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Salem Younes rejoices after being found 'not guilty' for disorderly conduct by the Lane County Circuit Court Jan. 23.

News

'Not guilty': First A-15 pro-Palestinian protesters found innocent after months-long court battle

Matthew O-G
Solidarity News

The first two A-15 protesters found not guilty of second-degree disorderly conduct Jan. 23 were K. Anton, a Lebanese-American, and Salem Younes, a Palestinian-American UO student and organizer with Students for Justice in Palestine, in a surprise verdict by a six-person jury in the Lane County Circuit Court.

The two decided to take part in a joint trial to draw further attention to genocide in the Middle East alongside their own personal connection, with both of their families impacted by Israeli aggression.

A-15, in summary

Dozens of Eugene-Springfield residents took part in a global day of action on tax day, April 15 — now known as A-15 — to "blockade the war machine and the economic infrastructure of genocide... (joining) the call of Palestinian resistance to block the arteries of capitalism and jam the wheels of production," as written in a zine produced by organizers behind the @a15eugene Instagram after the event.

A total of 62 people were arrested near I-5 by the overpass; many arrested took plea deals they were offered. However, 20 people refused to take any deals in solidarity with Younes, the youngest and only Palestinian-American defendant, who was not offered a deal.

Younes, a 19-year-old, became active in pro-Palestinian advocacy in Eugene shortly after coming to campus where they have served as an SJP co-director and an active organizer in the general campus left. They're a first generation American, as their mom was born in Palestine and their dad in Jordan, after their paternal family was forced out of Palestine.

Younes says the state of

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Politics

The most **unfit** Secretary of Defense in history

Alex Hiuhu
Reporter

Pete Hegseth was confirmed as Secretary of Defense after Vice President J.D. Vance broke a deadlocked Senate vote in a decision that will haunt the nation for years. This moment marks a new low in American governance, where incompetence, scandal and outright abuse are rewarded with one of the most critical positions in the U.S. government.

Hegseth's nomination was already an insult to the integrity of the Department of Defense. His only qualification for military service is overshadowed by his utter lack of experience in governance and his extremist, sexist views on military policy. But his confirmation, despite a mountain of credible allegations ranging from domestic abuse to a $50,000 payoff to silence someone who accused him of sexual assault,

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In solidarity,
—The Student Insurgent Editorial Board

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via Neighborhood Anarchist Collective

A total of 62 protesters were arrested for participation in the I-5 blockade April 15, 2024, now known as A-15. Only two out of the 12 tried so far have been found "not guilty" of second-degree disorderly conduct: Salem Younes and K. Anton, as of their Jan. 23 trial.

Palestine is always a point of contention within their family and they almost feel guilty not being with their remaining family in Palestine. They felt it was part of their duty as a "conscious" person to take part in the A-15 action.

"I attempted to prevent the extinction of my people," Younes said.

Anton still has family living in the country. Specifically, their family lives in suburbs of Beirut, the hardest hit region of the country by Israel's latest invasion. Anton's cousin works as a doctor in Lebanon, and they say the stories they hear from family are a major motivation for their Palestinian advocacy.

In a pre-trial hearing, Anton said that although Israel's atrocities in Gaza and Lebanon are at different levels, the root cause of their evil is the same: U.S. imperialism.

"I talked on the phone to my grandma recently and she said God has turned his back on us," Anton said. "I don't think that God has turned his back on us, but I think the people in power have."

Trials, tribulations: 'Choice of evils' defense rejected

Deputy district attorney Colin Breeze aimed to prove in the actions of the protest were of "selfishness" in the case against Younes and Anton. The county did score an early win, consistent with all other A-15 cases so far: In a pre-trial hearing, Judge Karrie McIntyre rejected the defense from using a choice of evils defense, which argues the defendants had to take this action to prevent a worse outcome from happening — in this case, genocide.

Lauren Regan, a veteran defense attorney who founded the Civil Liberties Defense Center over 20 years ago, argued A-15 was a not a case of selfishness, but of "solidarity and compassion," proving this action was linked to others across the globe, including shut downs of airports transporting weapons and weapons manufacturers themselves.

In addition to having the defendants present as witnesses, Regan also brought up Alicia Rabideau, who has worked as crisis counselor, and served as a driver in the A-15 blockade.

Rabideau testified that only they and other drivers stopped the traffic on I-5 that day, not Younes and Anton, who protested after traffic had already stopped. Rabideau also spoke to the safety of the action, saying as a crisis worker they would not have participated if organizers had not implemented adequate safety precautions.

Regan closed the case by drawing analogies to famous civil disobedience actions, like the march Martin Luther King Jr. and John Lewsis led on the Edmund Pettus Bridge. She said her clients were not being selfish — the actions did not better themselves; they only helped others.

Ultimately, the jury found the county did not meet the burden of proof that Younes and Anton took part in criminal disorderly conduct. Each of the 12 previous A-15 cases have so far resulted in guilty verdicts: Anton and Younes are the first two to be found not guilty.

When the jury decision was read nobody in the courtroom was allowed to react to the decision, but after the judge called the case to a close everybody was surprised and elated.

"We stood strong for our comrades who told the jury exactly why direct action against the U.S. facilitation of genocide is not only necessary but right — and the jury did the right thing," said @a15eugene in an Instagram statement. "Solidarity is the only fucking thing we have."

Only two individuals have court cases left related to A-15, with trials set for Jan. 29 and Feb. 6. To keep up-to-date on A-15 trials and solidarity actions, follow @a15eugene.

Opinion

Building the bridge toward socialism

Connecting local campaigns to ambitious long-term strategy

David Lefèvre
Contributor

The road to socialism is not linear. We must be bold and dare struggle if we wish to realize our radical vision for a more just world.

Madeleine Ford/The Knightly Ruby

David Lefèvre, YDSA national committee member, talked students through popular mass movements, material gains earned through struggle and charted a path in organizing using campaign mountains during a mass meeting held by the UO Palestine Coalition Jan. 21.

