

# Editorial

## All-classical format suitable for KWAX

University radio station KWAX has received substantial publicity as a result of music Professor Robert Hurwitz's commentary in the April 4 Emerald.

Part of our role as a campus newspaper is to provide a forum for people in the campus community to spout their opinions about such issues as the role and format of KWAX.

KWAX should retain its all-classical format. No other station in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area provides such music regularly, indeed there is no other 24-hour classical station in Oregon. There is nothing wrong with the University's station being one.

If the metro area offered nothing but top 40, country and easy listening, KWAX would need to consider offering greater variety to fill the gaps. Fortunately, the air above Eugene contains a great variety of musical offerings, including the jazz format of KLCC and the newest offerings on KRVM.

KWAX fits perfectly into the metro media pattern. The community supports a variety of musical activities, and KWAX helps people appreciate the great variety of classical music.

KWAX is not a "student" radio station in the traditional sense. It exists as part of the University's public affairs function.

Half of its \$200,000 budget comes from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. An additional quarter comes from the State of Oregon. The remainder comes from donations, grants and program underwriting, including \$1,700 from the Incidental Fee Committee.

No tuition money is used for KWAX. Many students contribute to the station's fundraisers because they appreciate the chance to have such a source of classical music at their University and in their community.

Eugene-Springfield is a small community with unusually good musical offerings. It cannot pretend to be large enough to support the extraordinary musical variety of Los Angeles, San Francisco or Chicago.

Nor can such cities aspire to be this one. An all-classical KWAX is an important part of this community, and deserves continuing student and faculty support.

## Duckpark a good answer for campus parking issue

The University has been talking for years about parking problems. It has finally begun creating a few scraped-together additional spaces here and there around campus.

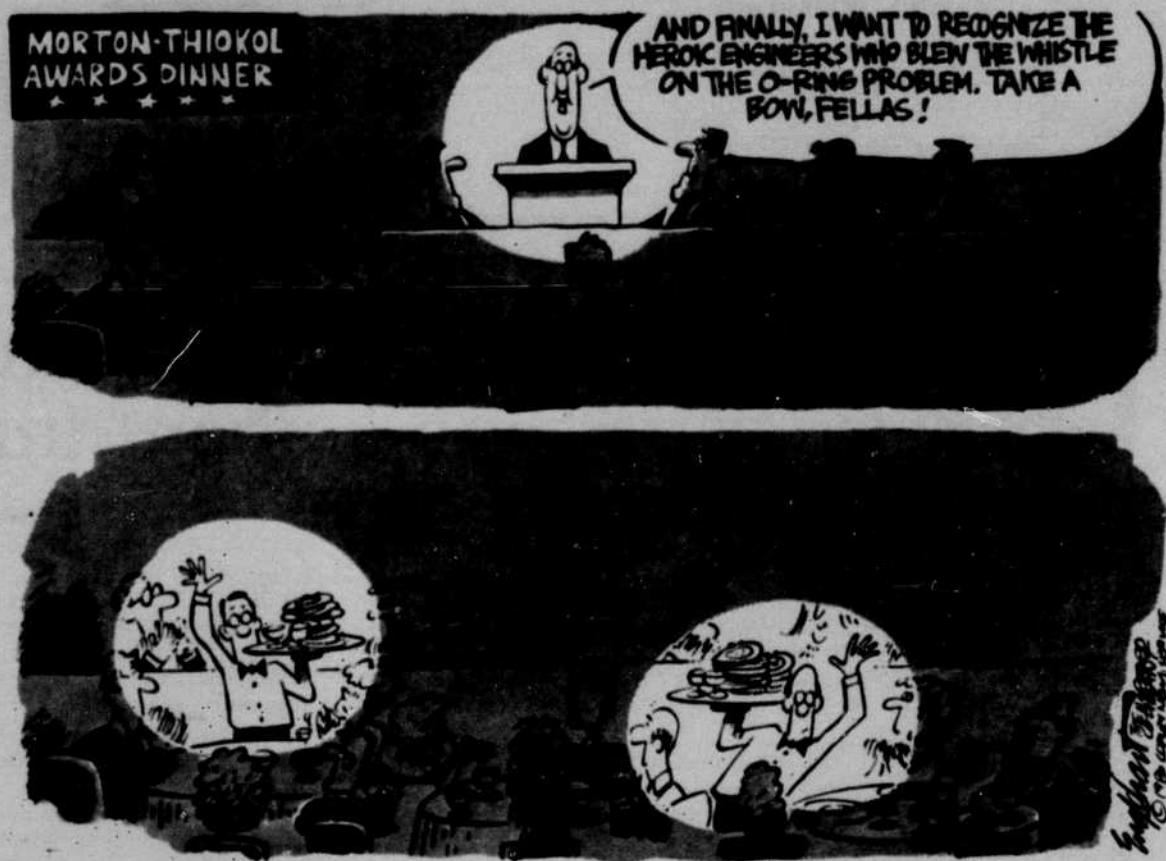
The parking problem question has seen enough committees, reports and studies. The University lacks about 1,200 parking spaces for an institution of its size, according to Willy Hart of the campus planning office.

