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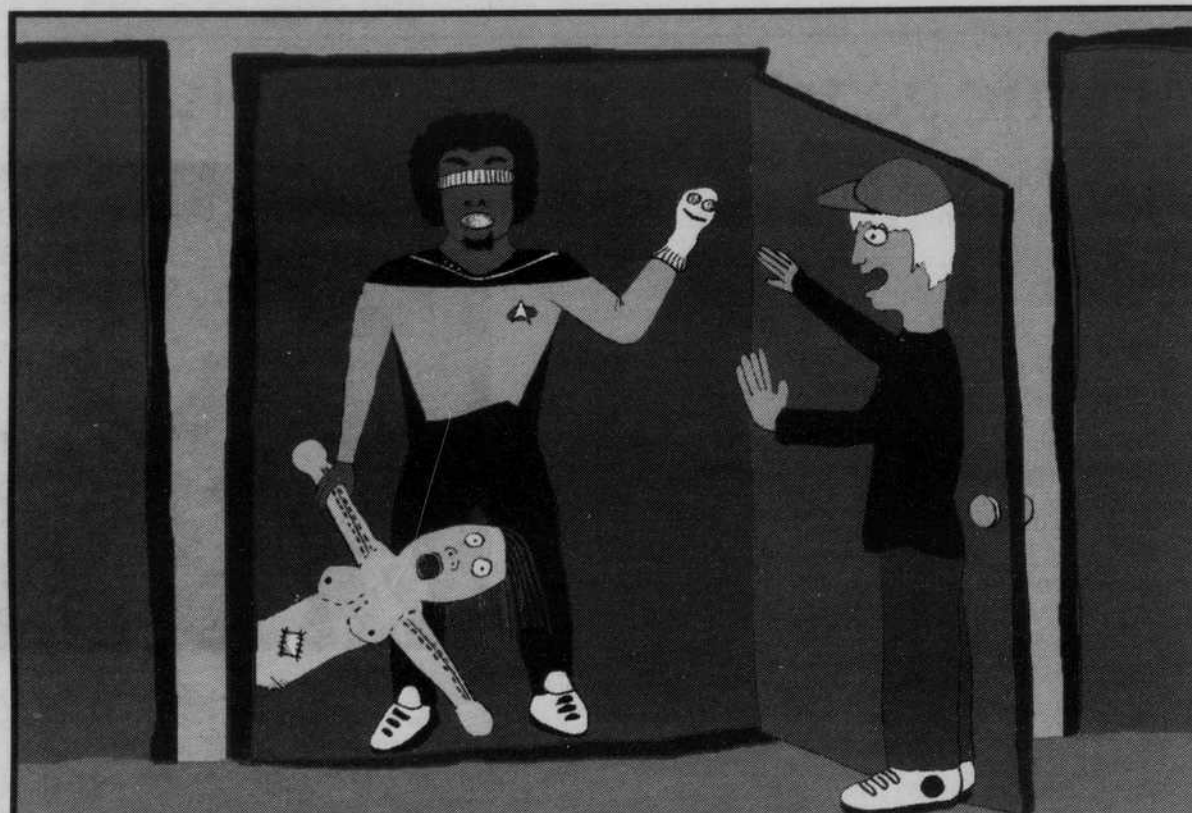
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Although Jake was worried about being placed into Carson Hall with a complete stranger, everything had gone smoothly for the first two weeks.... Everything changed however, when he made a startling discovery....

AARON DUCHATEAU | ILLUSTRATOR

■ Guest commentary

Presidents' tips for community to have a fun, safe Halloween

Dear University of Oregon and Lane Community College students,

Halloween is a time of celebration and exciting activities at the University and LCC. Both schools are planning many events for the Halloween weekend, and you are all invited to attend.

While we know that most University and LCC students drink responsibly, and that many students don't drink at all, we urge you to remember your obligations as a Eugene community member. From past experience, we have learned that the actions of a few intoxicated or irresponsible individuals can ruin an entire party and threaten the safety of other community members, not to mention create an unfavorable image of college students. As you plan for your weekend, be cooperative with neighbors, police or other persons who may come to discuss any issue of concern. Assist your friends in making sound decisions so situations won't escalate.

There are a few things you can do if your party gets out of control:

1. Call the police if uninvited guests

disrupt your party, or if your guests won't pay attention to your requests to behave and obey the law. Call before things get too out of control. Police will view your attempt to keep things under control as a good thing.

2. Respond positively if a police officer comes to your house. The officer is most likely responding to a complaint. Make sure the person interacting with the police officer at the front door is sober and responsive to the officer's requests. Do as much as possible to comply with what the police are asking you to do. Enlist the help of your friends and housemates.

