

opinion

Popular hours

It's a good idea to vary the time courses are offered, particularly the required courses with numerous sections.

University Departments and Schools starting in the fall, must schedule one class in the morning, one in the afternoon, and one in the late afternoon or evening among all courses offered four or more times in a term.

The policy will end the rush to get "prime time" (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) classes, however popular they are with teachers and students.

The policy released in memos by Provost Richard Hill and Registrar Wanda Johnson also "urge" departments to reschedule other classes in the early morning and late afternoon.

The off-beat hours policy is meant to increase enrollment. It is in keeping with the Strategic Plan suggestion, that institutions do all they can to increase enrollment — but cheaply.

By having classes in the early morning, late afternoon and evenings, students who work half or full-time, students who want a class more than they want sleep, or students who are willing to forego running before dinner will have a crack at popular classes.

The new hours might actually create a few required courses that have less than 100 people in them.

It's a good guess on the part of the administration as to what students want.

Now, we'll cross our fingers and see if the registrar's office lives up to its promise to conduct a demand-analysis — a tally of classes returning students want. Then they would actually find out what classes and what hours students really want in the fall of 1983.

letters

Insight

Congratulations to Joan Nyland for terrific insight and common sense in her essay about our reactions to crime. Perhaps if she will now teach a remedial course in logic to the rest of the Emerald editorial staff in the future we will be spared such egregious examples of journalism as the opinion column labeled, "Funding the Choice."

While Nyland's essay made us realize that trying to eradicate crime rather than examining its causes is futile, the aforementioned editorial shed no such light on the topic of abortion. It is after all, unnecessary to have an abortion without bearing a child, and impossible to bear a child without getting pregnant.

With the insight of Descartes, we can thus assume that if a woman does not get pregnant, she will not need an abortion.

It is then evident that a couple (though the woman unfortunately bears a disproportionate amount of the responsibility) may prevent the necessity of abortion by practicing one of the many methods of birth control available, or heaven for-

bid, a little abstinence on occasion.

To assert that refusing to fund abortions is to "deny poor women control over their own bodies" is ludicrous. Nothing could be farther from the truth. When the American people decide to take control of their own bodies, Uncle Sam will no longer need to be in the population control business.

It is hedonism and the lack of moral responsibility our generation has come to accept that causes us to think otherwise.

Rick Moore
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Offensive

I wonder what was offensive to the students who objected to Maranatha's abortion display in the EMU lobby last week.

Were they offended because it's obvious from looking at the babies/fetuses faces that the babies/fetuses suffered from an unconscionable form of torture as their arms and legs were suddenly twisted and cut off at the joints.

Perhaps, it's easier for those students to think of abortion in terms of euphemisms such as

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"choice" or "freedom of choice," without their having to see the consequences of the act they support and/or promote.

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Condemnation

This letter is addressed to those who have displayed the photos of the malformed fetuses in the EMU showcase window entitled "Holocaust." I'm not sure what your cheap spread is trying to prove, but what I gather is that you hope either to make those who have had abortions feel guilty or you believe those who decide to do so, don't know what it is they are doing.

Well, thank you, whoever you are. What would we weak, stupid women do if we didn't have self-righteous leaders such as you tell us what to do with our own bodies, our own pregnancies and our own lives? It is reassuring to know that should we ever get into such a position where we would have to make such a choice, that we don't have to think for ourselves? We can let you be our judge.

Next time a woman is carrying an unhealthy fetus that neither she nor her mate can care for, I'll let them know you will be more than willing to care for that child and person throughout his or her entire lifetime.

Next time a woman gets pregnant (or a young girl), and has no means of supporting herself or her child, I'll send her in your direction so you may provide a home and food for

both of them.

Or when the unwanted, battered children show up at the already taxed social agencies, I'll let them know you will provide all the care those children need, making things all better.

For your information, anti-abortion folk, I think your gaudy displays have a reverse effect on what you are trying to achieve. There is a difference between talking to people in an empathetic, caring, logical way, and condemning them from a self-built ivory tower.

Ginger Barnes

Rebuttal

A letter of a few weeks ago from Ms. Gaston with its claims of salvation coming from the study of the works of the "Lord" has left me with a bad taste in my mouth. Gaston asks that we study the Bible yet, she and the people in her faith refuse to study the thousands of books that are the basis of the argument which those in doubt of her religion have studied.

Ms. Gaston, why do you and your single source feel that we are the ones that have trouble with tunnel vision? When you and the others of your faith take a single book of doubtful origin and claim that it is the only Truth, it strikes me that the real tunnel vision is in your end of the ballpark. When you can show the same respect for those of us that are in pursuit of knowledge outside of faith, we will give a bit more respect to the ideas you teach. Don't expect others to listen to the claims of those who don't practice what they preach.

Bill Snyder

Ill-bred

I have studied at Oregon four years now and each time I see classic cinema on campus it is spoiled by an unappreciative and disrespectful audience. But a showing on Jan. 26 was the limit.

"West Side Story" by Leonard Bernstein is a now classic 20th century operetta. It is tragic and romantic. And it employs classic conventions to evoke

corresponding feelings. But did the Eugene audience understand this? Did the Eugene audience respect the rights of those of us who were trying to enjoy the performance? Did the audience appreciate traditional operatic convention as the heroine Maria sang to her lover and hero, Tony?

Of course not. Anyone at the performance would testify that the audience was rude and distasteful in their obnoxious and ill-timed laughter during classic scenes.

And the point is that the Eugene and campus audience is always ill-behaved and not just on that night. It has been equally obnoxious at "Gone with the Wind," "Wuthering Heights," "Casablanca," and the numerous other films.

Why is the audience so uneducated and ill-bred? So selfish as to spoil our enjoyment of classic cinema?

Please, the next time Hitchcock or Shakespeare come to the screen, stay home and eat granola or something. Pop corn, roast hot dogs and drink Coca-Cola. Only don't infringe on our right to view and appreciate good cinema in peace. Your behavior reflects not only on yourself but on your society and parentage.

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Victims

According to last Friday's Emerald, the Eugene Police decided last week that "they do not intend to bring charges against a 30-year-old University student for shooting a man in the back after he raped her last weekend."

Well, how sweet of them!

Why should they even consider bringing charges against a rape victim for shooting the man who raped her? She should not only be allowed by law to shoot the man who raped her, but she should be allowed to shoot to kill (If she had killed him I'm sure she'd be convicted for murder).

Isn't it time our society started protecting the victims of rape instead of the criminals?

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