

Research saves lives

To all SETA members: Do you even realize that your actions to stop animal research would, if fulfilled, condemn people to death? Animal research is the best chance we have of stopping horrors like cancer and AIDS, not to mention a host of other fatal and life-threatening illnesses. Without the information that animal experimentation has provided, countless numbers of people suffering from such conditions would have been denied any form of treatment, likely dying as a result. And if such research were to stop now, countless more would be denied hope, not to mention any sort of a future.

Yes, it sucks that we have to do this to animals. But the fact is, there's no other way. SETA members tout the idea of using cell cultures and computer simulations as replacements for animal research, but such methods, though helpful, are just not sophisticated enough to replace the use of animals. Just look at it from a simple cost-effectiveness point of view: The effort and cost of obtaining and maintaining animals for research is nearly prohibitive; besides the cost of the actual animal, you have to factor in feeding, cleaning and housing costs, as well as staff to care for the animal. Compare that with the ease and relative cheapness of examining a petri dish or a computer simulation, and you see it's no contest.

If such alternate means of research could actually provide the same level of information at a fraction of the cost and effort, what scientist in his or her right

mind wouldn't choose to use them? So, then, because animal research is still considered necessary, there can be only two explanations: Either animal experimentation is truly the best chance we have of curing tragic illnesses, or researchers simply like to cut open animals. Ask any scientist about the latter choice — you'll find that it's by far the worst part of his or her work.

Michael Stiso
Graduate student

Senate disrespectful

While not every speaker will capture the attention of the Senate, and certainly not every speaker will win the votes of each senator, dignity demands that those elected to the Student Senate should at least show dignity and respect for those who have courage enough to stand in front of 18 popularly elected officials and speak about an issue that is important to them. To do otherwise is a disgrace not only to the office for which a rude senator holds, but also to the student population of this campus.

Nowhere in the rule book does it say that the senators of this student government must agree with every speaker that presents themselves to that body, but common decency dictates that they at least act with civility and respect.

Wednesday's Senate meeting was an embarrassment to both the Senate and to this University, as elected officials treated the speaker present with total disrespect and indecency. Perhaps they should all be reminded that

it is we, the students, who do the electing, and we can easily remove them from office for an offense of this nature.

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Can Kitzhaber

In his announcement to run for re-election as governor, John Kitzhaber proposed possibly a dozen new government programs while promising to expand many others. Mr. Kitzhaber failed, however, to explain how this array of government crusades would be paid for. This is too often the case with him.

During the last legislative session, two of Kitzhaber's proposed sources of revenue were a 5-cent per gallon increase in the gasoline tax, and expanding the Oregon Lottery to include video slot machines. These are two extremely regressive forms of taxation; that is, they will usurp a higher proportion of the incomes of the poorest Oregonians than from the rich and upper-middle classes.

Proposing new programs to garner votes is easy — paying for all of them is difficult. Don't think that Kitzhaber will hit up corporations either. Kitzhaber has used Oregon tax dollars to promote Oregon's industries in Southeast Asia, a blatant and arbitrary form of corporate welfare. Kitzhaber knows exactly where the money will come from — your pocket.

Don't buy the rhetoric. Can Kitzhaber.

Peter Enslow
Chairman, U of O College Republicans

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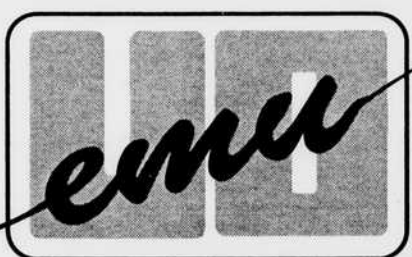
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Congratulations!

Both **Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils** received national recognition last weekend at the **Mid-American Greek Council Association Conference in Chicago.**

The **Interfraternity Council** won the **Jellison Award** (Division 3) for outstanding achievement in overall programming excellence, given to only one council each year for each of four divisions. In addition to the Jellison Award, IFC also received recognition in seven of the eight categories: *risk management, leadership and educational development, council management, academic achievement, membership recruitment, self-governance and judicial affairs, and community service.*

The **Panhellenic Council** was recognized in the areas of *academic achievement, leadership and educational development, self-governance and judicial affairs, membership recruitment, and community affairs.*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Christa Colwell** with the ASUO Executive, and **Joseph Cunningham** with EMU Food Service for being **Winter Terms recipients of the EMU Student Scholarship Award.**

This award is given once a term to student employees who are nominated by their fellow student workers as having outstanding contributions in their work areas and to the EMU as a whole.

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