As the rich race to become trillionaires, working people are deprived of healthcare, affordable housing and free education. Capitalism not only makes the present miserable, but threatens the future of human life on earth with the risk of ecological collapse and nuclear winter, as observed by John Bellamy Foster in a 2024 article for the Monthly Review.

There is an immense gap between this status quo and our vision of an egalitarian world. It's our duty to bridge this gap. While we hammer away on campaigns locally, it is often unclear how each of our isolated campaigns bring us closer to socialism. To seriously organize towards socialism we must connect our local campaigns to long, medium, and short term SMART goals.

The Young Democratic Socialists of America are well positioned to lead a serious socialist movement in the United States given their ability to make tangible wins through struggle, though connecting local campaigns and national strategy into a longer term vision remains a challenge which must be overcome.

YDSA chapters across the country have already fought and won campaigns to help unionize student workers, make Plan B affordable, create a sanctuary city for trans people and elect cadre candidates to city council.

Organizers of successful local campaigns mature the whole national organization by influencing national priorities made during the annual convention and sharing their experiential knowledge. National priorities can be improved by having concrete multi-year goals with a backwards plan and annual milestones. These long-term goals must be SMART (specific, measurable, accurate, relevant, & time-specific) and ambitious.

Reflection on national priorities during annual conventions allows for necessary adjustment to multi-year goals and prevents dogmatism. National priorities with ambitious multi-year SMART goals and annual milestones provides direction and support for chapters in long term campaigns building mass organizations necessary in the struggle for socialism in our lifetime.

The two primary goals of the socialist movement are to (1) build a militant & organized working class movement and (2) create an independent working class political party. We should organize towards a 2028 general strike with the aim of building a working class political party that supplants the Democratic party in the 2028 presidential election.

The goal for a 2028 general strike is qualitatively different from the unserious call of many socialists for a general strike, since it was called for by president of the United Auto Workers, Shawn Fain. The UAW is well positioned to lead this charge as a multinational union representing several hundred thousand workers and having recently organized multiple impressive strikes as well as new drives.

Furthermore, the American Federation of Teachers, which represents 1.8 million workers, as well as other union locals have passed resolutions in 2024 to join the UAW's efforts to build towards a 2028 general strike. The feasibility of these efforts are aided by increased working class militancy, 26 million participants in the Black Lives Matter movement and 3,645 arrests of students protesting for Palestine. This increased militancy must translate into a real resurgent working class movement which can reverse the half century trend of declining union density.

An independent working class party capable of supplanting the democratic party can only be achieved through renascent organized labor and social movements. Merging the economic and political struggle remains a central challenge of the socialist movement.

In "What is to Be Done," Lenin warns socialists of the danger of economism, as economic movements without aims for political power cede crucial terrain for class struggle. Political power is necessary for the working class to defend against the ascendant fascist attacks on undocumented immigrants, trans people and people of color.

Many DSA "electoralists" conversely attempt to build a political movement without aims for economic power and thus cede the primary terrain for class struggle: the shop floor. Electoralists fail to build mass organizations around economic struggle which can additionally serve as a political base. Their lack of organized working class political base can be seen by the swift defeat of Cori Bush and Jamaal Bowman against a well-funded American Israel Public Affairs Committee opposition campaign.

Both Jane McAlevey and William Z. Foster remind us that building an organized base of power in the community is a long

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process that can unify various social and economic groups. Only after many years of organizing did labor unions and religious institutions win major concessions in the U.S., with the former winning new deal social programs and the latter winning civil rights. As the class conscious segment of the working class, socialists must launch long term campaigns of building strong mass organizations as a prerequisite for the formation of an independent working class party.

To make these two intertwined goals SMART, YDSA must develop a long term plan with milestones to ensure these mass organizations are built. Ideally, universities across the county would have a trifecta of student, student worker and tenant unions to leverage our economic power around tuition, labor and rent, respectively.

By coordinating strikes which could immobilize higher educational institutions with hundreds of billions in total annual operating budgets, this trifecta of unions could win major demands.

Only through mass organizations can working class people execute a general strike May 1, 2028 Students can serve an important role in striking alongside workers in a general strike as seen in the May 1968 general strike in France. YDSA chapters are well positioned to begin building the mass organizations required to achieve these two principal tasks.

Chapters must help build and exist alongside mass organizations, not dissolve into them. By being separate from but deeply enmeshed in these mass organizations, YDSA chapters can serve as a vanguard element advancing the interests of working and oppressed people via class struggle. Without socialists strategizing and organizing, these movements are vulnerable to liberal co-optation, capitulation and pacification. However, YDSA chapters are not inherently a vanguard element and only become so through sacrifice and discipline of cadre organizers.

Che Guevara reminds us that "the cadre, as political leaders, should gain the respect of the workers by their actions." Being a vanguard is not a title to be thrown around, but a relationship built through struggle. These goals of increasing chapter density and creating mass organizations — with an emphasis on labor unions — are reflected in the aim of pulling off a successful 2028 general strike which makes wins for working people and builds political power via an independent working class party.

These lofty goals and analysis of the relationship between YDSA chapters and mass organizations are rooted in my experience as a leader of the UOYDSA chapter and a founding member of the UO Student Workers United Auto Workers union. UOSW-UAW was founded as a UOYDSA labor campaign, and they continue to have a symbiotic relationship with each other.

In the early stages of UOSW-UAW's creation, ideological commitment was a driving force of core organizers, highlighting the importance of YDSA chapters in the multi-year process of developing a mass organization.

As an at-large member of YDSA's National Coordinating Committee this year, I am well positioned to help replicate my local experience building mass organizations at other chapters and focus on national organizing. I have set my NCC priorities around how to increase chapter density in the Pacific Northwest, building student worker unions, and creating a YDSA to DSA pipeline. I hope to eventually have a thriving union and YDSA chapter at each public university in the PNW.

My goal is to have YDSA chapters at four out of the seven public universities in Oregon, two of six public universities in Washington, and two of three public universities in Idaho. My goal for the YDSA Youth Labor Committee is to have three successful drives and build 10 new organizing committees. While these goals haven't been achieved yet, they reflect intentional effort from national leadership towards long term mass organizing.

