

Letters

The P.C.O.E.

I would like to extend an invitation to the people of Eugene to join the secret, non-profit, un-organized organization P.C.O.E. (Plant Conspiracy of Eugene).

IT IS OUR sworn duty to zap Eugene with color this spring so as to completely boogie the minds of some of our asphalt eyed fellow citizens.

The membership fee is twenty cents for a bulb or a package of seeds.

Any bare or ugly spot is fair game as long as you don't get caught.

Use your imagination. Try something like sweet peas in front of an Andy Gump chemical toilet, or corn between the rocks in the planting strip across the street from Eugene's favorite newspaper.

BECAUSE IT IS an election year, fertilizer shouldn't be necessary. Just keep your eyes open until they run across something that bothers them and early this spring plant some seed there.

W. Carl Linderman
Junior, Landscape Architecture

A cracker mind?

The Emerald editor has once again showed her callousness and disregard for the lives of oppressed people in her most recent editorial of Monday, February 18, 1974. In her editorial she claimed sympathy with the cause of farmworkers, and yet she had the audacity to be eating scab lettuce and grapes at the luncheon where the demonstration occurred. A less effective way of showing sympathy cannot be imagined.

SHE TALKS about articulate and effective presentation. Both the Emerald and the University administration have been presented with thousands of articulate requests over the past four years and continue to serve scab lettuce and grapes. They have consistently refused to change their policy. It is obvious who they are allied with in the struggle between farmworkers and growers.

To portray Clark as a martyr who buys scab grapes and scab lettuce while farmworkers are dying in the fields is as absurd as portraying American POWs in Viet Nam as heroes for slaughtering millions of Vietnamese.

THE EXAMPLE of the University Singers continuing their song in the face of this protest is nothing to be proud of. It is the same mentality which the University administration exemplifies in the face of the clear and obvious injustices being perpetrated against the farmworkers.

We agree that no honest person would be against the UFW struggle if they knew the issues, but this University continues to try to misinform and cloud the issues to protect their support of the growers by selling only scab lettuce and grapes.

THERE ARE NO managers in the revolution. The managerial concept is an exploitative and oppressive one that can exist only in a cracker mind like Torrie McAllister's.

People who understand the conditions and demands of the farmworkers should be enraged by the University's policies. Any action taken in support of these demands and this boycott are the direct result of the non-compliance of the University, and are justified.

Robert Starr
Business

It is ridiculous...

In past times I have noticed several UPI round-ups in the Emerald on General Amin and with the one in yesterday's paper, I think it about time I said something. There's a common theme to all these news items, namely they are all so shockingly ridiculous, as to be very apparent to all RATIONAL MINDS as nothing but propaganda items against this African head of state. What purpose this is supposed to serve, I don't really know,

Gremlin Village

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probably another of the ever malignant Western attitude of putting down third world people, as it continues to feed the contemporary American with very distorted concepts of other people and culture. This kind of gravely misinforming feedback is to be seen in all media of communication in this country from anthropology textbooks to television. It's so shameful that a people is left so abysmally ignorant as to the state of things in the world outside of theirs due to the irrationality and absolute lack in empathy of their news media.

O'Mide
Architecture

No one spoke up

The story on the front page of Friday's Emerald suggests that the General Social Science program may be phased out because of a lack of financial support. Finances are a problem for this and many other programs. The immediate difficulty, however, is that the faculty of the social science departments have preferred not to continue this program. In a meeting of the Committee with the heads of these departments in January no one spoke for the continuation of the program.

THE GENERAL Social Science program is run by a committee. Members of this committee, and especially the chairman, certainly do spend a great deal of time working for the program. When faculty members are no longer willing to give such support — in large part because of other heavy commitments — the termination of the program must be considered. None of the programs under committee control has the financial resources of a department, and only faculty support permits their continuation. The remarkable aspect of the present General Social Science situation is the unanimous lack of support from faculty and students.

Robert C. Albrecht
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Liberal Arts

Obnoxious policy

I find it obnoxious that the Emerald keeps printing full-page ads for Hiron's Drugs, a store whose employees have been on strike since October. Most students are going to enter the working force when they graduate. The Emerald should look after the interests of students by supporting the struggles of working people for better conditions. Instead the Emerald follows the simpler principle that money talks.

I SUPPOSE THE EMERALD justifies its actions on the grounds that they don't discriminate in advertising, everyone has the right to place an ad. That very neat principle allows the rich and powerful to plaster the mass media with their ideas and ideology, and leaves the poor to find solace quietly reading the first amendment. Just as the law makes it equally illegal for the rich and the poor to sleep under a bridge, so does Emerald policy make it equally possible for rich and poor to buy full page ads. If the Emerald really believes in free expression of ideas, then it should offer to the Hiron strikers a free full page ad to explain why they can't work for \$1.80 an hour and why students should boycott Hiron's. Of course the Emerald

might be afraid that if they did so, they would annoy John Hiron and lose a fat advertising contract.

