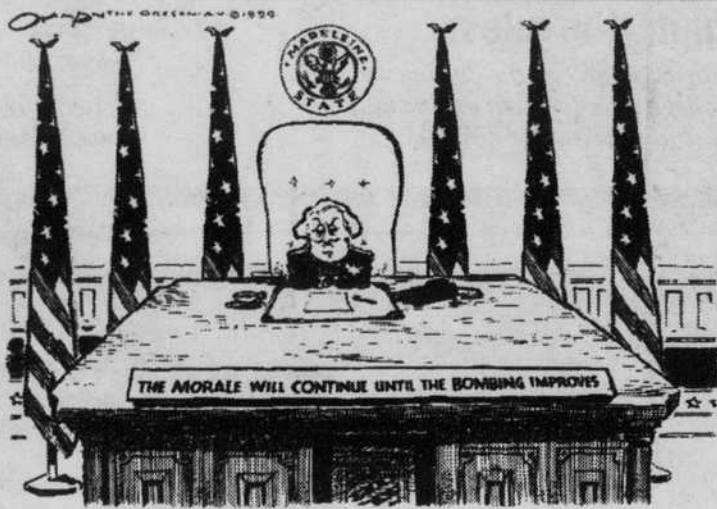


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Letters to the Editor

Code in the works

For the past year, the University has been investigating the most effective way to implement a licensing code of conduct.

We're pleased that a committed group of students has also joined this effort. It's heartening to know that, even at this early stage of investigation and interaction, the administration and these students appear to be in substantial agreement as to goals.

In the next few months, a more substantive committee will be formed to help advise the university on this vitally important issue. In the end, solid research and verifiable data will bring us closer to an outcome we all desire."

Duncan McDonald
Vice President for Public Affairs and Development

Correcting a statement

I am writing this letter in response to the Emerald's obvious misinterpretation (misunderstanding) of what I

actually said regarding the diversity issue (ODE, June 3).

I have been quoted as saying: "...sensitivity to diversity issues is important, he does not believe that it has a place in the university".

I believe that social issues such as diversity training belongs in the early ages of human development such as elementary school, when we are building up the tools necessary for social communication with one another. Postponement of such training to higher education era (university) allows for misperception of the kind that we are witnessing today.

When I said that "it does not have a place at the university," I actually meant if diversity training had been taken care of during adolescence, then it would not have a place at the University level today. Given society's failure to provide such training at an early age, it is imperative that the University offers a rich open environment from which acceptance and diversity

tolerance can be nourished. By correcting this problem at its roots, intolerance and indifference would not have the opportunity to grow to the point requiring university training.

By taking care of the essentials at the early age, we can ratify this social problem forever and can focus on "higher education" at the University level.

I hope this explanation gives a clear interpretation of my comments on diversity training.

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State police budget too big

Although I approve of funding increases to aid in the training and optimization of local police agencies, I'm disconcerted to have read that the Oregon House of Representatives recently approved a \$168 million budget to increase the number of state police officers (ODE, May 27).

To quote Capt. Bob Smit of the

Oregon State Police, "The addition of police officers to a community makes a remarkable difference."

I think it would be a joke to assert that state police officers make a remarkable difference within a given community, considering state police troopers are merely glorified metermaids whose scope of "police work" hardly expands past the distribution of traffic citations.

Yes, our police agencies do need the approved budget, particularly for sensitivity training and the recruitment of under-represented officers. However, these funds should be allocated to the REAL police officers who do work within the community, not the Oregon State Pseudopoliice. Hardly anyone would agree we have a shortage of surreptitious state troopers whose time is spent avoiding real crime so as to nab us dangerously outlawed speeders.

Greg Ellis
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EDITOR'S NOTE
Today's Emerald is the final issue of spring term. The Emerald comes out every Tuesday and Thursday during summer term. The first issue will appear on Tuesday, June 22. A summer entertainment preview Pulse section will appear in the June 22 issue, and a preview section of the U.S. Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field will be included in the Thursday, June 24 issue.