

LETTERS

Misinformation

ASUO! Are you making fun of American English Institute (AEI) students?

There were about 100 people waiting to vote for the president of the Korean Student Association (KSA) on Oct. 12 in the Cedar Room. At least eight of them were AEI students. They had the right to vote since they pay University student incidental fees. They were, however, deprived of their voting rights by Jennifer Dziekan, ASUO elections coordinator. Dziekan misinformed the AEI students by telling them that they were not eligible to vote. This discouraged and disunited the Korean students.

I am disappointed and angry

with the ASUO's attitude about ignoring the rights of minorities. The student government promised to apologize to the Korean students through the *Emerald* concerning its misconduct and sent individual letters to AEI students. Regrettably, the ASUO sent letters and misinformed 46 AEI Korean students again regarding their voting rights.

I hope the *Emerald* will not overlook this case as it involves a crucial issue, the rights of minorities on campus.

Youngseock Ki
KSA secretary

Lunatic lefties

After a year at the University, I thought I had seen or heard all

the left-wing lunacy which could possibly be imagined. Then comes Fred O. Roellig. Viva 187!

James Patton
Political Science

Go Ducks!

The outstanding performance and determination of the Duck football team this year has inspired me to express my heartfelt congratulations and wish Gang Green the best of luck in the Rose Bowl.

As a loyal "Quacker Backer" from the University, it swells my heart with pride to read of the successes of my alma mater as I serve my country in the Peace Corps here in Congo, Central Africa. I have enjoyed taunting

my fellow Americans here — especially those from Washington and Arizona — as I receive the articles from my girlfriend.

Good luck in the Rose Bowl and rest assured that the tale of Gang Green and all your awesome victories is being spread worldwide this year. As we say here in Congo, "Felicitation et Bon Chance."

Philip Johnson
Class of 1994

GATT attack

Rather than charge Nike with profiteering from cheap overseas manufacturing that drains American pockets and income sources, our government intends to destroy this country's sovereignty via GATT's creation of

the World Trade Organization — creating more Nikes.

Since the United States is a republic, which is news to most other countries run by force, GATT can only allow force and poverty to improve at the expense of a rich republic's resources (i.e. feed a rat and it reproduces).

As a University student of the 1950s, I recall economic courses suggesting "free trade," but that was before most of our business was incorporated into the world "corporations" run by international conglomerates. These entities do not give a damn about the American dream or our land, liberty, justice or self-sustaining abilities.

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RESIDENCY

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perhaps supported by parents, returning "home" during school breaks and vacations — or to purposely exclude newcomers.

Parents do not have a place in such rules nor, we suggest, do most adults. OSSHE should simply sum up its two pages of fine-print rules with: "We grant no residency to newcomers." In fact, Larry Wadell, University classification officer, informed Dawson that even if she were to live in Oregon for several years after earning her undergraduate degree and later apply to graduate school, she still would not be a resident. She came to Oregon as a nonresident, according to Wadell, so she will forever remain a nonresident in the eyes of the OSSHE and the University.

Then who can become an Oregon resident? First, one must have lived in the state for at least 12 months before applying to a college or university — which is itself problematic because the student must prove "establishment of a bona fide domicile in this state primarily for purposes

other than educational" (Rule 580-10-030(2)(b)(ii)).

OSSHE has made it quite clear that being a parent is not considered a "purpose." One cannot have a job normally filled by a student so, presumably, no one but professionals (e.g., lawyers and physicians) could get residency. People with spouses who are Oregon residents can get residency — but this poses an obvious problem for single parents.

If the spouse has accompanied a student here, even if the spouse works, residency still will be denied even though the employed spouse pays state taxes. Part-time students have a better chance for qualifying for residency but will not be able to get student loans or apply for fellowships and grants.

You also are denied residency if you live in family housing. If you are financially independent but receive money for jobs "normally held by a student" (though the nature of such jobs is unclear), residency is denied. Perhaps new residents are full-time professionals and quarter-time students and those who do

not live in family housing. To date, we have made our way through three rounds of appeals. In July 1994, we each completed a four-page OSSHE Residence Information Affidavit and sent it, along with supporting documentation, to Larry Wadell, the classification officer. He denied us and suggested we appeal to the Inter-Institutional Residency Committee.

In September we met with the committee in Klamath Falls and again were denied. However, the committee informed us that we seemed to be an exception to the rules and encouraged us to appeal to Shirley Clark, vice chancellor of the OSSHE. In September, we wrote to Clark but for quite some time heard nothing from her office. After we inquired about the delay, we were informed that Clark took our appeal to the state attorney general because, once again, the rules did not seem to fit our respective circumstances. By the end of November we received Clark's decision: "I am not persuaded Appellant has demonstrated a 'bona fide domicile primarily for purposes other than educational' in

the state of Oregon [ellipses in original]."

The OSSHE continues to fail to address our claim that we are parents who chose to live in Eugene for our children's sake and that we did not come here primarily for our own education. OSSHE claims to grant residency to people who are "primarily engaged in activities other than those of being a college student" (Rule 580-10-030(2)(b)). We assert that our primary activity is being parents — not students. Curiously, despite Oregonians' claim to support "family values," OSSHE's rules deny this.

Instead, we are simply told by the system — which hides behind exclusionary rules with circular arguments — that because we go to school more than seven units a term (Rule 580-10-030(2)(b)(i)), work as GTFs or receive student loans (Rule 580-10-01(2)(b)), and live in student housing (580-10-031(2)(c)), we can never be residents. Where, then, are we residents? How can the OSSHE deny us some residency benefits while the state grants us all others? We've given up residency in our home states; we can't

return to California as residents. When our children apply to college, which state will allow them to claim residency? Are our children also nonresidents? If not, why not? After all, we brought them here for their education.

It is time the OSSHE addresses the reality: Not all students are young and encumbered, supported by parents and family who have a "home" outside of Oregon. We had hoped that the OSSHE would take a critical look at its rules, see the ambiguities within, and realize they cry out for revision or amendments. Instead, the OSSHE informed us that "we may appeal this decision by filing a petition for review with the Circuit Court of Marion County, Oregon, or in the county in which you claim residence." We assume by this statement that at least the courts in Oregon view us as residents. Oregon was supposed to be our home. Until we are allowed residency in every way, we are merely tax-paying tourists, not residents.

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