

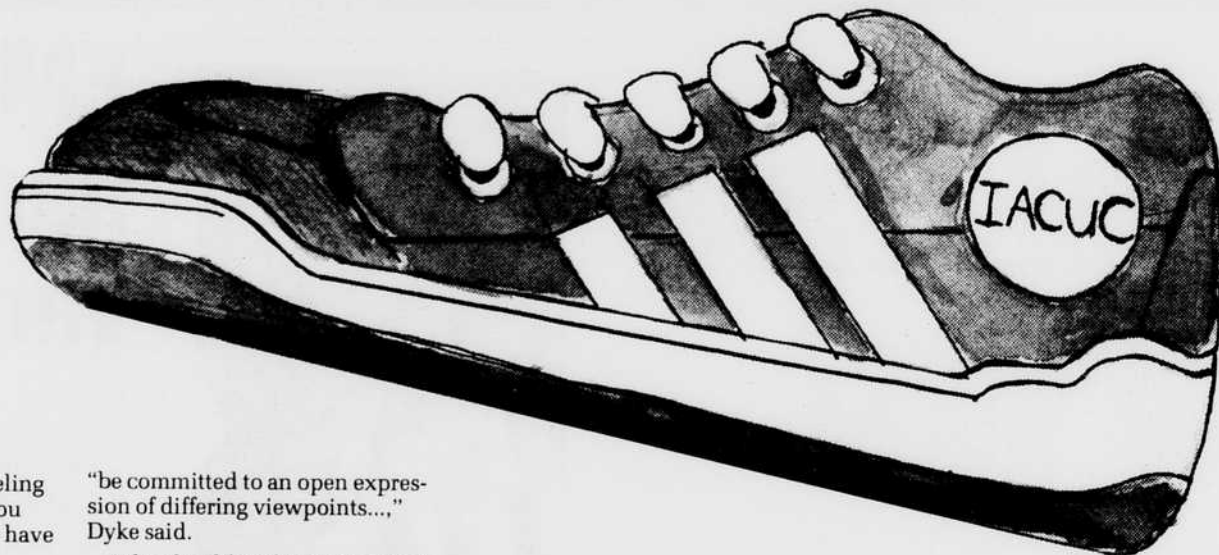
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A student's dismissal from the IACUC seems a little fishy when the identity of the student is revealed



Have you ever had the feeling that it was something you said? Sarah Brown may have had that feeling when she announced, after the first meeting of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, that she was one of the co-coordinators of SETA.

She soon found out she was not an official member of the IACUC because of a clerical error in the University president's office.

These two positions may have a conflict of interest and that may be why Brown was kicked off the committee. IACUC is part of the science department that decides policies for animal research at the University, and SETA is a student organization for the ethical treatment of animals.

The University president's office cited that Brown was approved prematurely by a new employee. Now the ASUO is requesting that Brown be put on the committee despite the error, but Tom Dyke, vice provost of research, said the committee is now full and he does not want to distort its student representation.

The ASUO recommends a student to nearly all student-faculty committees, with the exception of IACUC.

The clerical error was IACUC's way out when they were told that Brown was a member of SETA.

But we are curious why ASUO isn't allowed to select a member for this committee. IACUC professes to

"be committed to an open expression of differing viewpoints..." Dyke said.

Why shouldn't the student spot on the committee be selected by students and not hand picked by the committee — if, as Dyke says, the committee committed to a diversity of opinion?

It may be that they would just rather not deal with Brown and her opinions, but that wouldn't be a "committed to an open expression" approach. It sounds like IACUC's purpose may be conflicting with the actions of the president's office.

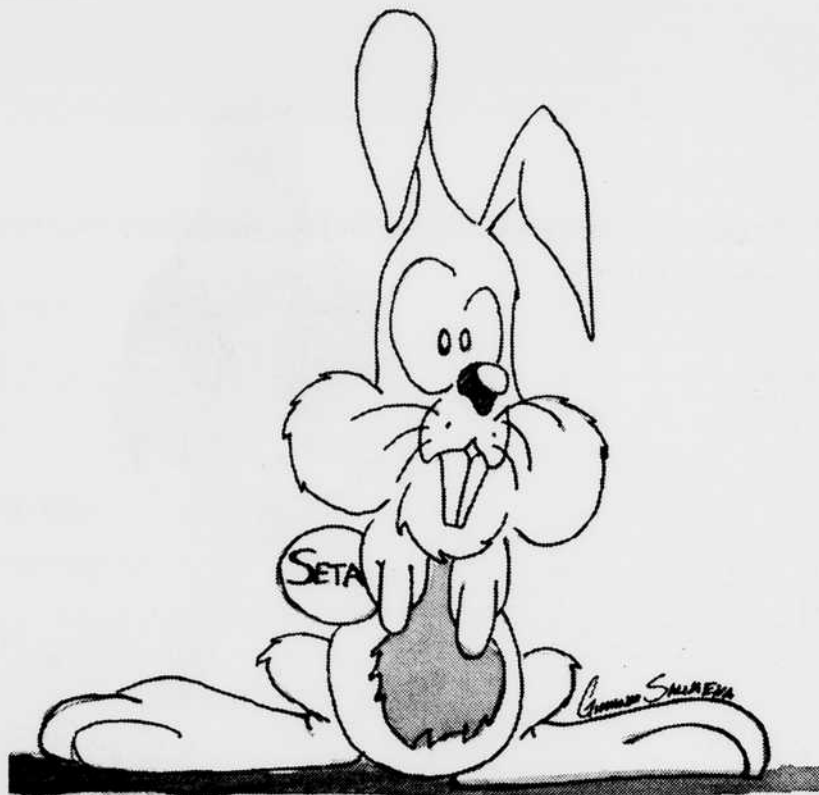
It is clear that all committees need opposing viewpoints that generate alternative ideas, which may not be voiced otherwise.

It would seem to us even if Brown was not properly approved, the president's office should let her stay on the committee.

It is difficult to believe that their reluctance to allow her to stay on the committee had nothing to do with Brown's affiliation with SETA. In fact, it was their error and not Brown's that brought about this predicament.

The president's office should, at the very least, take responsibility for their mistake and let her stay.

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Thumbs



DILBERT:
The lovable comic strip character, Dilbert, is going to have his own cartoon on UPN. His appeal lies in his ability to capture the average American experience at the office as overworked (sort of) and under appreciated by co-workers and his boss.

TO PERSEVERANCE:
After he was assaulted on campus last week, the Domino's delivery person continued to take pizza's to hungry Eugene residents despite his bad experience.



TO LOSING A LONG TIME EUGENE FIXTURE:
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TO AN INCREASE IN CRIME ON CAMPUS:
General theft cases have risen in the last year and still remain higher on campus than in the city.

