

Fight for your education — or lose it

Our education is in jeopardy.

During the next three months, the Legislature will decide the future of Oregon's higher education system. The prospects are grim.

Gov. Vic Atiyeh has already recommended a higher education budget that would result in the loss of 28 faculty members, 27 classified staff members and several GTF's. And some legislators have suggested that 10 percent be cut even from this woefully inadequate budget.

If the University is forced to take this cut, it will lose three schools and eight departments. Students who had difficulty getting important classes this quarter should consider the ramifications of these reductions — imagine how hard it will be to fill your schedule next year if the number of classes are reduced by a third!

Additionally, tuition would be forced to rise, which would mean that students would be paying more than ever for fewer services.

In order to prevent this catastrophe, students

must convince their legislators that they are already hard-pressed and that such cuts would be unacceptable because they would prevent them from obtaining the educations they have worked for.

We must convince the Legislature that higher education is one of our state's most valuable and essential resources. It provides the kind of skilled

yours

workers that Oregon will need to manage its resources and to diversify its industry.

And it adds directly to our economy by employing thousands.

Clearly, students can't continue to be apathetic about the University's economic crisis. Very shortly, it will effect us all.

My primary goal as ASUO president this year has been to express students' concerns about

higher education to those who make the decisions concerning our educations. However, we in the ASUO can't do it all. Our representatives need to know that a large percentage of students are concerned about these problems.

Otherwise, they'll send the money to other agencies that are more vocal.

The ASUO and the Student University Relations Council are sponsoring rallies today in the EMU Breezeway and Monday in Salem. These rallies give students an excellent opportunity to let their legislators know they care.

If we lose this battle now, the effect will be immediate and it will take years for the University to recoup its losses. If you don't show up at the rallies or write your legislators now, don't be surprised if you can't get the hours you need next term or if you find yourself out of school altogether next year.

Dave Eaton
ASUO President

Keg roll

As one of the 25 members and pledges of the University chapter of Delta Tau Delta who participated in this weekend's Keg Roll for the Kidney Association, I am compelled to correct your incredibly inaccurate article covering this event which you apparently picked up from the AP wire service.

The Keg Roll, an annual benefit for the Kidney Association of Oregon, is co-sponsored by the Blitz-Weinhard Corporation and the three Oregon chapters of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, namely Willamette, OSU and U. of O. The Corvallis Delts began the roll on Friday and were joined in the effort by the Willamette and Oregon chapters in Salem on Saturday morning. We relayed the keg from Salem to Tigard on Saturday, and from Tigard to the Blitz brewery in downtown Portland on Sunday morning. Through the efforts of all the men who participated, a total of almost \$4,000 was achieved, which we expect to grow once contributions from Delt alumni are added.

We of the U of O Delt House are proud of our work in the aid of this fine cause and are disappointed that such an inaccurate article should appear in the Emerald, especially when University students were involved. This seems to be only part of a pattern that the Emerald has developed in its coverage of the campus Greek system and its activities, with emphasis on the negative happenings instead of the positive aspects of Greek life. (Though I will admit that the negative stories make for better "news".)

It is unfortunate that a charitable activity shared by a University fraternity should be so inaccurately reported by the Emerald. I would hope that in the future better communications might be developed between the Emerald and the campus Greeks, so that Emerald readers might get a better idea of what the Greek



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system at the U of O is really all about.

William Landen
Sophomore, pre-journalism

Grow up

You invited suggestions for improving next year's Immorald. Here are mine:

- 1. Read classic and lasting examples of satire and wit.
- 2. Analyze them for elements that contribute to their humor.
- 3. Incorporate the elements in your pieces, modified by your own writing style.
- 4. Recognize that using gutter language for shock value often produces shock, but seldom wit.

Jane Durnell
Library

Needs a . . . break

I must admit that the "Daily Immorald" was pretty amusing. The stories were not a matter of taste, they were a matter of humor. Which is the worst, reading lies that people know are lies, or reading lies which people think are the truth.

And for those of you who don't think I have a good sense of humor, you try joining a fraternity, being a Republican

and working for Senator Richard Groener during this current Legislative session and see how long you last.

Brian Jay Dunlap
Senior, political science
Intern, Senator Richard Groener

Screw 'em

You were right your Daily Immorald offended almost everyone. We wish to congratulate you on a fine piece of journalism. We loved every paragraph, personally, and, if the rest can't take a joke, screw 'em.

After all, it's only the truth that hurts.

Signed by several members
of the physical plant

glenn boettcher

even editors get the blues

Everyone in our neighborhood had the same idea last Saturday.

Scores of lawn mowers were dragged from their musty garages and into the sun. In every direction, their smiling drivers sprayed fragrant cuttings onto streets and sidewalks.

The smell of gasoline and freshly cut grass always reminds me of the summers I spent mowing lawns to earn what my grandfather called "pocket money."

I took great pride in always leaving tidy, parallel mower tracks — a habit that left me wondering if I was neurotic after reading about neuroses and psychoses in a ninth-grade health class.

I soon understood that my concern over how a lawn looked after I'd mowed it was related more to aesthetics than neuroses. But seeing the neatly lined lawns in our neighborhood last weekend made me realize my idea of what looks good in a yard also have changed.

A lawn changes very little during a complete cycle of seasons. It grows a little and you have to cut it. It turns brown and you have to water it. If you water it enough to turn it green again, then you have to cut it again. A vicious cycle that yields nothing but clippings that have to be hidden.

But a garden, ah. Nature transforms every bit of water and care that you invest into consumables — a great

way to offset high food costs.

Practical considerations aside, a garden in the yard — one visible to passersby, not one hidden away behind the garage — is a beautiful thing.

Each plant starts out so small, in seeds resembling one another so closely that only an expert could distinguish between them. From there it's nothing but distinctiveness.

By the time each bed or row has been harvested, those who pass by regularly have had the pleasure of watching plants that will be used — not just looked at — grow in a yard. And those of who walk home won't track quite so many grass clippings onto the carpet.