

Smarmy remark

While I fully agree with Kelly Andersson (ODE, Jan. 31) on carrying concealed weapons, I must say she really upset me when she wrote: "But then, I wouldn't expect large males trained in law enforcement to understand that some of us small females must occasionally walk alone after dark across campus to our homes."

Excuse me, but what do size and gender have to do with this proposal?

I am not affiliated with Office of Public Safety, but I do know the men and women of OPS are well trained and do understand what all women face at all times.

I enjoyed the column until I read her smarmy remark. Too bad, her credibility has gone to waste in one poorly researched and written statement.

As a senior in journalism she should know better. But I guess I shouldn't expect that.

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Sounds like nonsense

Kay Krautscheid's column (ODE, Feb. 12) against increasing the minimum wage was certainly jam-packed with information and argument. Too bad most of it was misleading, incomplete or incorrect.

Krautscheid acknowledges that the minimum wage is approaching a 40-year low in buying power, but worries that raising it to a more livable \$6.50 will create "mass inflation" and widespread layoffs.

Like the "mass inflation" of 1991, after the minimum wage was last increased? Or the "mass inflation" of 1956 following a 33 percent increase in the minimum wage? Inflation in those years was about 4 percent and 2 percent, respectively.

As for the threat of layoffs, studies have shown that increas-

es in the minimum wage have no significant net effect on employment levels. Minimum-wage earners spend more money, creating jobs to replace those lost.

Yes, if the minimum wage were increased, some grocery store clerks might get laid off, but they'll quickly find new jobs somewhere else — with better pay than their old ones.

That's the well-documented history of the minimum wage. It's been increased 19 times since 1938. Every time, we've heard the same dire predictions repeated by Krautscheid. And every time, they've been soundly de-bunked.

Your headline beautifully summed up the absurdity of Krautscheid's arguments: "Wage hike hurts needy, working poor." It sounds like nonsense, and it is.

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When Mother's happy

Mud slides, rivers running through houses, sewage problems and trapped animals: the flood of '96 has left a lot to mourn over. Many people will be searching for an outlet for their grief and anger. Finding this outlet is extremely important at times of mental distress and anguish. However, people should not blame nature.

Blaming nature seems the most obvious choice at first. It rained. There was a flood. Upon closer scrutiny, there was snow at higher elevations. It warmed up rapidly. The rain melted the snow, which ran into rivers and caused flooding.

These facts, while true, don't show the complete picture. Oregon has always had a lot of rain, and this isn't the first time the snow has melted rapidly. Why, with more dams than ever before, have we just had the most severe flood that anyone

can remember?

In Western Oregon and Washington between 1982 and 1991, approximately 70,000 acres of clear-cuts occurred each year on public lands alone. In the U.S., we have more miles of logging roads than highways. There are at least 100,000 miles of U.S. Forest Service and BLM roads in Western Oregon and Washington.

The larger trees (we used to have) prevented excessive flooding by providing shade for the snow. The shade allowed the snow to melt at a slower rate and permitted more moisture to seep into the ground. The slower rate also allowed the trees to take up more of the water through their roots. Big-tree roots also prevent mud slides.

Logging roads provide a compact surface for water to run off to reach lower areas. Because their trenches and culverts concentrate water into higher volume and higher speed streams, erosion starts, and higher levels of silt get into the water. This sediment increases the overall volumes of runoff and increases the scouring action of the water. The dirty, brown, flood waters are evidence of this increase in erosion.

We've made some serious claims, but you need not take our word for it. Take a look at a mud slide, then look around — the clear-cut won't be hard to find.

Timber companies and those who enable them to clear-cut, should be the outlet for your outrage. Let them know how you feel about this flood.

Give Ron Wyden and Peter DeFazio a call and ask them to start standing up for our rights by supporting an initiative to ban clear-cutting. Ask them to work for a repeal of the "Salvage Logging without Laws Rider."

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