While these are some of the long term and annual goals I'm working towards, I hope that this article provokes discussion around long term organizing: What goals should the socialist movement have? How are your campaigns fitting into these longer term goals?

The road to socialism is not linear. We must be bold and dare struggle if we wish to realize our radical vision for a more just world.

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Around 60 students came together for a winter mass meeting held by the UO Palestine Coalition Jan. 21 to discuss our next steps in the pro-Palestinian movement on campus.

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UO Students for Justice in Palestine held a walk-out and rally for National SJP's day of action Nov. 21, 2024; around 200 people showed up.

Students involved in various protests on campus — on labor and Palestine — have faced code of conduct charges for violating rules on noise.

Letter

Dear president Scholz

Student protests are a sign of good education, healthy campus

UO Faculty & Staff for Justice in Palestine

For the second time this year, the UO administration has charged a group of student protesters and leaders for alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

Threatening to expel or suspend student activists for "amplified sound" and "unauthorized events" is an undeniably extreme and unjustified action on a campus that has long celebrated its commitment to social justice and student advocacy.

As faculty and staff of the University of Oregon, we view these charges (and the general lack of fair process which has thus far accompanied them) as a transparent attempt to intimidate student protesters in order to systematically suppress student speech on campus.

The UO administration must immediately and publicly reverse course on these charges and the related policies, which were implemented without any public consultation from elected student leadership, the university senate or campus labor groups.

In the most generous interpretation, the selective enforcement of these policies is absurdly subjective — to a degree that reflects a concerning lack of foresight. The UO has chosen just a few students for punishment out of huge crowds, assigning seemingly arbitrary guilt to some participants and not others.

Moreover, the vague rule against sound that "annoys/disturbs" a "reasonable" person apparently applies to one protester's use of a bucket drum — but not to student musicians practicing on the lawn, or to sporting events like the UO's ESPN Game Day broadcast (which created an awful lot of "annoying" and "disturbing" sound).

In the least generous interpretation, these policies and charges are warning signs of a rapidly deteriorating campus climate — especially alarming in light of Trump's threats to quash free speech on campuses and to deport protesters he considers to be terrorists. Trump has publicly speculated upon all kinds of potential actions, from national healthcare bans, to mass deportations to eliminating the Department of Education.

Will president Karl Scholz expel students for protesting these issues too loudly, too? Will he threaten to expel (and effectively deport) international students here on student visas?

Eerie echoes of Trump-style rhetoric often appear within UO's communications about anti-war protesters, too. In a May 10 email, Scholz conflated students protesting genocide with the militant group Hamas. In a more recent email, the UO falsely implied association between anti-Semitic hate incidents on campus and a completely unrelated anti-war pamphlet.

New flyers entitled "Responding to Threats" have also started appearing across campus. These guides lump "activists/protesters" in with threatening calls/emails and

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suspicious packages, directing readers to contact the police if they feel threatened by protesters. In significant escalation, minor student conduct charges against UO protesters are now being handled by the Office of Risk Management — implying student activism itself is a threat.

This kind of messaging actively puts our students — particularly students of color — at risk by inviting outsiders to connect them with unfounded claims about "terrorists" and/or hate groups, and heightening policing and surveillance against students under the guise of "safety."

We would hope Scholz would know better than to use these tactics against student activists, given he graduated from Stanford University — a campus undeniably made better by a rich history of student protests.

In 1966, Ronald Reagan endorsed a similar strategy to UO's current approach when he suggested code of conduct charges could be used to systematically suppress student protests against the Vietnam War (protesters whom he privately referred to as "trash" and "filthy"). Reagan later shut down 28 California campuses in order to halt anti-war protests, and then worked for years to price out poor students from higher ed because he believed an "educated proletariat" was dangerous.

Will you claim a similar legacy in your pursuit of a quieter campus, president Scholz? How can the UO claim to be an "agent of change and innovation" while actively suppressing and distorting calls for change?

Far from being a "disruption" to education or a "risk" to the campus, student activism is an asset to our collective betterment and a vital ethical component of higher education. We owe the existence of entire academic departments to student protesters of the past, who we can thank for programs like Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies and Black Studies here at UO. More recently, last year's pro-Palestine student protests can be thanked for UO's new faculty hires in Middle Eastern Studies and expanded scholarships for Palestinian students. These outcomes clearly benefit our whole community.

Given the UO has historically practiced an overabundance of caution in protecting actual hateful speech on campus — from homophobic preachers, to anti-abortion extremists, to instigators from Turning Point USA who film and harass students — we find it beyond disappointing that the UO has decided that anti-genocide protests are a bridge too far.

That history is also part of why it is so troubling that the UO has specifically targeted Palestinian and Jewish student leaders who are rightfully raising issues of apartheid and genocide on our campus.

In particular, the safety, wellbeing, and inclusion of Palestinian students amid the most well-documented genocide in history seems to be a complete non-priority for the UO.

As faculty and staff, we stand in solidarity with our courageous students who continue to protest genocide in spite of president Scholz's threats to take away their education over "annoying" sounds and demonstrations. Speech, protest, and academic freedom must be protected on our campus, particularly when students are speaking to something as morally urgent as a genocide.

We demand that President Scholz reverse course on the arbitrary enforcement of conduct policies meant to suppress protest and speech on campus. President Scholz: don't punish students for paying attention during their lessons on human rights. Choosing to protest a genocide is evidence of a good education. Our students are teaching us.

Cut out these petitions — one to sign yourself and another for a friend! Return them to the blue box in the ROAR Center (EMU Suite 006).

UO PALESTINE COALITION SUPPORT PETITION

I am signing in support of the UO for Palestine Coalition's demands that the University of Oregon Foundation disclose its investments and divest from companies that fund the US-Israeli war machine. I also demand that University of Oregon administration promptly uphold and carry out the May 22nd decamping agreement in earnest.

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Editorial

Rogues' Gallery

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The Board of Trustees is the UO main governing body, making major decisions such as tuition cost, staff pay and enforcing student conduct code. — but this system has only been in place since 2013. Before that, all Oregon public universities were governed by the Oregon University System in Salem, which had more oversight and places for public opinion to be heard.

