

# Big Box o' Briefs

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## Got Politik?

Feel like working your bum off only to have people think you're a lazy, lying scoundrel? Then politics could be for you. Stop by the ASG office in CC152 to pick up your application for student government today.



## Workshops for slackers

Ok, so not just glue-sniffing slackers will benefit from this announcement. Every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., in room P104, there will be drop-in workshops discussing topics to help you succeed in college, such as preventing depression and time and stress management. So get on it ... if you can manage your time well enough.



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Step right up folks and get your free money! There is more than \$250,000 available to students, but the deadline is coming fast! The deadline is March 21 at 5 p.m., so stop by Financial Aid ASAP. Move it or lose it, sucka!



## Tired of people sucking?

Well get used to it. But you can stop by Barlow 240 today from 2-4 p.m. to learn how to deal with them. Hey, it's better than nothing ....



## Don't be an idiot

Apparently I was wrong ... comics can be counted as literature. Anyway, any of you comic-type folk who might be interested should sign up for English 216: Comics and Literature, Thursday evenings 6-9:50 p.m. with Trevor Dodge.

# Gonzales attacks Oregon suicide law

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The supreme court began hearings on a dispute between the federal government and Oregon regarding doctor-assisted suicide Feb. 23.

This trial is likely to prove a divisive issue not only because of ethical issues regarding the medical practice of assisted suicide, but because of the issue of the states' rights versus the federal government.

The Bush administration has been seeking to make Oregon's unique euthanasia law, which has been passed by Oregon voters twice, illegal ever since it came into office. In 2001, former Attorney General John Ashcroft said that according to his interpretation of the Controlled Substances Act, the

use of controlled substances under Oregon's Death with Dignity act was not a legitimate medical purpose, even though the attorney general that preceded Ashcroft, Janet Reno, determined that the Controlled Substances Act did not give the Drug Enforcement Agency the authority to punish doctors who prescribed medicine under the Death with Dignity Act.

In response to Ashcroft's interpretation, Lawyers for Oregon and other supporters of Death with Dignity sued, claiming Ashcroft had exceeded his authority. Supporters believe that the federal government should determine what drugs are legitimate, but the states should decide what are legitimate medical uses of them.

Portland's U.S. District Judge Robert E. Jones agreed, as did the 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court

of Appeals.

In its appeal, the federal government argued that Congress gave it the authority to interpret the law broadly and that "States remain free to enact their own laws relating to controlled substances," but not if they conflict with federal law.

"Some people confuse this question of social values and cultural values with what's really at issue here ... whether citizens, on a medical practice that has historically been left to the states, should have a bunch of people from Washington, D.C., push them around," Senator Ron Wyden said. "I'm going to be arguing that all the people who jump up on the floor of the Congress and talk about states' rights are basically saying they only support states' rights if they think a state is right."

Wyden blocked a 2004 attempt in the Senate to amend the Death with Dignity Act by threatening a filibuster.

"The fact of the matter is, what this legislation is, is really the pain promotion act," said in a Senate speech at the time. "What it is going to do is have a chilling effect on health care providers all across this country who simply want to practice good pain management."

The Attorney General Alberto Gonzales vs. the State of Oregon will likely be decided in the Supreme Court in 2006, giving the controversy at least a year to brew. Proponents on both sides are optimistic but the issue will likely not be settled no matter which way the court goes. Like abortion, this could be an issue that never fully agreed on.

# Part-timers honored at annual celebration

Instructors honored were:

- Joe Crawford (Apprenticeship/Environmental Health/Wildland Fire Science)
- Alex Bello (Building Construction)
- Adreiana Aristizabal (Computer Science)
- Irene Carillo (Computer Science)
- Shera Hunn-Felde (Education/Human Services)
- Anna Pecal (English)
- Joe VanZutphen (English as a Second Language)
- Barbara Arzt (Health/Physical Education)
- Dave Snell (Horticulture)
- Greg Davis (Mathematics)
- Brian Rose (Music)
- Polly Schulz (Science)
- Wendy Heinz (Skills Development)
- Christy Kinch (Skills Development)
- Yvonne Wilebski (Social Sciences)



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Part-time instructors (from second from left) Alice Goldstein, Kathleen Fallon, Joanna Ponce, Irene Carillo, and Anne Bachmann band together in a musical tribute to Joe VanZutphen (far left) at the second annual Part-time Faculty Recognition.

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