

Protesters should take their demands to the students

Wow, there are students at this University who are alive and socially sensitive. They proved it a week ago.

In the wake of the recent sit-in at Johnson Hall, I'm sure many people are realizing their strong feelings about racism, sexual harassment and free speech. Each one of these issues is a major part of the entire debate fueled by a hate e-mail in a planning, public policy and management class.

Student protesters are right when they say the University does not do enough to make students of color feel welcome and safe on campus. True, faculty and staff ought to go through some sort of racial sensitivity seminars. Many classrooms where modern political issues are discussed lack the implicit restrictions on such phrases that fueled the entire e-mail debate in the PPPM class.

Students should be unhappy that any student feels comfortable at this University making racist

remarks.

Students should be angry nothing ever gets done about it. But tell the truth: Is the administration solely to blame for the general apathy toward racism on this campus? Doesn't the University include students?

From what I have read, student protesters seem to be most angry with the lack of immediate resolution to these issues on our campus and the abundance of bureaucracy in the University's administration.

I was under the impression that bureaucracy is the main function of something under the name of "administration." That's its role. They enforce the rules by which we live. They deal with the paperwork and committees that are part of a system. So why are students blaming the administration for a lack of speed? Why are students willing to crucify University President Dave Frohnmayer for being a bureaucrat? That's what he gets paid to do.

A more reasonable thing to be upset about is the process that was set up to deal with these problems. The process I refer to is the Student Conduct Code and the ways by which we punish offenders. If I am not mistaken, students were an integral part in setting up those policies and processes.

Students sat on committees, students rallied for support, students even agreed with the code and students continue to do those things to make the

Student Conduct Code better. So tell me again: Why is the University administration being blamed for a lack of an immediate solution when we didn't ask for one from the very beginning?

Following the Johnson Hall sit-in, students helped set up a very time-consuming process to deal with problems and issues such as sexual harassment and threats of

violence. Hence, never-ending bureaucracy.

These issues affect people in the most immediate of ways. We set up this process to be fair and to involve everyone.

In this case, however, protesters are demanding an immediate solution. And because it fits their needs now, some students feel justified in demanding that Frohnmayer ignore the process students asked for.

Speaking of never-ending bureaucracy, what are long-term goals if not an invitation to it?

ASUO State Affairs Coordinator Matt Swanson was quoted in the Emerald (ODE, May 26) as saying, "Bureaucracy as a whole is unresponsive. Demands and needs get diluted through the process."

Well, it certainly is poetic that students sent demands through bureaucracy, again. Will they ever learn? MEChA did. They finally asked students, through a vote, to support a boycott of Gardenburger. Student groups get money each

year from the student population when they ask for it at elections. I know elections seem far away, but how soon do you think \$1 million is going to come from the University budget for multicultural groups?

The same protesters explicitly demanding quick resolutions just implicitly asked for more time-consuming processes. Moreover, they took the process of change out of student hands and placed it in the hands of the administration they're angry with.

If what I've read in the papers is correct, the man accused of sending threatening e-mail deserves to be brought up on charges of violating the Student Conduct Code, and he needs to go through the process it prescribes.

Students need to stop using Frohnmayer and the University administration as scapegoats for the issues that affect students the most.

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NATO strikes Milosevic's villa; surge in rape cases reported

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — NATO warplanes attacked Slobodan Milosevic's villa and other targets across Yugoslavia on Tuesday, and the military alliance approved a revised plan for an enlarged peacekeeping ground force in Kosovo as soon as Serb troops depart.

A new wave of refugees — as many as 150,000 — were reported bound for Macedonia, and a U.N. report detailed in graphic fashion "a significant upsurge" in sexual violence against ethnic Albanian women in Kosovo since NATO airstrikes began two months ago.

The U.N. Population Fund, which sent reproductive health kits to Kosovo in April that included "morning after" pills for rape victims, said the report was the first attempt by a United Nations organization to verify the accounts by refugee women.

Reports of rape as a tool of war and sexual violence against ethnic Albanian women have been circulating for months, but psychologist Dominique Serrano-Fitamant said "new women arriving from Kosovo indicate that the violence is increasing."

According to the accounts of 35 women she interviewed, "any resistance is met with threats of being burned alive," Serrano-Fitamant said. Kosovo men who tried to intervene were killed on the spot, she was told.

The trauma led some women to describe themselves as being forever "dead" to their families because of the stigma of being raped and violated in Muslim society, she said.

Aid officials, meanwhile, pushed for tent cities to be expanded in Macedonia. In neighboring Albania, NATO began moving thousands of refugees away from camps too close to the dangerous border with Kosovo.

NATO strikes also were reported Tuesday on military barracks, fuel depots and other targets in central Serbia. Loud detonations shook the Kosovo capital, Pristina, late Tuesday, signaling new attacks.

The state-run Tanjug news agency said a 5-year-old ethnic Albanian boy was injured when a missile struck a neighborhood in Vucitrn in northern Kosovo. Five projectiles also reportedly downed a power line, cutting off electricity in the province's west.

The deputy chairman of the municipal

government of Srbica, 25 miles northwest of Pristina, and his driver were injured Tuesday in an ambush staged by "Albanian terrorists," or the Kosovo Liberation Army, the private Beta news agency said. Beta said the two Serbs were recovering at a hospital but gave no further details.

Three ethnic Albanians were arrested Tuesday on espionage charges in Kosovo, while five more on the run were charged on similar counts, Tanjug reported. The three arrested are suspected of collecting information on the Yugoslav army and police troops in the province and giving it to NATO.

At NATO headquarters in Belgium, the alliance's top policymaking body, the North Atlantic Council, approved an updated plan for the ground force intended to head into Kosovo once Serb forces leave.

NATO generals now must decide exactly how many troops will be needed, but the NATO-led force — earlier envisioned as 28,000-strong — is expected to number about 50,000. The United States would like to supply 7,000 to 8,000 troops.

"This force ... will speak softly, by which I

mean that it will be friendly to everybody ... but it will have very sharp teeth as well as very big teeth if anybody should try to oppose it carrying out its mandate or to threaten its personnel," said NATO spokesman Jamie Shea.

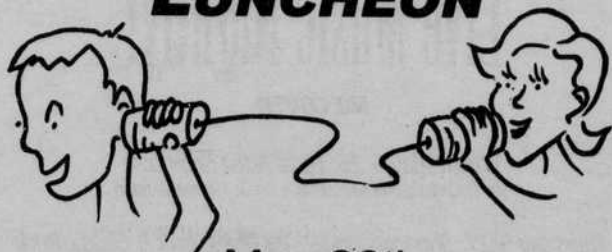
Poor weather hampered NATO's military operation Tuesday, but jets struck the Yugoslav leader's villa just west of Belgrade for the third time as well as artillery locations and a logistics support base.

Jets also fired at Mount Cer, 60 miles west of Belgrade, where a key communications transmitter is located; at the Batajnica military airport northwest of Belgrade; and in the suburb Rakovica, site of a large underground military complex, state media reported.

As many as five missiles slammed into an unspecified target near the resort town Sutomore on the coast of Montenegro, the rebellious junior republic in Yugoslavia that has pro-Western leadership.

Refugees continued pouring out of Kosovo. U.N. aid workers said in the past three days, 22,000 ethnic Albanian refugees have fled to Macedonia, the most since the first week of May.

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