However, major donors such as Phil Knight pushed to change to a system of so-called "self-governance" for each university, aka a more direct conduit for the power and interests of Knight and his other rich asshole friends. Infamously, Phil Knight said that the board was "a step toward becoming more of a private university."

So, despite student and staff push back, Senate Bill 270 passed through the Oregon legislature, beginning an era of less accountability and undemocratic control over the university, as every board member is now appointed directly by the Oregon governor.

Since the board's inception, tuition has been raised every year, student activists are more routinely ignored and retaliated against and corporate interests have reigned completely supreme at this university. There are no more illusions that the university is anything more than a playground for the one percent's greed and ambition.

Knight — the single largest donor to the university — and his cronies are bleeding the university dry. Knight's funding is either for athletics, which can then be sponsored by Nike, or special science programs where any speck of innovation can be used to further line their own pockets and ensure they have new things to invest in before anyone else.

The trustees hold their meetings at the end of every term, conveniently timed during finals week. It provides a rare chance for students and community members to give public comments to the people calling the shots at UO.

At their spring 2024 meeting, many students came to speak about Palestine and divestment. All students that spoke were asked to provide their full names and photo identification before speaking — a protected action — and their information was forwarded directly to UOPD, who used it in police reports.

After throwing false accusations against students and mobilizing the police state to do so, the board held their fall 2024 meeting in Portland: a clear effort to limit student and community access to them.

They can run, but they can't hide. They find the persistence of activists, particularly those interested in divestment and climate matters, extremely irritating. Let's keep it up. Being a thorn in their sides and making them scared to show their faces is proof that our voices are important.

John Karl Scholz

While appearing less abrasive than his predecessor Schill on the surface, Scholz is not any better as university president. He's happy to be complicit in an ongoing genocide and also has incredibly thin skin. He continuously ignores and dismisses student and community outrage about UO's refusal to divest from genocide. Despite being an economist who worked in two presidential administrations, Scholz has repeatedly stated divestment has "no effect."

In an interview with Daily Emerald and KLCC, Scholz was asked how he would have addressed the outbreak of the Ukraine-Russia war, as former president Schill had released a statement in support of Ukraine; this was to press him on the "neutral" stance he takes on Israel/Palestine. Scholz said a statement condemning the Ukraine invasion "would not have happened if (he) had been president."

I really doubt that.

First and foremost, he supports the imperial core. Second of all, making such a statement claiming absolute neutrality is an admission to the student body: Scholz would rather clamp his hands over his ears and do nothing when world conflicts arise — that he is forever and always a coward.

During the encampment, Scholz sent out numerous emails. Some of them, especially later ones, were clearly only written by him.

Scholz said, for instance, he didn't "fault our students for wanting a swift end to the conflict and a just path forward for all. Were it within my power to grant this, I would not be writing to you today." I think he should have considered shutting the fuck up.

In the face of neverending horrors from Palestine, Scholz is too busy self-aggrandizing and condescending students to care about the lives lost and destroyed. Like a true imperialist, he treats the entire Middle East like an unsightly pitiful thing totally removed from ongoing damage of Western colonialism.

In that same email, Scholz claimed "the application of a moral claim on either side (Israel or Palestine)... fosters and propels mistrust and division," which is a serious moral dodge.

How bad do things have to get before someone makes a moral assertion? Though Scholz will never admit what's happening is a genocide, innocent people are dying in massive and unprecedented numbers. But with billions of dollars of university money involved — and his own reputation within the establishment — he would rather continue his dance around the truth.

At his convocation ceremony this past spring right after the encampment ended, Scholz was booed by protesters. In response to this during the event, he said that he was glad he wasn't handed "a heavy mace" (one of the props for his super special ceremony) because he "can get fired up about things." I guess getting his special party crashed hurt his feelings — what a shame. So he decided the best course of action was to he make an incredibly weird joke threatening students, hoping his billionaire overlords would chuckle.

Steve Holwerda

Current chair of the board Steve Holwerda is a hedge fund manager at Ferguson Wellman Capital Management, where the minimum required investment is $4 million.

Holwerda loves playing golf so much he decided he didn't want to interrupt his game during an emergency meeting held about UO leaving the Pac-12 Conference. In a public Zoom meeting, he was off in the distance trying to get in the perfect shot during an extremely major turning point for the university. Even being the head of the board, he couldn't be bothered to zip over to the clubhouse and sit in front of his laptop.

As a manager of over $8 billion assets at Ferguson Wellman, Holwerda knows the impact divestment can have, but has surged forward with changing absolutely nothing. The firm he helps run is invested in Lavender AI, which is used to target people in Gaza for bombing. It generates kill lists in the tens of thousands of Gazans, and the Israeli Defense Force greenlights all of them, treating outputs "as if it were a human decision." Ferguson Wellman is also invested in other Boycott, Divest Sanction targets like Hewlett Packard, McDonald's and Lockheed Martin.

When interviewed by the Emerald last year, Holwerda acknowledged the tuition increases the board votes in every year makes college "meaningfully more expensive" for students but is "unfortunately the primary lever we have to pull to manage our rising costs." And that, additionally, the board "are balancing the sustainability of the university with the value proposition of the educational experience based on cost."

Spoken like a true venture capitalist who loves meaningless jargon and profit above all else. Running a public university like a company which solely exists to maximize profit is surely the way to go. Fuck the poors, am I right?

Marcia Aaron

As vice chair of the board, Marcia Aaron is one of the most prominent advocates for charter schools in the U.S.. She's also the portfolio investment partner of the Charter School Growth Fund, a multi-billion dollar venture capital fund working to expand charter schools around the country funded by the likes of the Walton family, Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg and Steve Ballmer.

She is also a founder of the KIPP LA network of charter schools. Two of the other founders, Dave Levin and Mike Feinberg, have publicly humiliated teachers and students, often by yelling at them, as described by author Jay Mathews in "Work Hard. Be Nice."

