

Letters

Amused as hell

What is the problem with this school?

I read with amusement Shu-Shing Chen's letter about the SPA ("Not amused," ODE, April, 23), but something about it bothered me.

I think it was the headline. Not amused? Isn't this about the fiftieth time we've seen "Not amused" in the pages of the Emerald? I mean, what's the matter, isn't anybody amused around here anymore?

Take Lynn Pinckney. She rampages against the Emerald, the Commentator, men in the escort service, a few shares of IBM stock, the athletic department and some poor Chinese restaurant that inadvertently placed an amusing, if off-color ad.

But in three months Lynn will be a big-time lawyer with "ASUO executive" on her resume, and the world will still not be free from the collective evils of college journalism, Republicans, men doing nice things for women, apartheid, Oregon football, and Chinese food, music and girls. And yet she acts as if she is doing something that matters.

Not amused? Frankly, I'm amused as hell.

Joshua Tanzer
Student

Hysterical

In response to the letters "Greek lifestyles" and "Etiquette quiz," I'd hardly consider name calling to be any more "cool" (oh no) than harassment.

Shame, shame, however, on the "Greekies" whose "harassment" dubbed you a "narrow-minded SOB." In one way or another we all are, alas for human nature. Isn't it funny how we are all so perfect that we can point out each other's vices?

When I read your first letter I laughed looking forward to the heated rebuttals and responses. "Etiquette quiz" was a beauty! Thank you Blake for your entertainment. I laughed hysterically! Have you ever considered journalism?

Beth Gaiser
"Greekie"

Simple minds

This is a very simple message for the obviously very simple minds at work here at the U of O campus. Regardless of your ignorance, intolerance and hateful attitudes toward gays and lesbians, DO NOT rip down or cover up our flyers.

It appears that the mere suggestion of a reality existing that is not your own offends and threatens you. I hate to explode your illusions, but white, heterosexual, able-bodied rich kids are not the only ones to exist on this campus. This is not to imply that any one group of individuals is responsible for these offenses. Just realize that your reality is not the only one and the "right" one.

It is not your place to oppress and harass us. Pretend for just five minutes that you are a reasonable and compassionate adult and let diverse and unique peoples exist regardless of your phobias and "isms." Let your hatred go. It can only benefit your own growth.

Leah Juniper
Judy C. Finch
Co-Directors, Gay
and Lesbian Alliance

Music choices

In response to Robert Duffy's complaints about KWAX's programming: As a student at the University you support many things that may be of no use to you. The museum, the library (unless there is an important paper due) and the Athletic Department.

As to whether or not KWAX's programming is conservative, maybe you should decide what conservatism is. To me, someone is conservative when they are afraid to step out of their usual cultural landscape and experience something which is new to them.

I'm sure that if you listened with any sort of awareness, you could find within KWAX's programming musical ideas that would satisfy your most outlandish fantasies, music rich with rhythms and harmonies that are far less conservative than the straight ahead dance beats and simplistic harmonic structures that make up most of the music you mentioned in your letter.

The radio dial in Eugene has a number of very fine stations with a wide variety of listening

choices. Between KRVM, KLCC and KRXX you will find the best of the music you mentioned; the addition of KWAX's programming only serves to round out your choices.

Nathan Waddell
Eugene

Diversification

I would like to respond to Robert Duffy's letter on his ideas of changing the format of our own university's radio station, KWAX ("Change format," April 24).

I am sorry Rob, but I do not think it is ridiculous for a college station to play classical music. I, too, am from the San Francisco Bay area and am well aware of KALX and KUSF. I always listen to and enjoy both stations when I am there.

You must remember, though, that we are not in the bay area and what can work for a large metropolis may not be suitable for a community such as Eugene. Diversification is what you stress and in Eugene diversification exists.

Stations such as KRXX and the public school district's KRVM are two such stations that follow the format you propose. As for any other classical stations in the area, there are none. If your idea was established, it would create not more, but less diversification for the community.

Oh, and please do not think that everyone that listens to KWAX is over 35-years-old. I am not even close to that age yet.

Daniel Cooke
Senior, Political Science
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Election letters won't be printed

Due to the enormous number of letters received in the past week, we have many election-related letters on hand that could not be run before the election.

As always, we publish letters in the order received, but we see no purpose in publishing "vote for me" or ballot measure opinion letters when the election is over.

All letters of this genre will not be run. Anyone who submitted such a letter that did not run is welcome to talk with us regarding this policy.



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