Wendel Brunner
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Likes W. Morse

In 1964 I attended a legislative conference in Washington, D.C. I suddenly found myself a minor celebrity of sorts among the 100 conferees — not because of anything I had done, but simply because I was from Oregon.

"How do you manage to elect such wonderful people from Oregon — like Senator Morse and Senator Maureen Neuberger?" they asked.

"OH, IT'S NOT hard," I replied. "They are such capable people that Oregonians just naturally recognize their qualities."

I remember when Morse and Neuberger stood together (and alone among all Senators) in a filibuster against our government's giving away Telstar to ITT — the same ITT that has won for its monopolistic self so many favors and special privileges direct from the public treasury.

Do you remember when Morse single-handedly began to lecture and inveigh against our getting involved in a war in Indo-China? People did not understand the implications of this matter at the time — but how right his judgments proved to be!

PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY and vision and deep understanding are too rare in Washington today. So, if Wayne Morse decides to run for his old seat in the Senate, I shall wholeheartedly work for his election with all the resources at my command.

If there is anything our government needs today, it is integrity and clear thinking. With these qualities Morse is richly blessed — in the same way that Irving Brant, Justice William O. Douglas and Archibald Cox are. We need their counsel, their advice, their rare sagacity.

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Jerks on the lawn

When I was freshman I did not walk on the lawns. I did not have waterproof shoes — not stylish you know. And besides, if a lowly freshman were caught walking on soggy grass some big sophomore might spank his behind with a large wooden paddle. "Hacking" it was called, and it was a barbaric custom. We are above that sort of thing today. And it also seems to be stylish to wear big, high-topped, waterproof boots to school. So today we are FREE to walk on the grass, which is neat for us, and bad for the lawns.

I STILL DO not usually walk on the lawns. I can afford good shoes, and I am not afraid of sadistic sophomores with paddles. I stay off the grass in this weather because I like grass better than mud. Most members of the campus community behave as I do, probably for similar reasons. There are some, however, that are too lazy, too stupid, or too unconscious to stay on the walks. Some are even riding their hard-tired bicycles on

the grass. The lawns are in trouble. In many places the mud is here. See for an example the northeast corner of 13th and Kincaid.

In the past when I have noticed some jerk on the grass I have said — to myself — "That jerk is spoiling the lawn." Such silent behavior has never had any effect. So today I am changing. I am reforming myself. The next time I see someone cut across the soggy lawn I am going to say — loudly — "Get off of the grass." I may even add some appropriate term of endearment such as "jerk" or "stupid."

I INVITE OTHER members of the community to join me in this effort. Perhaps if enough of us yell at the lazy idiots who are killing our lawns they will yield to social pressure and stay on the walks. Let us hope so. I hate to see our lawns going the way of the hack-paddle. I will miss the lawns.

Peter R. Sherman
Math

All you commuters

This is to all you commuters who pass me on 13th Ave. every morning. Being the energy-conscious owner of both a Volkswagen and a small motorcycle, I could cruise through the current energy crunch as easily as anyone. However, because of the crying pleas coming from everybody this side of Saudi Arabia begging people not to drive unnecessarily, I don't use my vehicles very much, especially going to and from the university. Trying to do my share in alleviating the gas shortage, I have become a hitchhiker — another neglected minority. Every morning, in the spirit of the shortage, I oscillate my thumb at the passing motorists, 99.9 percent pigishly unwilling to give me a lift.

THE CONSCIOUSNESS most of these people possess escapes me. It seems illogical to me that drivers streak by me knowing that I, who am not driving myself, represent a little bit more gas for them. I realize that not every driver is going near campus, but I'd venture to say many are. So why should a driver, who is going to the university and who sees a person in typical university garb politely saluting for a ride, whiz by him as if he had the plague?

So, to all of you who travel down 13th Ave. early in the morning and see a guy in a black parka and white muffler, pick him up (or he might throw a rock at you).

Stephen Russell
5th yr. architecture

Emerald ad policy

I would like to protest the Emerald's policy of accepting advertisement's for Hiron's in the face of a strike and boycott at the Franklin Blvd. store. By running these ads, you explicitly support the position of Hiron's management against its workers and carry on "business-as-usual" despite the strike. The strike is supported by a large number of students and members of the larger community who have honored the picket lines at Hiron's. The Emerald should not support the interests of employers in this fashion (leave that to the Register-Guard) and should run no more Hiron's ads.

Paul Goldman