Even after these instances, substantiated by teachers who worked there, KIPP's leadership fought against letting the LA Unified School District have proper oversight of their schools. Over 90 percent of KIPP LA students are Black and Latino, which raises concerns on how children from these marginalized communities are treated in KIPP's hands.

The pushing of charter schools' false image of progressiveness and inclusion is highly destructive, taking away already meager funding from the public school system, all-the-while mistreating and underpaying their teachers and staff and engaging in discriminatory student policies. It's a modern form of segregation.

Charters are a tool of the elite to push privatizing K-12 education in the U.S. To buff up test scores, disabled students are often expelled at a disproportionately high rate, even after the families of these children are told charter schools are an alternative to an already difficult environment for learning disabilities in public schools.

Sounds like all of that matches well with the BoT's goals of privatization and enshittification at UO!

While Betsy DeVos was education secretary during Trump's first term, Aaron's name was at the top of a lobby firm's short list associated with DeVos. Aaron also has no connections to Oregon. She isn't from here, has never attended school here and her only job here is to be on the board. In fact, she does most of her work out of California — truly living up to that U.C. Oregon name.

Another cherry on top is Aaron's previous job as the managing director of Deutsche Bank Securities. Deutsche, even as banks go, is notoriously shady for its many instances of money laundering, helping its rich and shady clients evade taxes and infamous ties to Jeffery Epstein.

In 1999, during Aaron's tenure there, Deutsche Bank was exposed for helping finance the construction of Auschwitz and knowingly granting loans to German companies who were using concentration camp slave labor. The bank then resisted efforts from Holocaust survivors to receive compensation from them for these crimes.

Tim Boyle

As founder of an athletics company with a personal net worth of $2.3 billion — remind you of anyone else? — Tim Boyle is a walking conflict of interest.

He's also a board member for the Northwest Natural Gas Company, the main opposition to climate and environmental legislation in all of Oregon. Its long term plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions has been deemed insufficient by Oregon regulators as of 2023. Boyle is also staunchly against every electrification measure and environmental proposal at UO. His brand Columbia Sportswear often greenwashes in marketing, despite their natural-gas-loving-founder. Additionally, Columbia continues to sell products in Israel. (Born in 1949, he's less than a year younger than the state of Israel's founding.)

Columbia also proudly engages in union-busting. In 2019, word got to Boyle that warehouse workers in Portland wanted to unionize and were organizing with the Teamsters due to workplace safety concerns and low wages. In response, Columbia corporate hired Crossroads Group, paying them $400 an hour to discourage employees from unionizing and surveilling and targeting those that were.

In 2019, Boyle personally visited the warehouse site, giving a speech where he said unions didn't have a place at Columbia. The union's motto was "Tougher Together," but during the COVID lockdown, corporate stole the catchphrase for their own marketing purposes, taking attention and internet traffic from its original use, a truly petty and predictable move.

When talking to UO students at events, one of Boyle's favorite lines is calling us "customers" of the university. As seen by everything Columbia engages in, he has little respect for his customers. He sees

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them as walking money bags to exploit. Proudly — gleefully — he's promoting the privatization his buddy Phil Knight got started. While this has obviously been their agenda from the start, it's wild they're happy to express it so openly.

Columbia's clothes manufacturing abroad, along with many other large clothing retailers, is riddled with cases of worker abuse and exploitation. In a 2018 report, watchdog group Worker Rights Consortium alleged in an Indian factory supplying Columbia products there were "physical beatings; death threats; gender, caste, and religion-based abuse; threats of mass termination; and the expulsion from the factory of 15 worker activists."

In 2024, another supplier factory in Jordan was revealed to have allowed abuse and harassment of its workers to run rampant, leading to the suicide of a young Bangladeshi woman after constant mistreatment by her supervisor.

For a company whose brand capitalizes off of outdoor activity and nature, they are just as evil and negligent as other mass retailers.

Renee Evans Jackman

Three-for-one on charter schools! Renee Evans Jackman served in the D.C. Office of the State Superintendent of Education as the director of public charter school funding. These D.C. charter schools are plagued with teacher turnover and mistreatment of disabled students.

A 2024 audit of the SEED School of Washington, D.C. — one of D.C.'s oldest charter schools — revealed the school's administration underreported the amount of students they had expelled. Most of the suspended or expelled students had Individual Education Plans, which are legal documents developed to ensure disabled children receive equal education.

SEED administrators didn't hold the federally required meetings to determine the relevance of student's IEPs to their expulsions and also failed to provide any records for services they gave disabled students who had been expelled or suspended for 10 or more days — meaning SEED likely didn't provide any at all.

This came just a few months after Eagle Academy, another charter school in the area, abruptly shut down, leaving workers and 370 students with no notice and no schooling mere days before the school year started.

By leading efforts to get these charter schools more grant money, Jackman knowingly championed a system fraught with discrimination and negligence against already disadvantaged students.

Toya Fick

Toya Fick is the Oregon executive director for Stand for Children — which, on its surface, appears to hold the interests of K-12 students around the country, but in reality is involved in a lot of shady business to corporatize and destroy public education around the country.

According to Susan Barrett, a parent volunteer who left Portland's Stand chapter, Oregon Stand staff wanted them "to press our legislators to pass a 'bipartisan education package' which basically tied the release of much-needed school funding to the expansion of charter schools, online learning, and other so-called 'reforms.' Stand also pushed to lower the capital gains tax."

In Oregon and the twelve other states it operates in, Stand are against teachers' unions, wanting to tie their pay and evaluations directly to student test scores. Fixation on test scores is not only antithetical to the goals of education, but also incredibly ableist towards students with learning disabilities.

Stand receives funding from union-busting billionaires like Jeff Bezos, a great sign of their moral compass.

Of Stand, education historian Diane Ravitvch said, "Let's be clear: Stand for Children and its kind want to put an end not only to teachers' unions but to the teaching profession."

Teachers are increasingly mistreated and undervalued across the U.S. and the forces behind Stand only want to worsen this situation: Good public education is the opposite of what the authoritarian elite want.

