

What's next?

Now that the Skinner's Butte cross is to be removed, it should be seen as a starting place to eliminate or correct all symbols of discrimination within our community in order to achieve political correctness.

The next obvious discriminatory symbol lies just feet from the cross atop Skinner's Butte. I am speaking of the 'O.' Clearly the 'O' stands for Oregon in reference to University of Oregon, but not everyone in Eugene attends this University. We should also keep in mind that having a single letter upon this hill clearly discriminates against the remaining 25 letters, hinting that the 'O' is superior to the other letters.

This parallels the argument that the cross was portraying Christianity as superior to other religions. Clearly a course of action is imperative to resolve the matter of the 'O' But the obvious solution of stripping the 'O' from its site would only be masking the problem.

I propose instead to give equality to all the letters of the alphabet. To show our political correctness, all the trees should be stripped from the south slope of the butte and the entire alphabet should be stenciled into the side of the bare slope showing equal representation to each of the letters, and thus reflecting just how

outstandingly politically correct this open-minded city of ours truly is.

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Environmental Studies

Get facts straight

I enjoyed (notice the past tense) reading the *Oregon Commentator* because I had the naive idea that its writers actually investigated their stories to find actual facts, but with Farrah Bostic's inane article about the ASUO Programs Finance Committee, I find this assumption to be depressingly wrong.

She mentioned the Oregon Marching Band and its special request for funds to purchase, as she called them, "toys." Just to let Ms. Bostic know exactly how far she has let her journalistic integrity (oops, I forgot which magazine I was talking about) go.

The request, which was made last year, was for \$7,700 in order to purchase new sousaphone (tuba) cases, the old ones having worn out. Perhaps Ms. Bostic would prefer that the OMB let the expensive instruments become damaged and have to be replaced at a cost of \$37,200.

Also, the special request is *not* in the budget for this year. The other "increase" which Ms. Bostic regards as so frivolous was exactly 3.29 percent, or \$3,100 for a new sousaphone. What she also

missed was the fact that the 3.29 percent was not an increase. It was replacing what the PFC had cut from the instrument section of the OMB budget last year.

Also, I find it frustrating that Ms. Bostic would criticize the one group on campus that is truly diverse and encourages multiculturalism. We have members from nearly every major, ethnic group, etc. In one little paragraph, she has managed to alienate over 300 people, which includes members of the band, alumni and the support staff which brings it all together. (Of course, knowing the *Commentator*, she is probably patting herself on the back for causing controversy. Too bad she has to look like an imbecile to do it.)

In regards to her comment that the OMB "oughtta-be [an] Athletic Department program," it is an Athletic Department program! Just ask our esteemed director who has to meet with them constantly just to keep our seats or the right to play during pregame and half-time.

Ms. Bostic seems to have some sort of personal vendetta against the OMB which should be resolved on her own time, not in the pages of a once well-written publication. What happened in the last four years? Did all the intelligence graduate?

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English

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