

University education is more than books

The University community provides students with a unique opportunity to gain practical experience in a wide range of professional fields.

Students can arrange a variety of internships, often gaining University credits for the experience. Similarly, student government and organizations, and campus-based businesses such as the Emerald, allow students the chance to develop management techniques, target career opportunities, and develop vocational skills that will make students more marketable after graduation.

During the current legislative session in Salem, about 25 University students are working as legislative interns. The students perform constituent case work, observe legislative committees, write committee testimony and research possible legislation. It is a unique experience that cannot be gained in a classroom.

The ASUO also gives students the chance to develop a variety of skills and experiences that will one day help in a job search.

But amazingly a large number of students do not take advantage of these opportunities.

We all have friends who seem to be involved in everything on campus. And many of us wish that we could be like that person, yet we just don't know where to begin.

The opportunities for such activism are there. You just need to seek them out.

Contact your academic department, speak with representatives of the ASUO, the Emerald or other student groups, or contact the Career Planning and Placement Center.

Students who are returning in the fall should take advantage of these programs. The university experience does not only occur in the classroom.

Potential employers not only want employees with solid grades, they also want people who have some relevant experience.

Do yourself a favor; get involved this fall.

There's much to consider but so few answers to it all

A few things to ponder during a sunny summer day:

- Will George Bush be the Republican's Walter Mondale in 1988?
- Will Tip O'Neill really retire after this congressional session?
- What is Nancy Reagan's real age?
- Who is Dan Goulet?
- Does anyone really like Andy Rooney? How old is he? Who cares? We don't, do you?
- How long will Billy Martin survive as the Yankees' manager?
- Does Jack Nicholson go to every Los Angeles Lakers' game? Who cares?
- Who is Dan Goulet?
- Will Leon Durham trip over his glove again in a clutch situation?
- Will Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood try to get his party's vice presidential nomination in 1988?

Have a nice summer and enjoy the sunshine.



letters

Act now

President Teddy Roosevelt, in 1905, stopped the bloody Russian-Japanese war by getting representatives of those nations to a peace conference at Portsmouth, N.H. In a month, a peace treaty was signed. A year later, he stopped Germany and France from fighting over Morocco. His success at peace making is told in the book, "The March of Democracy," by James Truslow Adams.

I wrote the United Nations to do the same with the 44 wars now being fought, by enlisting impartial nations to get fighting nations to peace conferences.

The Presbytery of Monmouth, consisting of 43 churches in central New Jersey, recently passed a resolution and sent it to the United Nations, endorsing my suggestion of a year ago that the United Nations declare a world-wide cease fire to take effect on a certain day and hour, after which nations would submit disputes to the United Nations for settlement.

Humanity has conquered most diseases, but has turned the world into a huge battlefield, causing death and destruction, and impoverishment of nations and families. Now it needs to conquer the hated disease of war.

If the United Nations is not going to do the work for which it was established — maintain peace, then individual, impartial nations ought to follow Teddy Roosevelt's example and act on their own to stop wars.

Clipping out this letter and sending it to the United Nations

in New York, zip code: 10017, could help make wars obsolete and produce a better world for us and our heirs. Let's turn those swords into plow shares.

Horald Lindemann
Eatontown, N.J.

Not funny

As a former softball player, I want to reply to the Sidelines (ODE, June 5) article about softball coach P.J. Harlin.

First of all, I am outraged that P.J. said that she applied for the position of collegiate softball coach "almost as a joke." I took my participation in collegiate athletics very seriously.

As a future professional in the field of physical education, I have a great deal of respect for the role of coaches in the lives of student athletes. The statement that a former team, "didn't know how to win," is an insult to the players on that team and directly reflects P.J.'s attitude toward athletics, to win at all costs. If the primary purpose of athletics is to win, then for the majority of participants, the athletic experience will inherently end in defeat. My personal goal as an athlete has been to participate and to have the best experience possible.

It was the philosophy of winning at all costs that ended the opportunity for several players to participate in their final season. P.J. weeded players out by threatening and intimidating them. This is consistent with Chris Voelz's concepts of "discipline," and "accountability." Participation, not winning, is the ultimate goal in athletics. I do not consider my participation in collegiate athletics as a "joke," nor was being thrown out of the boat a reasonable expenditure.

The success of the 1985 season should go to the former and present members of the team, not only for "winning," but for their willingness to participate under adverse circumstances. I admire their courage and persistence. As a student athlete, I do not feel that I was respected by the University's continuing support of this coaching philosophy.

If it's a "joke," I don't think it's very funny.

Terry Nail
Human Performance and Development

Who knows?

For several weeks now I have looked for letters concerning the B.T. spraying around Eugene. I've seen nothing, everyone I've talked to feels the same way I do: like a Vietnam veteran with delayed stress reaction when I hear the helicopters buzzing my house at the ungodly hour of 6 a.m., not once, but on six different occasions.

On weekdays I pen my dog in my yard when I leave for work; he has been vomiting (along with my neighbor's dog) ever since the sprayings began, despite my cleaning his water and food dishes. When I sit on the grass, my skin burns. I am surrounded by people who have come down with strangely coincidental "flu"; they vomit, they have headaches, sore throats, constant nausea...

I have not seen statistics on the safety of B.T. or what other biological organisms it will affect besides gypsy moths (bees? butterflies? birds?) What is the effect upon ground water or the cherries on the tree in my yard. Nobody asked for my vote on whether this valley should be inundated for a month; information about the ingredients has not been made available.

Why have I read no other letters about B.T.? Doesn't anybody else's skin burn? How many others have had headaches and nausea? The inversion layer in the weather patterns seem to be holding the chemical in the air lately, for today especially I feel polluted, affected, tainted... Is Eugene to be an experimental case study? The results may not be immediately apparent, but the short term effect appears unpleasant, and worse: kept quiet. Who knows what the long-range effect may be?

Molly Moore
Graduate student, English

They're ours

Hi, I believe it is possible the attack upon the Philadelphia M.O.V.E. house may have been fully planned, including the results. There should be a detailed investigation. They incinerated our children. Yours and mine. They're all of our children.

Tommy Walen
Laughing deer

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