

# Letters

*Editor's Note: Over the past two weeks, the Emerald has received a larger than normal volume of letters from our readers. While we are pleased at this response, we have not been able to print as many as we would like to because of space restrictions on the editorial page. In order to publish as many of these letters as possible, we have decided to devote today's entire editorial page to these writers.*

## Style thrills

This letter is in reply to Mr. Lewis' letter in the Friday Emerald and others who subscribe to the same feelings.

Why is it so damn important that Oregon win all its basketball games?

It is very easy to second guess and hypothesize about what is going wrong and place the blame on any one person. But not being directly involved and knowing all the facts is little more than back-seat driving. Anyone can do it but competency is another thing.

To me, the greatest thrill of the Duck basketball games has been the exciting style of play and not the final score. The fact that those 12 guys have the ability and courage to step onto a basketball court is enough to amaze me and wish I had the same.

Vince Lombardi's words, "Winning isn't everything, it is the only thing" seem to have installed itself in a lot of Duck faithfuls. If you believe that winning is all important, I suggest you re-evaluate your values. Let's give the Ducks the support they deserve regardless of the final outcome.

**Michael A. Stepka**  
Recreation and Park Management  
Senior

## Poor thinking

Your interview with Nancy Johnson (Emerald, Monday Jan. 19) raises some troubling questions about the nature of the Graduate Student Council (GSC) and its financing. To many of us who come from countries more frugal than the US and to many of our American colleagues who know what it is to live with the barest necessities, it seems scandalous to spend \$13,025, or anybody's money, on a venture which seems at best poorly thought-out. Is it necessary to spend any money to inform graduate students of degree requirement proposals (there is no hard proof that they form the most stupid category of students, unable to draw any more on their long experience of ferreting out information for themselves) or to improve relations with graduate school personnel (what exactly does this euphemism mean)?

The other suggestions have a common thread, but their execution could better be carried out by agencies other than the GSC. Invitations to speakers from outside the university are surely better handled within or between departments. Here the channels of communication, amply mentioned in your article, already exist, and here, the graduate student finds a far greater identity of academic interest than with the 4,000 other graduate students scattered across many departments.

Discovering what research professors across the campus are engaged in is certainly an urgent

need, but it can be done far more thoroughly than full-page ads in the Emerald or clinking coffee-cups with "interesting professors." What about the querulous, the eccentric, the uninteresting ones who shun coffee sessions because they may be too busy edging the light farther back into the dim corners? What is needed is a comprehensive well-catalogued, up-dated inventory of research being carried out on campus by faculty and graduate students, for the use of all interested persons. Who better to do this than the library?

All this is not to deny that graduate students have needs, social and academic, that are peculiar to them, but rather to ask for a detailed list of those needs and possible ways of filling them, which would form a rationale for the GSC petition to the IFC. If there are detailed plans, the Emerald article would have been an excellent (and free) channel of communication for sharing them.

**Farrel Corcoran**  
Graduate student  
Communications

## Parallel seen

I feel compelled to respond to the pet lover article (Jan. 21, 1976).

I see such a parallel between the unwanted pets and the unwanted children in our society. Newson says the pet owners lose interest when the animal outgrows the "cute stage." This is also true of people when the child is no longer a baby. Everyone loves a baby, but when it outgrows infancy the kid is pushed aside to make room for the next baby. By the time it reaches school-age, it already feels that it is unwanted. It turns inward, becoming extremely sensitive; or it compensates by becoming an extroverted, obnoxious brat. Both these extremes stem from home environment, but the schools are made a convenient scape-goat.

The end result is a world full of unhappy, unloved teen-agers, then unhappy, unfulfilled adults. Many fill the mental institutions, many more end up in prison. Statistics tell us that most inmates have feelings of inadequacy; have never felt loved or wanted.

The remainder propagate more off-spring to keep the cycle perpetuated, and also become pet owners, with the same casual indifference to the animals and children alike.

According to Newson, the answer to animal control is prevention. May I offer the same solution to alleviate more human suffering.

**Phillis Atwood,**  
Library

## Board blest

Your cartoon of Jan. 26 showed a Nazi labeled "Publication Board" molesting PSU editor Kathleen Hawkins, who is thumbing her nose, sticking out her tongue and clutching the Bill of Rights. The captions say, "You will do as we say, Liebchen." (this is subtle stuff) and "Thank heavens for a few disrespectful young brats."

Actually, Ms. Hawkins is a brat and every night I get down on my knees before bed and thank God for the PSU Publication Board. The Vanguard is supported by mandatory student fees and is therefore governed by a written policy and by a publication board

made up of faculty and students (just the type of committee the Emerald incessantly campaigns for). It was the student members of the committee who raised the objection and convinced the other members that Ms. Hawkins was violating the policy, which requires the paper to sell space to all points of view.

If Ms. Hawkins insists on censoring a newspaper, she should quit her student-supported paper and open one with her own money. No one will object then.

Perhaps the cartoon should have shown her blindfolding a PSU student and saying, "You will read vat ver let you, tovarisch."

By the way, what all ads does the Emerald censor? I know, for starters, that we never see any massage parlor or Gallo wine ads.

**Mike Sylwester**  
Russian

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## No choice

The UO screening committee has gotten down to two the number of applicants for the job as athletic director. Frankly, I don't see that there is really a choice.

