

ken sands

## even editors get the blues

Hey gang, it's time to find a job!  
Scary, isn't it?

It's not like any of us seniors want to stay in school any longer. In fact, we're tired of being overworked, oppressed and impoverished.

Nonetheless, for many of us leaving school represents the final step into the "real world," a place from which there is no return.

We're leaving behind the security of a place to go, and a group of friends to count on. Now we have to make a place for ourselves, sometimes without the friends who all tend to go different directions.

It's a frightening prospect.

You are lucky if you have a job, family and friends all lined up for support once you leave school.

The rest of us will be struggling through job interviews and the difficulties of planning a life with other people.

Unfortunately, some of us will defer any decisions and hope something comes our way. It's a safer bet to investigate all of your options now — at least so you have a better idea of what you want to do.

The worst scenario involves a college graduate who is stuck with a job that isn't fulfilling, and who doesn't know what to do about it.

It isn't that painful to send out resumes, have job interviews and hunt for jobs. If nothing else, you get an idea of how other people view your skills, and you get practice "selling" yourself to others. Now is a good time to start.

What's really hard is taking inventory of your personal life. You have to decide how much of your life depends on the people around you, and whether you would sacrifice a job or a relationship.

There are no answers, of course. And though the easy way out isn't always the best, it's nice to know you're not alone.

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### Left in form only

Regardless of their political intent, those who lit a fire in a crowded auditorium showed that they have nothing but contempt for the safety and well-being of the people, and they deserve nothing but contempt in return. This adventurist and individualistic act deserves the condemnation of all, regardless of political persuasion. Also none of the evasions of Victor Tomseth (for example his denial of CIA involvement in the 1953 coup that brought the shah to power) were able to be brought out to the community at large because of the large press coverage given by media (other than the Emerald) to the contemptuous acts of the RCYB, rather than the serious questions and points of the audience. The RCYB could not have better played into the hands of the advertising-controlled media and "bourgeois" they claim to despise than if they themselves had intended to act in its interests, which may be the case. The RCYB is a classic example of a group that is "left in form, but right in essence."

**Richard Young**  
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### Won't miss him

Upon reading a letter written by Darrel Plant, "Concert Flack," I thought to myself, "Is this guy serious or just trying to get his name in print?"

Mr. Plant seems to have some problem understanding why a large portion of students are excited about the arrival of Jackson Browne to Mac Court. Darrel

expressed distress over the fact that Browne's publicity is more in the form of news. Well, Darrel, it is news. How often do students spend the night outside the EMU to get tickets to a Eugene based event? And how often does a well-known performer, who incidentally makes no claim to be in the same category as Bob Dylan, appear on the U of O campus?

And Darrel dear, I doubt that many folks look to Jackson Browne as "an expert and worldly authority on nuclear power plants." Rather, the man is trying to raise money and open people's eyes to a worthy cause, stopping unsafe nuclear power. I can't think of any performers outside of the MUSE organization that are willing to give much time and energy to a worthy cause. I haven't noticed Frank Zappa giving any concerts for a purpose.

And if you think that Browne's song "Cocaine" is his anthem for No-Nukes, perhaps you should look beyond your limited knowledge of his work and listen to "Before the Deluge."

If Darrel has no intention of going to Jackson Browne and would rather read a book, then I ask who cares? I certainly won't miss seeing him on the 23rd.

**Suzanne Lehman**  
Sophomore, undeclared

### Appendixes?

Re: Ms. Skinner's defense of abortion.

The failures of her reasoning (I use the term loosely) are evident. First, there are some similarities between appendixes and unborn children (fetuses); there is, however, at least one important difference: all of us were fetuses; none

of us were appendixes. Second, if she will use the unborn's dependence as a rationale for the right to extinguish its life, will she not be willing to use the same reason to justify infanticide and euthanasia? (Those who consider this a facetious question should consider that the incidence of both has increased sharply in the last few years.)

Finally, although she doesn't make herself completely clear, she appears to believe that abortion is a religious issue. She is correct if she means that most of those who consider themselves religious are opposed to abortion. In another sense, however, abortion is no more a religious issue than income tax, fraud or rape. If any of these were just religious issues, only those strongly religious would oppose them. That is obviously not the case.

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### Don't rap U.S.

I hear a lot of students downrapping the United States these days, not only foreign students but American students too. These students who no doubt have nothing better to do with their pessimistic lives than complain and ramble on about how oppressive our society is, seem to overlook the fact that their actions would, in many of the countries they support, result in imprisonment. I can't help but ask why, if they hate America so much, are they living and studying here?

I suppose some of the reasons are because in America, unlike the countries which they praise, they eat well, drive nice cars, get a good education and are

allowed to act as obnoxious as they please. I wonder how they would view the United States if they lived in the those countries which they have such a phony affection for. I'm sure a lot of them protest because they like attention. They should all get together and open a zoo. Then they could charge admission and entertain us with their monkey-like behavior. (Not to take anything away from the monkeys.)

I guess what I'm trying to say is if you don't like this country, then get the hell out of here!

America has its problems but we don't need a herd of wild animals stampeding through our lives to remind us. It seems our civilization has produced a new species of man that can do nothing but grunt and groan at the rest of us because of their own shortcomings.

I don't dislike anyone, but I do hate hearing people bitch about things they know so little about. Now, if you go spend 444 days illegally detained in some unstable country maybe, when you get back, if you still want to bitch - I'll listen.

**Scott Morison**  
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### Military aid

When I learned that Pres. Reagan was considering the possibility of providing military aid to the South African backed Unita guerilla forces in Angola, I was prompted to share some of my own observations concerning the situation there.

For several years now, Unita guerillas have been engaged in a brutal campaign against the citizens of the country's southern regions. South African armed and trained, they have, in the last 12 months, completely smashed the economies of the Huambo and Bire provinces. According to International Red Cross reports, nearly half a million people, mostly women and children, risk starvation.

If supporting such a cause is Mr. Reagan's idea of upholding American support for "freedom and democracy," I believe something is fatally wrong.

Above all else, I fear that such considerations are not only beginning signs of Pres. Reagan's long-standing policy of crushing national liberation movements that threaten American profits and economic interests. I hope that in the coming four years the American people will show some sympathy and understanding for those people in the world who are struggling against terrorist governments and reactionary regimes that remain in power only with the help of American weapons and Western financial aid.

**Christian Gunther**  
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