

## Battling apathy

We college students have been accused of fostering the growth of the disease of apathy as of late. I feel that the problem lies not in student apathy, but in lack of student awareness combined with complete immersion in the very competitive academic world. Immersed in this situation, we sometimes forget about our less-than-able to compete fellow man. We sometimes forget that there can be no happiness for the few unless there is happiness for all. In a world that is growing smaller everyday due to the fantastic efficiencies of communication, our prosperity at home is directly related to the prosperity of our fellow man abroad. Thus, with the realization that to not live together is to die separately, I have decided to take action: Not only for the benefit of my fellow man, but indirectly for the benefit of myself.

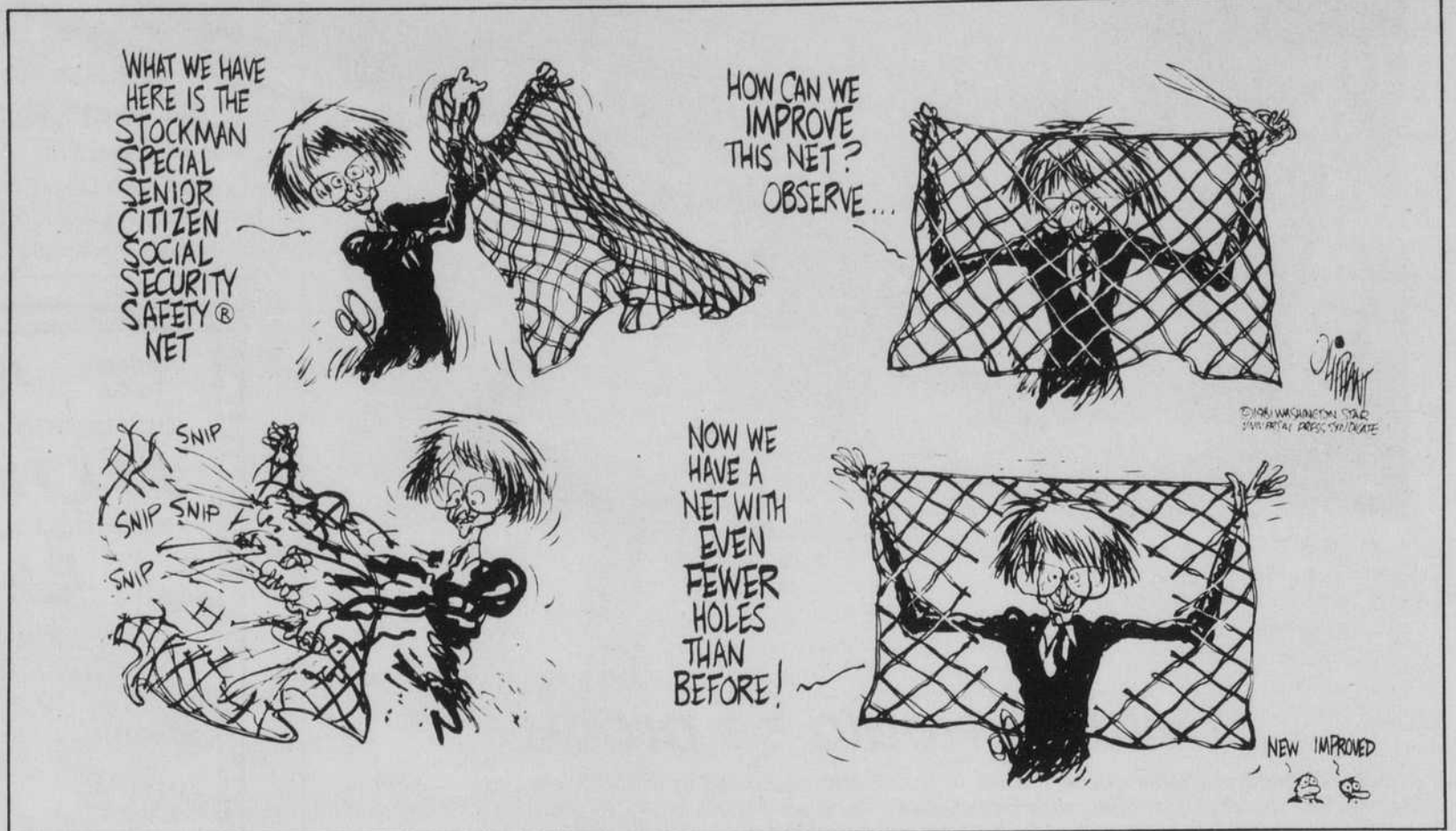
I have decided to get involved in a worldwide food and education distribution agency called Oxfam. The project that our group at the University is involved in is a fund-raising effort by three student mountain climbers. Their goal is to climb Mt. McKinley in Alaska to raise funds for the needy throughout the world. Realizing that small efforts by the many will yield greater results than large efforts by the few, we ask for the support of University students; whether their support is through money or time. The amount of your money or time is unimportant. Any amount will help. Please don't let this opportunity to get involved slip by. We are located in Suite 1 of the EMU. Please feel free to come by with any questions you might have about the project. Thank you very much.

