

Serve all students at Oregon schools

The number of nonresident students at the University has jumped over the past five years. With the increase, nonresidents have complained about the high tuition and residents have questioned the University's commitment to Oregonians.

It is important to realize that nonresident students paying higher tuition rates help finance Oregonians attending the University.

While resident students pay several thousand dollars a year in tuition, the University doesn't make a profit on them. Realistically, the more out-of-state students that attend the University, the more Oregonians that the University can afford to educate.

The number of nonresident students attending the University is growing rapidly, but this is not necessarily cause for alarm. It reflects the amount of recruiting that occurs out of state to bring students to the University and the expense of higher education in other states. It doesn't mean that non-residents are trying to drive Oregonians away and deprive them of an education.

Despite the high number of out-of-state students, the University is not abandoning resident students.

Subsidized in part by Oregon tax dollars, the priority of the University should be to educate Oregonians. Many Oregon students can't afford to study in other states, making the University and its comparatively inexpensive resident tuition rate a more viable option.

Non-resident students study at the University for different reasons, often because of the quality of a number of University programs. Unlike Oregonians, non-residents aren't coming to Eugene for the tuition.

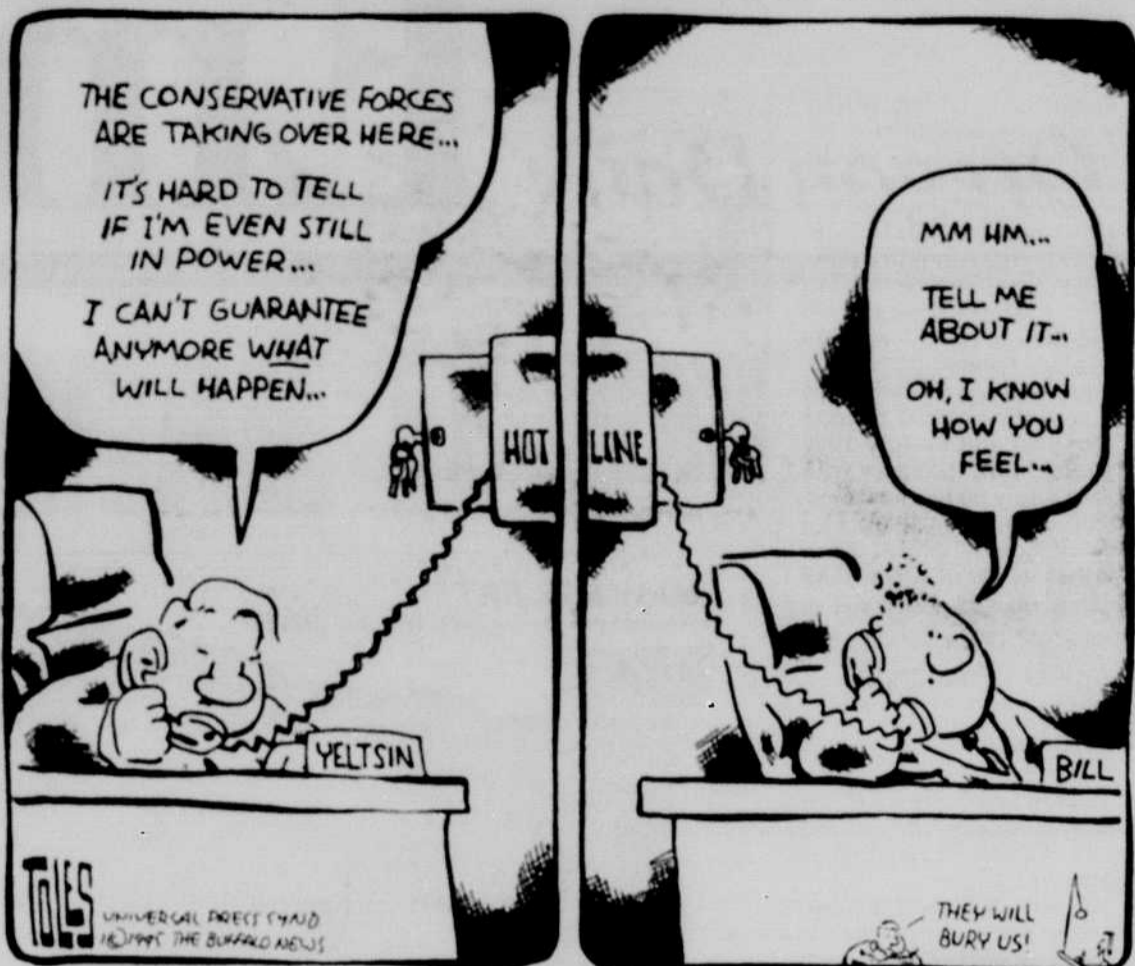
Someday in the future, when many more students attend the University, recruitment of out-of-state students might become more of an issue. At that time, Oregonians will have to reconsider what the purpose of the University should be. It may be necessary to limit the number of non-resident students to ensure that more Oregonians can attend.