Elisa deCastro Hornecker

While less obnoxious on the surface, Elisa deCastro Hornecker is the same kind of tool as the rest. She worked as an investment banker in the trust department of the Bank of California in Portland, helping wealthy people further enrich themselves. Now retired, she spends her time working for various nonprofits around the Portland area.

That's nice, but her lawyer husband Mitch Hornecker has a track record of anti-union involvement. A law firm he formerly worked for, Schwabe, is known for and proudly advertises their anti-union client work. A section labeled 'Labor' on their website states: "Schwabe lawyers help clients navigate the most contentious union issues, engaging in vigorous prosecution and defense when called for and using collaborative techniques when possible to establish productive labor relations."

Additionally, a construction firm he once owned was bought by Balfour Beatty, a U.K. conglomerate that illegally fired thousands of workers for their involvement in unions to gain workplace rights. They also blacklisted all of these workers, meaning they weren't able to find new employment. These blacklists operated for 30 years, doing countless damage to the livelihoods of these people and their families. It's so convenient to benefit from dirty money while not having to touch it anymore yourself.

Amy Tykeson

Amy Tykeson's only job is being on the board, and the only reason she's there is for having boatloads of family money. Yay nepotism!

The Tykeson family's money comes from their past ownership of media broadcasting conglomerates, such as Liberty Communications — founded by her father Don Tykeson — and

C-SPAN.

Legacy media companies like these continue to deteriorate and monopolize the media landscape in America, crowding out independent news sources and putting advertising money above the truth. Local TV stations have been turned into outposts of national corporate interests, no longer serving their communities in ways that they need and delivering relevant journalism.

In an infamous example of this consolidation in 2018, hundreds of local news stations all owned by the Sinclair Media Group all read out the exact same script about "combating fake news." This trend of mass monopolization and deregulation was started by "entrepreneurs" like Tykeson's father.

The Tykeson Family Foundation, which Amy helps run, is one of many nonprofits wealthy people use for tax write-offs and to better their public image through performative acts of philanthropy. It has $100 million in assets, which is 2,500 times greater than a year's tuition at UO.

From her privileged background to her out-of-touch charitable efforts, Tykeson will never understand the struggles of the average student and shouldn't be an arbiter of our needs.

Andy Storment

Andy Storment is founding director and vice chair of Summit Bank and a managing director of McKenzie Capital, two Oregon-based financial firms. He's also a board member of the Ford Family Foundation, which gets its money from the infamous Ford family, who have their wealth from the logging company Roseburg Forest Products.

The Foundation cites Storment's experience in "wood products industries" as one of his top attributes. Storment got his appointment on the UO Board through his involvement with the Ford Foundation. Allyn Ford, head of the Ford Foundation and sole owner of RFP, has previously served as a UO trustee.

Ford and his company flagrantly violate any environmental protection you can think of, including cutting down countless acres of old growth forest and causing a fire that killed two due to faulty equipment at one of their mills in Weed, California. This was the same town where they privatized the residents' main water source during an intense drought, so that they could sell it at a profit to the Crystal Geyser bottled water company. Weed ended up losing the lawsuit to RFP, a devastating blow in the nationwide battle of corporations taking water from local residents.

RFP isn't only negatively affecting the environment stateside. In a 2019 investigation done in part by I.C.E. (the very one you're thinking of), it was found RFP was using black market wood from the okoumé tree, which is found only in the Congo Basin in West Africa. This incredibly biodiverse rainforest is the second largest in the world — and constantly under threat.

RFP also treats their employees terribly, winning a Georgia Supreme Court case against a worker who had his leg amputated while on the job just so they wouldn't have to compensate him. Anyone who is a proud and vocal associate of these interests is a sworn enemy of the environment and the people.

Editor's note: From an alum of Umpqua Community College, another "public institution" bankrolled by the Ford Family Foundation and big timber: FUCK ROSEBURG FOREST PRODUCTS!

Connie Seeley

Connie Seeley is the chief administrative officer, executive vice president and chief of staff at the Oregon Health & Science University. Wow, all admin'd up.

She has helped oversee hundreds of unprecedented layoffs of over 500 employees at OHSU over the last year and made deep cuts to employee benefits. This happens concurrent with a $1 billion plan to purchase rival Portland health system Legacy Health. If the deal goes through regulators, it will become the largest employer in Portland with more than 32,000 employees.

The Oregon Nurses Association, which represents many OHSU employees and currently striking workers in Providence Health & Services systems, is frustrated with the lack of transparency and hypocrisy being exhibited by OHSU's leadership. This is another example of draconian "efficiency" in late-stage capitalism.

With a large budget crisis looming at UO, layoffs and eliminations of programs are just getting started here. Maybe they'll ask Connie for some advice.

Jenny Ulum

Jenny Ulum is a career public relations representative. Public relations, of course, is making money purely off supporting corporate interests.

Most interestingly, she was PeaceHealth's public affairs director for 28 years. That's the massive healthcare group that decided to abruptly close the University District Emergency Room in downtown Eugene because it wasn't "profitable enough" for them. Profit always goes above well-being in the corporatized, private healthcare system fostered in the U.S.

Ultimately, this has left one emergency room, Riverbend, for the entirety of Eugene and Springfield. Since then, 97 percent of respondents in an ONA survey reported having a negative experience at a local PeaceHealth facility in Eugene-Springfield, and an additional 70 percent of participants reported experiencing extremely long waits for emergency care. Some reported wait times of eight hours or more, or even left without any treatment.

PeaceHealth has also closed a Springfield urgent care, sleep clinic and pediatric cardiology service and a Eugene optometry clinic and optical shop. Eugene residents and UO students specifically have suffered immense inconvenience from these closures.

Can Ulum represent a group that was deeply fucked over by a company she gave almost 30 years of her life trying to make look good?

Dennis Worden

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Dennis Worden

A UO alumnus and member of the Coeur d'Alene tribe, Dennis Worden has experience working for congress members in D.C. and also a history of Indigenous advocacy.

Paradoxically, he works for Walmart corporate as director in global ethics and compliance. Within Walmart, he also serves as the chair of Tribal Voices, a Native American employee resource group, likely formed in response to the laundry list of discrimination suits filed against the company.

