

has ample company among UO music faculty members who either have or haven't performed with OBF, thus whether he has or hasn't done so strikes me as irrelevant and unworthy of note.

The UO and OBF have a mutually beneficial relationship together with a shared educational mission, hence it's simplistic and misleading to write, as Mr. Wade does, that one "own[s]" the other. Suffice it to say that neither is in the entertainment industry to "sell millions of CDs," even though both are justly proud that an OBF recording of Penderecki's "Credo" earned a Grammy award. I find it ironic that both Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wade overlook this, if only because it's a major contemporary work, commissioned and premiered by OBF at considerable expense and toil.

John E. Heintz
Eugene

COPS OUT OF CONTROL

The scene is really hard to believe. One distraught teenager outside with a knife, obviously worn out from trashing his family's home. He is confronted with the cops from six police cars, which means there were from six to ten cops — a situation that could only increase his rage and fears. When the kid is ordered to drop the knife, he refuses and welcomes the confrontation, which is not abnormal for someone in his position. The cop decides that his life is in danger and deliberately kills the kid. Given the legal definition that a cop can kill if he feels his life is in danger, our law enforcement leaders conclude that the killing was justified. It is interesting that they comfort themselves by labeling the kid "mentally ill," as though this might justify their irrational actions.

However, is it really possible for any intelligent person to think this killing of another teenager is justified? There were many options here: Six or more cops could have surrounded the kid and taken the knife from him; he wasn't a trained killer. They could have used their pepper spray or clubs to subdue him. He wasn't chasing them aggressively, so they could have simply backed away and given him time to cool off. And of course, if they just had to shoot, they could have aimed for his legs.

Eugene's police are out of control, and our police chief and mayor seem ill prepared to deal with the problem. Complaints are ignored, mostly because the cops stick together. Our district attorney passes up opportunities to correct problems such as this one and sticks with the chief and the mayor.

Though this killing of a momentarily deranged teenager might be justified in the legal sense, it is far from being justified in common sense. The Eugene Police Department remains dysfunctional and out of control.

Wayne Pierce
Eugene

RICE IS NICE

She is a remarkable, charming, intelligent and highly educated woman! She was the first African-American to become national security advisor, the first African-American female to be secretary of state; she is also a master piano performer and was the former provost of Stanford University! She has served under two different presidential administrations, she has twice the resume of

Hillary Clinton, and she has done it all on her own merit, without help from anyone! She at least to me is the embodiment of what Dr. Martin Luther King's version of America was: opportunity for all!

My theory is that she will be running mates with Sen. John McCain, to create a strong moderate Republican ticket for the presidency in 2008!

Tom Busch
Eugene

DOING JUST FINE

The president has been taking a lot of criticism for not having a post-invasion strategy for Iraq. This is unfair because he had a strategy all along. What we see now is the strategy.

The most sophisticated infrastructure in the Arab world (abundant water, electricity, a higher education system) lying in ruins. A strong secular government with a potential for uniting the Middle East as Egypt did in the 1950s plunged into chaos and civil war. One hundred thousand U.S. troops on the ground in the center of the Arab world. A prosperous nation held in poverty and squalor, and the second largest known oil reserves in the world surrounded by a ring of tanks. We haven't turned the electricity back on because we don't wish to.

Iraq today is a neo-con playground: no tariffs, no regulation, no wage controls or worker protection laws. And there's money to be made: With billions of dollars in reconstruction money flowing in, Halliburton and its subsidiaries are raking it in. Profiteering? Price gouging? Please, don't be unpatriotic.

Sure, the casualties are higher than expected. But Bush and Cheney's kids will not be among them. To use Cheney's phrase, they have "other priorities."

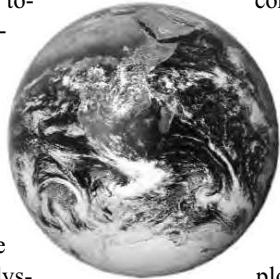
No wonder the president and veep tell us that things are going well. As far as they're concerned, we're doing just fine.

William (Chico) Schwall
Eugene

SPEAKING FOR THE EARTH

I read with interest Michael Terrance's letter ("Radical Loonies") in the Nov. 16 issue. While I share some of his dislike for the methods used by these eco-saboteurs, I can certainly relate to the frustrations that led to their actions. A few of his comments, though,

I feel are misguided and I am compelled to respond.



In this society the notion that the Earth owns property is not even considered. It's too bad, because property owner rights seem to be the prime rationalization for resource exploitation. So who speaks for the Earth? Mr. Terrance's

comment that they "destroy for the sake of telling these big logging corporations 'look at me, look at me'" is erroneous. That is proven by the fact that they worked anonymously, only taking credit as a group name. I think it is more likely that they destroyed for the sake of saying "Look at what you're doing to the Earth!" I will allow them that platform from which to act, but I don't condone their actions.

I agree with him in that the current administration has a vague definition of "terrorism." I feel most Americans associate terror-

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