

**Rally not riot**

What a "riot" it was to read the caption under the picture celebrating dutiful officers in action to keep supporters of the Feb. 27 GTFF rally "from storming the building" (ODE, Feb. 28).

I was there and I can assure you, dear readers, it was the most peaceful rally you can imagine. We voiced our concerns in a civil manner. It even would have been a good idea to walk up the few steps of Johnson Hall to invite our president to make a statement to clarify the issue and invest a few words of appreciation for the great work of all of us GTFs. (Locking the doors is a statement in itself.)

"Storming the building" misrepresents the attitudes and the conduct of the students and supporters present at the time. We are not an unruly pack with empathy concerns.

**Olga G. Straight**  
Germanic Languages

**SCUBA divers**

Bravo to Ben Kwasney's article on the University's SCUBA diving program (ODE, Feb. 26). More people should take the opportunity to visit the underwater environment and experience weightlessness in a new world.

If any students are interested in finding out more, talk to other students already certified and see what their experiences have been like. See the SCUBA Club's web page at: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~clbsprts/scuba> to get in touch with other student divers.

Also, coming up soon will be a Discover SCUBA opportunity. Any students interested in diving can get a chance to try it out in a pool accompanied by instructors and a Dive Master. Look for in-

formation in the Club Sports office and on the SCUBA Club's web page starting next week.

**Jason Markantes**  
Computer Science

**Tech war**

Kudos to Student Senator Bill Miner for smelling a rat in another half-baked plan by the ASUO to "modernize" the elections process (ODE, Feb. 20). Unfortunately, Miner lost his resolve, and was unable to avert the wasting of another \$7,400 on what will amount to a couple of computers that may or may not be able to do what Ryan Ositis promises.

In the future, it might be wise for more members of the ASUO Student Senate to research ideas and the people that present them. I am not aware of any "Computer Tech Center" (mentioned in the Feb. 20 *Emerald*) on campus other than the Computing Center, at which Ositis is not an employee. The likelihood that Ositis' one-man mission will be accomplished in the next 38 days is about as likely as the Computer Tech Center existing anywhere outside the minds of Autumn De Poe or Ositis.

If the ASUO really wants to modernize the voting system, they could let students vote via e-mail or the Web. If the ASUO wants to increase voter turnout, they might think of advertising. If those people running for office really want to increase voter turnout, they probably aren't already employees of the ASUO.

**Selena Brewington**  
Computer Science

**Sacred land**

A disaster has recently oc-

curred in the natural area surrounding the Willamette River, immediately adjacent to campus. Commercial development of the Willamette Scenic Corridor, which is the area between the railroad tracks and the river, has begun.

Many of us had taken for granted that this serene natural area, which also includes the University playing field next to the Autzen Footbridge, was ours to enjoy. It is, after all, public land. But last spring, the bulldozers cleared and leveled a portion of the naturally vegetated area for construction of a new underpass (allowing vehicle access beyond the tracks) and the beginning of a four-lane road, opening up the entire riverbank to development. The plan for development of the riverbank includes a private restaurant right on the riverbank next to the footbridge, several large research buildings and parking garages to serve the new businesses in the industrial riverfront research complex.

This project is funded by property tax dollars diverted from our withering public schools and library. The area currently provides critical wildlife habitat and nearby recreational opportunities for students and community members. We must preserve this last remaining stretch of our river that has banks free of large buildings, road noise, and unnatural landscaping, and we must see to it that the new underpass and road are removed.

There will be a rally to raise awareness of the boycott of the new underpass (at the north end of Agate St.) on Friday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. Please attend the event to help ensure that Eugene remains livable.

**Ann Hagemann**  
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**YOU**  
can make a difference.  
**RECYCLE TODAY!**

**Academic Advising Tables in the Residence Hall Lobbies**  
**Residence Hall Peer Advising Program**

*Need help with advising??*

- Duck Call help!!
- UO graduation requirements explained.
- Spring term scheduling assistance.
- Information about various UO Depts.
- Help with any academic advising question you can think of.

Drop by the tables at any of the following times:

**Hamilton Hall, Carson Lobby, UI Lobby\*:**

Feb. 25-27, T-Th, Week 8

5:00-8:00 p.m.

March 4-6, T-Th, Week 9

5:00-8:00 p.m.

March 11-13, T-Th, Week 10

5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Riley Lobby\*:**

Feb. 24-26, M-W, Week 8

6:00-9:00 p.m.

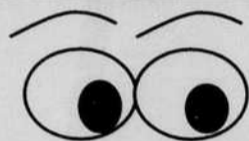
March 3-5, M-W, Week 9

6:00-9:00 p.m.

March 10-12, M-W, Week 10

6:00-9:00 p.m.

\*Time slots are subject to slight changes.



ODE Classifieds...  
Worth Looking Into!

**THIS WEEK**

AVAILABLE AT EMU TICKETS AND SERVICES  
<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~emusched/tickets.html>



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 3/13 Red Cross Benefit.....(21 & over) \$10.00
- 3/15 Skye & Crabs in the Skillet.....\$6.00
- 3/19 Sky Cries Mary.....\$8.00
- 3/23 The Brandeis-Bardin.....\$7.00
- 3/28 An Evening with ZERO.....\$12.00
- 3/31, 4/1 Leftover Salmon (21 & Over).....\$10.00

**UNIVERSITY THEATRE TICKETS**

- 3/14-15 Shadowlands.....\$4.50 UO, \$9.00 GP
- 4/9-12, 17-19 Illuminati.....\$3.00 UO, \$6.00 GP
- 5/9-10, 15-17, 23-24 Dragon Tales.....\$4.50 UO, \$9.00 GP
- 5/28-31, 6/5-7 Vinegar Tom.....\$3.00 UO, \$6.00 GP

**HULT CENTER EVENTS**

- 3/14-15 Mame.....\$27.50/18.50
- 3/20-22, 27-30 Midsummer Nights Dream.....\$12.00/9.00
- 4/12 String Trio of New York.....\$15.00
- 4/23 Oregon Symphony.....\$20.00/16.00/12.00/8.00

☆ Tickets subject to service charge ☆

**ALSO AVAILABLE**

- EWEB & NWNG Pay Station
- Greyhound Bus Tickets
- Ask About TWO FOR TUESDAY

CHECK OUT TRIBAL CLOSET ON FRIDAY

- Spring '97 Art Workshops
- Woodworking
  - Ceramics
  - Jewelry
  - Photography
  - Weaving
  - Bike Repair
  - and More
- Registration starts March 13 at 10am

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