Norm Van Brocklin has proven that he can throw a football, 15 years ago that is. Other than that he was an unsuccessful football coach at Minnesota where his main claim to fame was trading Fran Tarkenton. Then he went to Atlanta where he unsuccessfully guided the Falcons amid fights with the press and constant complaints of his players.

While I'm not familiar with Bill Cobey at all, I do know that the University of North Carolina has a fine sports program and is highly regarded for community work by their personnel. He also has administrative background in a good college setting.

Like I said, I don't understand that there is a choice.

**Howard A. Pergament**  
Journalism

## Respect lost

A few days ago, in response to the inaugural demonstration, Greg Stiles wrote to you on behalf of the Coalition against the UFAB (United Front Against Boyd) of which he was the sole member. I'd like to congratulate him for his success in capturing so accurately the spirit and mentality of the UFAB; make known my interest to become the second member of a non-existent coalition; and, in the light of recent developments, add a few serious comments of my own in way (much like the Emerald's Tuesday, Jan. 20 editorial) of brotherly advice.

For in a way, UFAB, though I would identify myself with the CUFAB, there is a sibblingship between us. President Boyd, like any human being (especially one with the extra responsibility of high office), is not above criticism. Neither is the University; nor any

of the other 'oppressive' institutions as you, in your un-united endeavors, have called them. In this sense I'll agree with you: there is a real need for a change ("constant revolution" as Papa Mao would say). But responsible change: in this I think you yourselves are open to criticism.

Rebecca Vance, you say that the "vicious" arrest of the demonstrators "while Boyd continued with his speech on The University as an open society, guaranteeing freedom of expression to all who would exercise it" is "a clear contradiction between his verbal statement and his practice." But sister, I'm confused. In court Friday eight demonstrators pleaded not guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct. Does this mean you folks believe that you have the 'right' to do anything you please without being accountable for it?

Perhaps you will argue that since our laws are corrupt, you are not humanly obliged to them. Whatever. I don't know how others are responding to you, but by such cowardly and irresponsible behavior, you have at least lost my respect and support. The day you adopt the freedom of Socrates, Thoreau and Martin Luther King and break a law but then stand up and say "Yes, we are guilty and we will take the consequences. But we would do it again—and take the consequences again—for our cause is worth it." On that day I'll know you take your cause seriously and will begin to listen.

**Jim Ralph**  
Anthropology-English  
Junior

## Pure drivell

Statements to the effect that preserving agricultural land and wildlife is unimportant are pure drivell. The person to whom they were attributed in a recent Emerald interview, one Orpha Thomas, now asserts that in the case of agricultural lands she was misquoted. However, in advocating repeal of Senate Bill 100, Oregon's pioneering Land Use Act, she made other assertions in the interview so grossly misleading as to deserve response.

The Bohemia lumber plant controversy is not a result of SB100 or LCDC actions, as she claims, but rather the result of the recent Oregon Supreme Court "Baker vs. Milwaukie" decision. This decision has based on "...a well-considered plan." SB100 and LCDC are to ensure development of the best possible well-considered plans for Oregon. The heart of that program is widespread citizen involvement. But perhaps Thomas prefers that land use decisions be in the control of a few special interests with no consideration of society's needs.

Thousands of Oregonians participated through workshops, hearings, advisory committees and work sessions in the development of the LCDC Goals adopted a year ago. They are hardly an example of "total control by a dictator." Copies of these goals as well as flyers briefly describing SB100 and comprehensive plans are available from LCDC, 1175 N.E. Court St., Salem, 97310 or from the Bureau of Governmental Research Library in Hendricks Hall.

**Dorothy Anderson**  
LCD Commissioner

## Means provided

If you have ever had a question about your Bookstore's policies or operations, or had a grievance to which you have never received a satisfactory answer, or had a suggestion as to how the Bookstore could be improved; then the UO Bookstore's Sounding Board should provide you with a means for obtaining an answer or a reply. The Bookstore's Board of Directors, composed of two faculty and eight student members, has recently approved the construction and operation of the Sounding Board, to be located on the Bookstore's main floor. Its purpose is to receive from students and faculty suggestions, questions and comments about your Bookstore, and within ten days, post such inquiries with responses on the Sounding Board for everyone to read. You can now learn about such Bookstore policies as pricing, ordering, delays and other such matters. You can also contribute ideas and information to your representatives on the Board of Directors as to what policies you think are best for the bookstore to pursue, or suggest to the management how operations can be improved.

An example of the use of the Sounding Board is the Bookstore manager's response to Mr. John Billingsley's letter regarding textbook shortages that appeared in the January 21st issue of the Emerald. Although Mr. Henson responded to the letter through the Emerald, a copy of Mr. Billingsley's letter and Mr. Henson's response were also posted on the Sounding Board.

As a member of the UO Bookstore Corporation, you are entitled to know about and comment on your corporation's policies and operations. Because it provides you with a means of learning and affecting the policies and operations of your Bookstore, I urge you to utilize the Sounding Board's service.

**Frank Papagni, Jr.**  
Member, Bookstore's  
Board of Directors

## Emerald letters policy

*The Emerald will accept and try to print all letters containing fair comment on ideas and topics of concern or interest to the University community.*

*Because of space limitations, letters must be no more than 200 words, typed, triple-spaced, dated and signed with the person's major. No un-signed letter will be published.*

*Longer opinion columns will be published whenever possible after being submitted to the editorial page editor.*

*The limit on opinion columns is 800 words, using the same format as letters.*