Only a large new parking facility of some sort can solve a problem of this magnitude. The University should plan to build one soon and stop nibbling at the problem.

Parking structures are ugly. They also make far more sense than spreading parking out across vast expanses of land. Underground parking might be feasible, too, but why not just build a big square Duckpark where the 14th and Kincaid lot is now?

Surely no faculty member would mind giving up a reserved space for the time it takes to build a Duckpark. The long-term benefits are obvious. Give the displaced faculty a free lifetime space in the new facility.

Use the ground floor for little shops — what a place for a new Lenny's Nosh Bar or Hoots!



## Letters

### No divestiture

Divestiture is stupid for exactly the reason Glenn Sacks put forth. If we sell all our stock to divest, the price will drop, and greedier, more unscrupulous business people will snap it up at a bargain price. We will have no more financial stake in South Africa, which means we will have no control. Our only option would then be to incite bloody revolution.

Be real. The shanties are roughly equivalent to a very spoiled child throwing a very noisy temper tantrum to get attention. Moderates and conservatives on campus have to find realistic means of venting their frustration at Pretoria and moving effectively to change things.

It is not effective to sue Oregon with its own money, or to build shanties that take up some lawn space for a week. Remember we are trying to change the inbred policy of a tiny nation half a world away.

As for conservatives, it is essential we come up with new and better solutions to the problems in South Africa. It is essential that the left not put words in our mouths. Remember the pint-size interview of Oregon Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer in *The Record*; the AG refused to say what *The Record* wanted to

hear, and refused to be pinned down on the issue.

Being a conservative at this point means basically exerting your free will.

As for moderates, I might be willing to say that some of them are sometimes stupid too. Rather than waxing liberal, do something effective. You have my support and the support of a hell of a lot of people in South Africa.

James R. Young, Jr.  
Oregon Commentator

### Protest list

I am amazed at how campus organizations seemingly never protest domestic issues. I have a few suggestions.

**Hunger.** According to no less a source than the Physician's Task Force on Hunger in America, there are a staggering 20 million malnourished people in the U.S.

**Poverty.** According to the U.S. government, there are 35 million people living in poverty.

**Disease.** According to the Reagan administration last year 60,000 black people died unnecessarily due to lack of proper medical treatment. 60,000!

**Unemployment.** Because official unemployment statistics only count those going to their unemployment offices every week, the real number of unemployed people in this country is not 8 million but closer to 15 million. In addition, only 33.6 percent of all officially unemployed workers receive benefits, usually for only a few months.

**Factory closures.** As the corporate bandits increasingly build their factories in cheap labor countries the amount of new investment in the United States is comparatively small. In the last five years a staggering 12 million workers lost their jobs due to plant closures.

America is rapidly de-industrializing, indeed the manufacturing percentage of our economy has fallen from 30

percent in 1954 to a mere 21 percent today.

**Union busting.** According to Labor Secretary William Brock, the percentage of unionized workers in the United States is by far the least among the industrialized nations.

Mass cutbacks and layoffs have often destroyed the ability of working people to make ends meet. This does not even include the tens of millions of non-union workers, many of them women, "living" on \$3.35 an hour.

That's something to protest about!

Glenn Sacks  
Socialist

### Donate books

On behalf of the Sister University Project, I would like to thank Scott Hedig and the Sigma Chi fraternity for their generous donation of hundreds of books to the National University of El Salvador. We are grateful for all the donations that we have received, and would like to encourage everyone to donate their used textbooks and other educational items to the project.

As the spring term is drawing to a close, the time to resell our textbooks is upon us again. This term, why not help out the students of El Salvador, whose school was devastated by the military occupation of 1980?

Any and all books, typewriters and other educational materials, as well as cash donations, are much appreciated. Book drop boxes are located in the University and Smith Family Bookstores and near the ASUO office in the EMU.

The Sister University Project Committee meets every Monday at 2:30 pm in EMU Century Room E. Anyone who is interested in helping out is welcome to attend.

Randy MacDonald  
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