If it comes to a question of more non-resident tuition or educating more residents, the priority of the University should be to educate Oregonians.

However, the issue isn't as urgent as some make it sound. The University is not at capacity now, and can accommodate more students than it currently has. Oregonians aren't being turned away now.

In fact, Oregon residents are admitted to the University if they meet several requirements, including a minimum grade point average and submission of any score from the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

The University should be a school for all students, Oregon and otherwise. However, it is crucial that the first priority of the University be recognized — it should be a way to provide Oregonians with an affordable higher education.



OPINION

Gingrich book deal questionable



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The era of Newt Gingrich is in full swing, and trouble has already begun. A few weeks ago, it was announced that the speaker would sign a book deal which included an advance of \$4.5 million, an astonishingly high amount.

It was immediately denounced by Democrats and Senate Republicans alike, especially due to the fact that the publisher in question is HarperCollins. This company is a holding of Rupert Murdoch, the media mogul who also owns, among many other businesses, the Fox TV network. Gingrich turned the advance down for the sake of decorum, but the questions linger.

Many considered Gingrich's deal a conflict of interest, especially since Murdoch's holdings will more than likely be brought before the Congress sometime during this session, due to questions about their structure in regard to antitrust regulations.

Last week, criticism was augmented when it was revealed that Murdoch visited Gingrich, along with his chief lobbyist, on November 28 while the deal was being discussed between the speaker and HarperCollins. Gingrich has responded by saying that he did not know that Murdoch owned the publishing company. Murdoch said that at the time, he had not been informed of the deal which his company was negotiating.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome back to business as usual.

At the very least, Gingrich has made a bad political move. This deal smells, and with good reason. The large amounts of mon-

ey looked bad enough on their own, but with Murdoch in the picture, it looks even worse.

Even if Gingrich truly did not know about Murdoch's involvement with HarperCollins, why did the mogul, especially considering what may lie ahead of him on Capitol Hill, get the opportunity to cozy up to the speaker?

This is exactly the type of elbow-rubbing which made voters so angry at Washington before the last election. Exactly what Newt railed against with such passion to bring his "revolution" to the Congress.

However, just like the Rostenkowski and Wright scandals of the Democratic past, the explanations just don't add up.

Congressmen have large staffs of aides and advisers. Doesn't it seem odd that Gingrich had not been briefed by one of them before his meeting? Especially so when you consider that at the time he was in negotiations with Murdoch's HarperCollins. Don't you think that one of Newt's little groupies would find the connection and notify the speaker?

Fat cat moguls often have similar staffs which are usually larger. It seems strange that none of Murdoch's aides would inform him of Gingrich's planned deal with HarperCollins, even more so when you consider how beneficial it would be for Murdoch to have some friends in Congress during what could be an unfriendly future.

The supporters of Gingrich should keep an unflinching eye on this deal. The speaker seems at least a bit of a hypocrite by taking part in such a questionable contract.

Let's turn the tables and change the situation just for fun.

What would happen if hypothetically speaking, Bill Clinton was still running the country and he signed a \$4.5 million deal with HarperCollins?

The Republicans would have

a field day.

Cries of impropriety and wrongdoing would echo throughout Washington and the rest of the nation. Rush Limbaugh would tear the President to pieces for such an obvious misuse of public power. The National Review would discuss all of the allegations against Murdoch and then vilify the President as a traitor to the interests of the American consumer. Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) and Gingrich himself would call for immediate hearings to get to the bottom of the situation.

All of them would be completely justified in their criticisms.

But now let's be honest, liberals and conservatives alike, because we are at the core of the issue. Why isn't Newt held to the same standards?

The National Review's William F. Buckley gave Newt a brief slap on the wrist in a recent column, but for the most part, the conservative press and the House Republicans have been either silent or supportive.

Let's remember, Gingrich helped create the tough standards to which he and his like would hold Clinton. He has built a career by exposing improprieties of Democrats and Republicans alike, and now he is in the same kind of muck which he criticized so vehemently during the last election.

But, here we are, only weeks into the Newtonian era, with yet another example of a powerful entity taking advantage of its status to gain access to a politician.

Keep an eye on Newt. On November 8, the voters asked him and his colleagues in the GOP for a revolution, an end to the established collusion between special interests and our government.

Make sure that he delivers.

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