3. Interfering with a police officer makes a bad situation worse. Use common sense and cooperate. Don't throw bottles at or near police officers. If you have committed a crime and a police officer asks you to identify yourself, you will need to do so. Giving a false name is a separate offense, and will likely worsen what might have been a warning or a citation into a trip to jail.

4. Understand that you can be arrested. A police officer may take someone

into custody for any violation of law that carries a potential jail penalty. This includes most state criminal laws and many city ordinances. For some violations, an officer may detain you while verifying your identity and issuing a citation.

5. When a police officer asks you to clear an area, leave right away. If you stick around after the warning to watch what's going to happen, you may be cited for interfering with a police officer. If police warn that they are going to use tear gas, you need to leave the premises as fast as you can.

We hope you will have a great time this year at Halloween parties. Take extra care to make sure your parties are under control. Thanks for your cooperation and have a great weekend!

Adam Walsh is President of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon

Jeremy Riel is President of the Associated Students of Lane Community College

INBOX

Tactless cartoonist should take more care

I'm an avid reader of the Oregon Daily Emerald, and I find that for a free newspaper, it's pretty good. Normally I glare over the political cartoon on page 2, because last year I found the cartoonist's brand of liberalism insulting. Yet the cartoonist last year never went after any student groups on campus, and mostly stayed on political bashing.

This year, on the other hand, the new cartoonist Aaron DuChateau has

gone after student groups, such as the College Republicans. Even though I am not a Republican, and have no affiliation with this group, I still feel threatened by this cartoon. If DuChateau can so freely depict the College Republicans as drunks, without any action on their part to support his assault, what's to stop the cartoonist from making racist commentary about the Black Student Union or depicting the religious groups on campus as extremists? Mr. DuChateau has the right to his opinion and freedom of speech, but he should

also take into account the repercussions of his actions. A large portion of the publicity student groups get comes from the Emerald, and any unfounded, unfair, bad publicity they get directly affects their membership and in some cases funding.

If Mr. DuChateau can't be tactful, I hope that the Emerald will consider getting a syndicated cartoonist; one whose professionalism will be an asset to the paper rather than a liability.

Katie Wells
University Sophomore

■ Editorial

Ethics do not only apply when convenient

Although The New York Times has endured much criticism for the actions of its once-martyred, now-demonized reporter, Judith Miller, we cannot forget that some of the improprieties now causing such a stir were brought to light by the paper itself. And some of them weren't.

On Sunday, the paper turned inward and published a self-critical investigative article on the series of events that occurred at the Times. The reporting on Miller came to a critical and now controversial conclusion:

"Interviews show that the paper's leaders, in taking what they considered to be a principled stand, ultimately left the major decisions in the case up to Ms. Miller, an intrepid reporter whom editors found hard to control."

Despite Miller's reputation as a "divisive" loose cannon, her editors apparently did not review her notes from interviews with her confidential source. If they had, they might have learned that she seemingly recorded the name of CIA agent Valerie Plame during a conversation with I. Lewis Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff. She claims Libby hinted at Plame's role, but didn't identify her by name.

The stories also imply that Miller intentionally misidentified Libby, her unnamed source, with the understanding that Libby's motivations for the disclosure were politically motivated.

Times editors probably didn't handle the Miller controversy in the best possible manner. During Miller's imprisonment, Times editors suppressed Times reporters' coverage of her source and other issues — apparently, they didn't want to compromise her legal situation, according to the Times.

In the end, the editors' decision to report on their own inadequacies remedies some of these prior missteps. The stories reveal that Miller's actions were not as lofty as previously pegged.

These revelations do not dilute our previous assertions that imprisonment of journalists represents a serious offense to journalism, nor does it negate the need for a federal shield law.

This story underscores why courses on communication law and media ethics should be required, not optional, at this University's School of Journalism and Communication. Such classes provide students with a foundation for an ethical career, and prepare them for the world of modern journalism.

Miller's actions also strengthen the case for the adoption of a strong and binding code of ethics. We cannot de-certify an unethical journalist, as doctors or lawyers can disbar a corrupted member of their profession, nor should we be able to do so. But creating a universal code would be a good first move. Such a code should clarify how confidential sources should be used — to help provide the public with information it wouldn't otherwise receive.

The Miller scandal has again cast one of the nation's most prominent sources of news in a dubious light. Miller is partially responsible, as are Times' editors, who made a noble but perhaps misguided attempt to protect one of their own. Yet we must encourage newspapers to follow the Times' recent example, investigating and reporting news even if it is embarrassing.

CORRECTIONS

- Because of a photographer's error, the photo caption accompanying Tuesday's "YWCA Purple Hands Pledge raises awareness of violence" should have stated that the YWCA will only have a table in front of the University Bookstore on Monday and Friday this week.
- Because of an editor's error, the photo caption accompanying Wednesday's "Torrey campaign hinges on education" should have stated that Jim Torrey is running for state Senate.