

cannot attend the occupation full time, but I can go there, meet the people, and find someone whom I can help to get through the coming winter. Any positive act to make the occupation strong and safe is a direct response against greed and division.

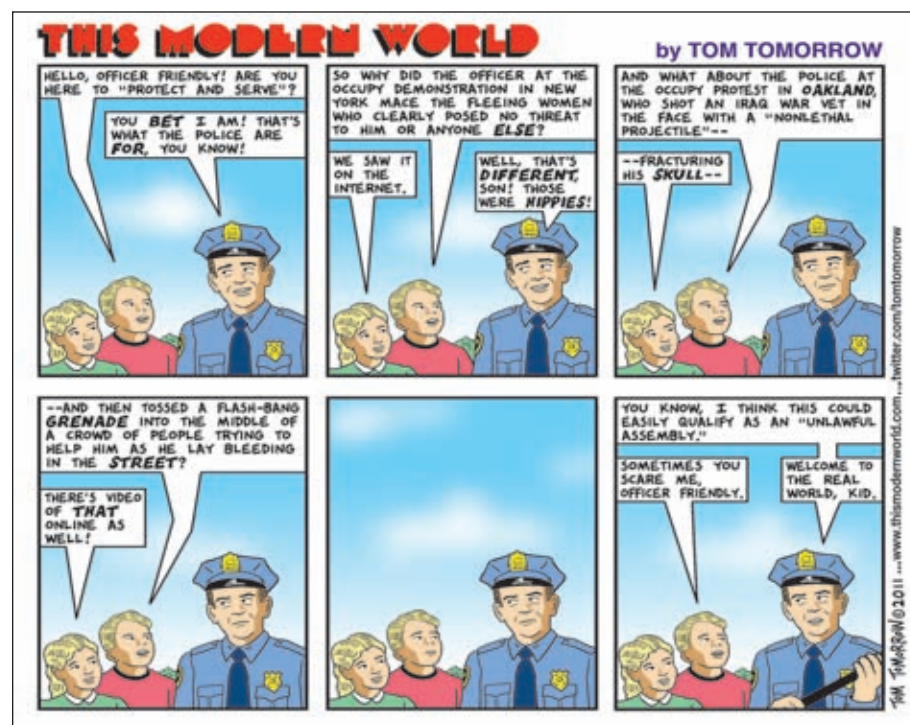
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OCCUPY THE LEGISLATURE

Lia Gladstone's "Shared Teacher" letter (10/20) is full of inaccuracies and misstatements. I sympathize with parents whose children are in two-grade classrooms. Because of inadequate state funding over a number of years, McKenzie has had to make drastic cuts in its programs and services. We have lost our school nurse, librarian, art teacher, shop and home economics classes, and most electives at the high school level. Since it was impossible to make further cuts at the high school/middle school and maintain a standard school, the only option remaining was to double up the elementary classes.

Gladstone seems to think that if we cut the superintendent's salary, it would resolve all of our problems. Even drastically cutting her salary (which will not happen) would not pay to add another teacher to the staff.

Everyone seems to be ignoring the real gorilla in the room. The solution for this problem lies in Salem with the state and the Legislature. Oregon is at the low end of school funding in the U.S. The McKenzie School Board, with the help of



its Budget Committee, has made the best decisions possible for our students. If you want to resolve this problem, occupy the Legislature.

Kathleen Shelley
Vida

POLARIZING WORDS

I was handed a paper stating the objections/complaints of the people protesting the current state of affairs when I was at the Saturday Market here in Eugene. I am in agreement with most of the statements listed, but I disagree with the way the state-

ments are worded and I believe it is important.

A few examples: "They have taken bailouts from taxpayers with impunity, and continue to give executives exorbitant bonuses." "They have poisoned the food supply through negligence, and undermined the farming system through monopolization." "They have held students hostage with tens of thousands of dollars of debt on education, which is, in itself, a human right."

I think the wording should read "We have allowed" instead of "They have." We

have allowed bailouts from taxpayers with impunity, and continue to give executives exorbitant bonuses.

We have allowed our food supply to be poisoned through negligence, and undermined the farming system through monopolization. We have allowed them to hold students hostage with tens of thousands of dollars of debt on education, which is, in itself, a human right.

I believe that anything, including wording, that causes any kind of polarization in thought word or deed is counterproductive and should be avoided. In part that is what has gotten us all into the mess we are currently in in the first place.

Jon S. Shisler
Seal Rock

TO FLOYD PROZANSKI:

Thank you for betraying the students of the UO and teaching us not to vote Democrat anymore. Your recent blunder of supporting the campus police to have guns is not just appalling, it's frightening. Students know that DPS officers are primarily responsible for handing out MIPs and open container fines to unsuspecting freshman. The idea that they need guns is the stupidest thing I've ever heard.

In the last three years, DPS gave out 3,432 "disciplinary referrals" for liquor law violations, and zero for weapons violations — zero! For an area about one third the size of Central Park, DPS already employs 99 people. Students who have dealt with DPS know that they are cocky



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