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## Knots in red tape

In the world of academia and business, one primarily exists on paper. We are our publishing record, our transcripts, and various compendia of documents. This is all too apparent in applying for jobs, schools, grants, etc. In the academic world much of this material is entrusted to the Registrar's Office, and herein lies the problem.

Recently, I applied to several doctoral programs, going through the usual ritual of documentation. This was in late February. In March, one school sent a letter indicating that my transcript



seemed rather incomplete. I referred the matter to the Registrar's Office, where it was discovered that my fall grades had never been posted.

Unfortunately, despite the fact that its request was stapled to four others, a corrected transcript was only sent to the one school, even though it was apparent that none had received a full transcript. I only found out by sheer chance that the situation had not been fully remedied.

I would like to point out that when I went back this time, another clerk was quite helpful, even sending corrected transcripts special delivery (though still too late). My dismay was further increased as she proceeded to tell me how this sort of thing happened all the time. My clerk alone has a cabinet full of records! What is the nature of her impact on all these unsuspecting people?

I realize that maintaining thousands of records is a tremendous, and probably boring, job, but it is critical to our process. Such slipshod work is quite dysfunctional and disturbing. In cases such as mine, it can have disastrous results. All the schools I applied to indicated that my incomplete transcript was a significant barrier to my admittance.

The ultimate lesson to be learned here

is that you had better start your application processes very early and triple check the veracity of the materials you request.

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## Won't M(i)X

If the United States is to be considered a second-rate nation in the world, it is because of the sorry state our economy is in, not because we are weak militarily (we have enough highly sophisticated weapons to destroy the world several times over and intercept whatever the Soviets might send over).

One reason the U.S. economy is in such a sorry state is because of government overspending. One such proposed (over-) expenditure is the MX Missile system. It would cost more billions and billions of dollars than any of us can really imagine and deal another death blow to the U.S. economy.

Besides the negative affect the MX Missile program would have on the economy, we don't need it militarily. Three-fourths of our Trident missiles are on submarines at sea and are undetectable. Those missiles can take care of anything the Soviets (or any other nation) could throw at us.

There is another reason for citizens of the Northwest to object to the proposed MX Missile project. Those missiles (if the proposal is passed by Congress) would be housed in Utah, an area with very little water. A recent news item reports that the state of Nevada senate has passed a resolution calling for the federal government to divert Columbia River water to Nevada to be used on the MX Missile project. This is getting mighty close to home, folks.

Please, send a postcard(s) to your elected officials calling for a no vote on the MX Missile and all other further nuclear weaponry development.

**Betty McArdle**  
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## Dangerous trees

We, and many others, mourn the ruin of Sahalie Falls on the Upper McKenzie River, as it has been known and loved for generations.

The eco-system surrounding Sahalie Falls has needlessly been destroyed by an overzealous planner with a paranoid fear of dangerous trees.

It will never be the same again!

This winter a majestic old giant fell across the trail to the lower viewpoint, knocking down another tree. Looking for

an excuse to cut old growth Douglas fir, the Forest Service removed an excessive amount of old growth trees to "save the public from all possible danger," (which would be impossible anyway), thereby destroying the eco-system and atmosphere of Sahalie Falls that was so famous an attraction and loved by so many people.

Its gravestone will be a monumental paved-over parking lot.

If you don't want the other falls on the McKenzie, the McKenzie River Trail, Limberlost Campground, and other scenic attractions of the Upper McKenzie Valley to receive the same treatment, please attend the McKenzie Guardians meeting to be held Thursday, May 28th at 7:30 p.m. at the McKenzie High School, or contact us for information on how you can help to save what is still left of the scenic McKenzie.

**James A. Baker, President**  
The McKenzie Guardians

## Sands supporter

It is now at least 300 years past time for British imperialism to get their bloody hands off of Ireland. Bobby Sands, freedom fighter and martyr, was indeed a "terror" to those who rule Northern Ireland directly, the Republic of Ireland indirectly, and to all oppressors; but he will be remembered and loved by the oppressed everywhere. Bobby Sands, they claim, was part of an isolated extremist group, but it was to expose this lie (not out of reformist illusions) that he ran for and was elected member of Parliament.

The youth of Derry and other towns have shown that they do not live in fear of the future. They are daring to take it.

Put yourself in Margaret Thatcher's shoes for a moment: The Empire is declining economically and the only way out is to clamp down, strike up the band, wave the red, white and blue, and hope the rest of NATO can get over with the same. But even the middle-class youth are into that dreadful "punk rock," the black and white working-class youth in Brixton keep up street fighting against the cops for six days straight, just because about a thousand were arrested on "suspicion" charges and now it's those IRA "criminals" again.

I suggest next Friday, May 22, at 12:30 p.m. in front of the EMU, as the chance to rally sport and spread the truth. Long live the spirit of Bobby Sands! Down with British imperialism!

Raise the red flag of proletarian internationalism!

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Youth Brigade

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