the Student Senate's policy for funding computers. Although there are many issues we can raise concerning the editorial (*ODE* Oct. 24), the BSU is not interested in obliging the *ODE* in a pointless and unproductive debate. However, we are interested in setting the facts straight.

The editorial claims that the director of the BSU charged the Student Senate with being racist. This claim is in direct contradiction with an article earlier written by Friederich von Carp, which asserted that the BSU felt that the policy (not the Student Senate) was racist. This presumption was in response to the senate's decision to formulate the policy after the BSU presented its initial request for

funding.

Also, the editorial erroneously stated that "before the Senate had finished voting on the funding request, BSU members began leaving the meeting," when in fact, the Student Senate had voted down the motion to fund our proposal for a computer. After we were departing, a second motion was introduced to fund the proposal at a (lower) amount consistent with the new senate policy. Though the members remained for the deliberation of that motion, it was defeated as well.

Yet another malicious contradiction in the editorial falsely stated that BSU Office Assistant Kenya Luvert exclaimed during the Senate meeting that the refusal to fund the BSU was in effect a "lynching." However, that remark was made in an interview (with von Carp) which occurred after the meeting.

In spite of all the editorial's falsities, the most disturbing is its contention that "the BSU

doesn't need a computer to fulfill its mission." Although the editorial board has no familiarity with BSU operations, they nevertheless felt comfortable in ascertaining the needs of our Union.

The numbers of black students attending the University of Oregon increased from 170 in 1968 to 278 in 1972. However, the numbers decreased each year until 1984, when it reached its lowest of 171. There are 252 black students on the campus today. Since 1970 (when the BSU was established) we have been very instrumental in diversifying this University. We will continue to serve this campus with our skills and services as well as educate the community about issues pertinent to the black community.

The primary mission for the BSU is to help recruit and retain black students, to provide an environment conducive to education and to assist the University with its physical and cultural development, as well as

act as a resource and support system to the various affiliate organizations on campus. These duties require an immense amount of contacts within the campus, among the surrounding communities and the state. With a computer, the BSU will be better equipped to fulfill its goals and objectives which so many students depend upon.

We are not "throwing punches" of any kind; we are simply

striving to continue our efforts to further the diversity and tolerance the University boasts so much about, but as of yet has failed to deliver. Maybe when the *ODE* decides to be a newspaper, it will recognize our efforts and pull some of its own punches.

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■ LETTERS

Winter pillaging

I would like to bring a recent incident to the attention of the *ODE* readers. On Wednesday, Oct. 26, I was walking with a friend to work at 6:45 a.m. A group of eight or nine men dressed in camouflage military fatigues jogged in formation along Agate Street. To the tune of "Winter Wonderland," the chanted, "later on... we'll rape the village... As we do another village... walking in a sniper's wonderland."

I cannot know for sure that these were our very own ROTC

(and I would hope not), but it seems like it might be time to take a careful look at our military service in general. What are we washing soldiers' brains with? Is it that stereotypical macho, gung-ho attitude showing true? Our military has ridden on the laurels of this gung-ho attitude before, and it has led us astray. The words and pride in the use of the words upsets me and should offend all of us. I cannot begin to describe the distaste I felt. I thought military service was for protection and the upholding of liberty and human values, not to rape and pillage or even revel in

the notion of raping and pillaging.

Our government is preaching for peace in the Middle East. International strife is always looked down upon; in fact our government always seems adamant in appeasing disputes. We seem constantly appalled at terrorism, violence, etc. What I saw Wednesday was disturbing and offensive. If this was an example of the nature of Army ROTC, I would not want to bear witness or contribute to their actions.

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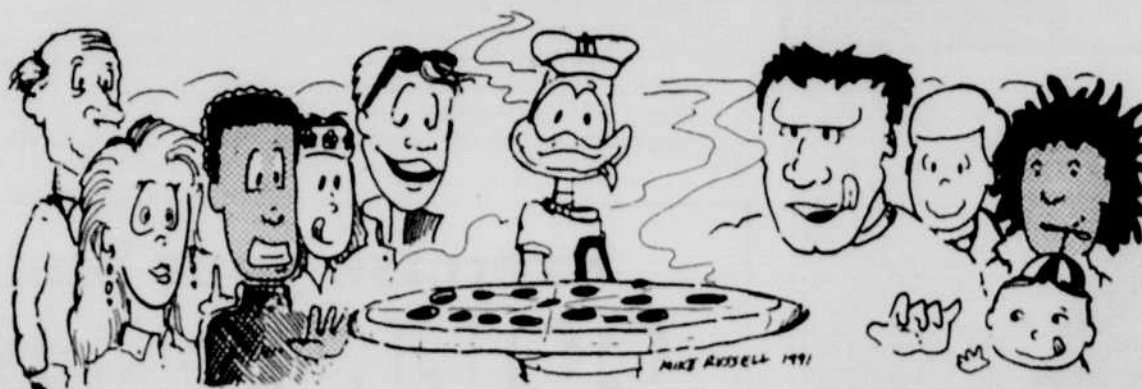


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