Marginalized groups all around the world have been targeted by Walmart in exploitation. Walmart is the big boss of evil American corporations, having a stranglehold over rural and low-income communities and continually underpaying and mistreating their retail employees. They have also built locations on multiple sacred and historical Indigenous sites and mined gold on Western Shoshone lands without permission.

"Wal-Mart's latest attempt to build a supercenter on the Cherokee Reservation in western North Carolina makes us wonder, where is the next sacred piece of land (Walmart) will build a store?" asked now-defunct advocacy group Wal-Mart Watch in a fact sheet on the company's relationship with Native Americans.

By working for such a corporation, Worden is trying to live the neoliberal dream — what some would call a race traitor — but at its core, it's a deadly lie. He's only helping a company which has a vested interest in putting limitless resources toward controlling the livelihoods of the marginalized.

I can only imagine what it's like to be the only Indigenous person in the room in the types of meetings the trustees have. Maybe he likes being a token.

Speech

Our dearly departed: UO's public promise

Two years ago, the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation held an Oct. 13 rally eulogizing UO's public promise in their campaign to build a credible strike threat. UO Student Workers, what was then a campaign to wall-to-wall unionize undergraduate student workers, showed up in solidarity; what follows is an archived speech given by organizer Mae Bracelin.

Mae Bracelin
Contributor

Robin Bailey/The Knightly Ruby

Mae Bracelin, UOYDSA chairwoman and dining worker at Global Scholars Hall, delivered an impassioned speech before leading workers and allies into a bargaining session during UOSW's Midterm Review Rally Oct. 25. UOSW entered mediation Jan. 7.

Fellow mourners, my name is Mae Bracelin and I'm a member of UO Student Workers, the campaign to organize all 4,000 student workers on campus into one big union!

We are gathered here on this auspicious day to mourn the slow decay of our public institutions. There is a rot deep within the heart of this community we call home. It is the rot of greed and avarice. It lies in the heart of those who were placed into power to serve us, the people, and it is sowed by rich men who care about nothing but their wallet.

It resides in the owners of Peacehealth, who would rob us of our only hospital just to spite its union workers and push up its bottom line.

It leads those in Johnson Hall to forsake their students and betray the workers off of whose labor the university survives.

We were brought here, to this place, because we were sold an image of this university. One that cares, protects its minority students, produces quality research and is something worthy of our time and labor.

Yet it throws LGBT student workers under the bus and refuses to take action addressing our workplace conditions. It pays its graduate workers barely enough to survive and expects them to teach their classes and produce research — of course while working constantly increasing hours. It pays its undergraduate workers poverty wages and then attempts, at every opportunity, to crush those who would organize to ask for more. It forces international students into the most laborious work and then expects them to smile and bear it.

The blame is to be placed upon the owners and the rich lobbyists. This is supposed to be a **public** institution, one owned and funded by the people and in turn is meant to operate to serve the people.

Yet all of our tax money is just a drop in the bucket compared to the wealth of the elite few who lobby for the interests of their bank account. The university's administration has become dependent on this money, they are addicted to the rush of a nice few hundred million earmarked exclusively for vanity projects or military development.

To quote Matthew 19:24, a passage recently referenced by United Auto Workers president Shawn Fain: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven."

Why? Christ knew of the greed that lays in the heart of the rich. These corrupted men, through force and power, have seized our world. Their money controls our schools, our healthcare, our state, our very society. They have deluded themselves into believing that they own us and that they are

greater than us. But we know that the workers, the students, the faculty and all those who toil thanklessly will inherit the earth!

The workers know the life of this university is bound to our fate. Our blood, sweat, tears and sleepless nights are spent to keep this institution alive. Our labor is underestimated, they think that this institution can operate without us. This is the rot of greed in their heart betraying their mind. We know better.

If the administration and its army of bureaucrats won't take us seriously — won't sacrifice a few pennies for our lives — then we will have no choice but to prove that they are nothing without us.

The only antidote to the corruption, decay and rot that riddles this university's administration — the only cure — is worker power.

Events

'Just Futures': Centering Tribal sovereignty, stewardship

The Northwest Forest Plan, developed in the '90s as a compromise between the timber industry and environmentalists, is now open for public comment. A group of UO students, faculty and community members held a NWFP Symposium to "(explore) and (amplify) issues of Tribal sovereignty and environmental justice in federal lands management in the context of the current revision process."

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USDA Forest Service

The 1994 NWFP comprises 12 million acres of federally managed land and 19 million acres of Forest Service managed land across 17 national forests.

USDA Forest Service

A Karuk/Yurok women's basket work cap-hat, a Maplewood acorn paddle (used to stir hot rocks in basket of water to cook acorn soup) and a hazel stick basket full of tanoak acorns in a recent culturally burned area in 2015 Klamath River.

Frank Lake/USDA Forest Service

Fire burns in June 2023 at Roger's Creek near Somes Bar, Cali. as part of the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership, which addresses fire management effort between Tribal, federal and non-governmental groups in the Western Klamath Mountains of Northern California.

Addison Otto
Reporter

To educate and encourage local participation in the Northwest Forest Plan's current amendment process, the NWFP Just Futures collaborative hosted a Jan. 22 symposium in the Erb Memorial Union.

The Just Futures collaborative is a group of UO students, faculty and community members who "envision contributing to paradigm shifts in land management and beyond that prioritize environmental justice, holistic worldviews, reciprocity and Tribal sovereignty," as said in their public comment resource guide.

UO Environmental Studies graduate and Indigenous fire practitioner Ryan Reed presented on the importance of centering Tribal sovereignty in the amendment — especially fire use: Prescribed burns, cultural burning and non-aggressive wildfire management create resistant and resilient ecosystems that can withstand wildfires.

> **"I come from a place-based religion. I can't practice — be in ceremony — if I'm not in place.**
> **Ryan Reed, fire practicioner**

Similar to vaccines in western medicine, fire can be introduced into ecosystems to strengthen them against future exposure. This is how Indigenous tribes stewarded the land long before colonizers decided they knew better.

"If you want to be an ally," Reed said, "you need to know you don't know and never will know."

Indigenous knowledge needs to be recognized as the valuable body of knowledge it is.

Last year, Reed joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service NWFP Advisory Committee, taking advantage of the opportunity his ancestors were not afforded. In 1994, the federal government devised the NWFP to guide land management of national forests in ways that preserve natural habitats and also provide resources for timber harvesting. Indigenous knowledge was hardly recognized in that process — let alone valued.

Today, the government is revising the NWFP, which will direct northwestern forest management for the next few decades. This time, Tribal sovereignty must be central to the revisions, because Indigenous people are intrinsically connected to this land. They have the most at stake.

"I come from a place-based religion," Reed said, "I can't practice — be in ceremony — if I'm not in place."

Alexa Cruz Abarca/The Student Insurgent

Gerard D'Albon/Flyers for Falastin

"Hind's Hall" depicts the New York Police Department raiding the student intifada at Columbia while artist D'Albon was reporting on-scene. Prints are available at bit.ly/hinds-print — all proceeds are donated to direct aid for Gaza. Flyers for Falastin (@flyers_for_falastin on Instagram), is a Belgium-based initiative of global art freely available for anyone to print.

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Vice President J.D. Vance (@VP)

Vance swears in Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense Jan. 25.

is a disgrace of historic proportions. Even Sen. Mitch McConnell — no stranger to partisan opportunism — could not stomach the nomination, joining Sens. Susan Collins and Lisa Murkowski in voting against Hagseth. That alone speaks volumes about how unfit he is for office.

Hegseth's record is not just controversial; it's an abomination. He is not just a man with "baggage," he has a documented history of unethical, abusive and criminal behavior that should have disqualified him immediately.

In 2017, Hegseth was accused of sexual assault in Monterey, Calif. No criminal charges were filed, but his accuser later received a $50,000 settlement in hush money disguised as a legal agreement that was revealed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, which Hegseth deliberately concealed during his vetting process.

Hegseth's own mother called him "an abuser," confirming a pattern of violent behavior stretching years back. His second wife accused him of domestic abuse — these are all allegations that should have sent shock waves through his confirmation hearings.

He has openly advocated for stripping women of their rightful roles in combat, claiming their presence "hasn't made us more effective." His sexist, backward views would dismantle decades of progress in the military.

He has no experience running a federal agency, let alone overseeing the $841.4 billion budget of the most powerful military in the world. His only qualification? Being a loyalist to Donald Trump.

It is disturbing that such a man could be nominated and that he was confirmed is an indictment of our broken political system.

When the Senate vote deadlocked at 50-50, Vance had the opportunity to take a stand for integrity, competence and basic decency. Instead, he did what was expected: falling in line, casting the deciding vote to confirm a man with a history of violence, misogyny and corruption to lead the Pentagon.

This was Vance's first tie-breaking vote as vice president, and he made history for all the wrong reasons. He has now cemented himself as an enabler of sexual abusers, domestic abusers and frauds at the highest level of government. His vote proves that he, like Trump, believes power matters more than morality, winning is more important than governing and the safety and security of the nation's armed forces are secondary to partisan loyalty.

The consequences of Hegseth's confirmation will be catastrophic. His presence at the Pentagon's helm will poison the military with his toxic, partisan and deeply unqualified approach to governance.

Women in the military will see their highest commander actively work to push them out of combat roles despite decades of proven excellence and valor.

The military, already suffering from recruitment challenges, will be forced to answer to a man who alienates service members, insults allies and prioritizes political propaganda over national security.

The DOD will become yet another corrupt institution where loyalty to Trump matters more than competence, further eroding any existing credibility of the armed forces.

We have seen what happens when unqualified extremists take power. We saw it with Michael Flynn. We saw it with Stephen Miller. Now, we are about to witness it with Hegseth — except this time, the consequences could lead to actual war, military failure and the destruction of the republic.

Hegseth is not just another Trump-era scandal. He's a national disgrace that will be remembered for generations. His confirmation proves crime, scandal and abuse is perfectly fine with the Republican Party, under Trump's grip, as long as the perpetrator is politically advantageous.

McConnell, Collins and Murkowski refused to go along with this charade. That should tell you how corrupt and indefensible this nomination was.

But J.D. Vance and the rest of the Trump-controlled Senate? They have normalized corruption and abuse all while placing the safety of the country in the hands of an unqualified, dangerous man.

Hegseth should never have been nominated. He should never have been confirmed.

And when the consequences of this disastrous decision inevitably unfold, those who enabled him — including Vance — will bear responsibility for the damage they have done to the country.

Anti-Globalization Movement

The Anarchistnews Book of 50 Sectarian Crossword Puzzles/Ardent Press

Down

1. dramatic, aka militant
2. related to large business
3. the common consequence of actions
4. relating to a system in which one country rules another
5. the finishing school for socialization
7. dance, etc.
10. someone said people who value this over their principles soon lose both
12. referring to the whole world
14. when cops hide in plain sight
15. calmness
16. the kind of meeting in 1999 Seattle
19. small (in German)
20. a large crowd of denigrated people
22. groups of physiologically, anatomically related organs, parts
24. all the exciting, important events which happen in a locale
26. authored "never before have people been so infantilized, made so dependent on the machine for everything"
28. coffee shop with rapacious tendencies, fragile windows
30. the jail-prone
33. Tolstoy said: everyone thinks of doing this to the world, but not to themselves

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Across

6. statement of serious disagreement
8. variations within a group
9. way too oligarchical organization
10. iron fist in iron glove
11. what you want when you plug in your phone
12. Carlo's infamous city
13. desire for future event
17. getting ready to go into action
18. in capitalism, means "be able to"
21. below the blades
23. city that named an era
25. transparent part of some businesses
27. these were repped in Seattle by people in costume
29. most immediate propaganda form
31. can be exchange, business
32. marginalization
34. started in Germany, now it's everywhere
35. young 'uns
36. to instruct
37. not exactly like ones in the so-called wild west
38. low-tech ranged weapons
39. fight