

# Editorial

## Riverfront forum can solve problems

Tomorrow evening at 7 there will be a public forum in the Eugene Community Conference Center adjacent to the Eugene Hilton to discuss the master plan for the Riverfront Research Park. The meeting is an opportunity for the community to voice concerns and ask questions about the project, and as such it should be attended.

Overall, the master plan for developing the area along the millrace and the Willamette River is carefully thought out and is considerate of the University soccer field and the Silva orchard already located there. These were two primary concerns voiced in the early stages of planning.

The orchard will be converted into a formal garden and parks will be designed in the project. The soccer field will remain although it may be reoriented.

But the designers of the park should take note of the environmental issues involved. The upkeep of the area and the health of the wildlife should not be sacrificed.

The project will bring more people to the area, both during and after construction. This undoubtedly will produce more garbage and noise. Although the situation has the potential for problems, with some effort and consideration they can be prevented.

Nonetheless, the meeting tomorrow night can help to solve these and other problems. The forum is designed for the public and the community should take advantage of it.

## Paper and radio reopening important step for peace

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega announced a peace plan for his country last week to comply with the Central American peace plan signed in August. The reopening of the Roman Catholic Church radio station and the 62-year-old paper, La Prensa, were among the new provisions.

Although the Reagan administration is wary about the plan, calling it "fatally flawed," the new-found freedom of speech is an important first step to peace.

The paper was shut down 15 months ago after government allegations that it was connected with the CIA. The church radio station was one of 22 closed stations, and was taken off the air when it refused to broadcast an Ortega speech.

By allowing these mediums to operate again, Ortega is demonstrating a willingness to allow open information. This is a vital step in achieving a cease-fire and peace in Central America.

Reagan has reacted cautiously to the proposals, as can be expected. But he should not ignore their significance. If Ortega is encouraged to uphold his peace plans, then the country can take the necessary steps toward peace.

The opening of the press in Nicaragua symbolizes an opening of minds. Critics should not be so hasty to close them again.



## Letters

### Safety

Now, I know you people going to college are smart people. If you weren't smart people, you wouldn't be going to college. So I know you're smart, and I can be sure that you don't want to get AIDS.

Now, you're probably feeling a lot safer since the condom machines were installed in the dorms because you've read the reports, and you know how condoms decrease the chance of contracting AIDS.

But what about deep kissing? Condoms don't help you there. And biting. Better not do it if you only have a condom.

In fact, there are many common sexual practices which condoms won't help against at all. But now, there's something new. Body condoms. Completely safe. Zero percent chance of contracting a sexual disease. Or any other illnesses. Air supply for two hours. Body condoms are reusable, too. Not like your ordinary condoms.

If you don't want to catch AIDS, then body condoms are the way to go. The world of condoms can be a fun and exciting one. But you can't be too safe.

Donald X. Vaccarino  
Mathematics

### Animal control

I would like to thank the Oregon Daily Emerald for printing the story concerning animal control and leash/licensing laws pertaining to University students and Lane County residents.

Moreover, I would especially like to express my thanks to Susan Thelen for her instrumental role in its printing.

While it was an informative story, which did bring out the major points of concern, it did contain two errors.

Lane County Animal Regulation Authority, or LCARA, is the correct name of the agency.

More importantly, there was an error concerning the length of time that our agency holds animals. A dog wearing a license is held for a minimum of five days and an attempt is made to notify the owner by mail.

However, unlicensed dogs, or those not wearing their tags, are held a minimum of three days.

Licensed or unlicensed, if you've lost your pet (dog, cat ferret, etc.), you would need to check with our agency in person.

LCARA is available for information, education and the promotion of animal welfare as well as enforcement of city and county codes. For more information about the agency or business hours call 687-DOGS.

Judy Finch  
Animal welfare officer

### Abolish Greeks

A young lady was injured in a bicycle accident in front of the Phi Delt's fraternity house after Saturday's football game.

I was particularly impressed

### Letters Policy

The Emerald will attempt to print all letters containing fair comment on topics of interest to the University community.

Letters to the editor must be limited to 250 words, typed, signed and the identification of the writer must be verified when the letter is turned in.

by the gallant and speedy action taken by the boys gathered at the fraternity's front door.

Almost immediately, they began shouting taunts and jeers as the young lady sat on the ground dazed and bleeding profusely from a head wound that later took five stitches to close.

If this is the type of behavior tolerated and condoned by the Phi Delt's in particular, it is not only disgusting, but also indicative of the Greek system as a whole.

Already infamous for its gang-fighting and sexist/racist bent, this incident reinforces the view that the whole system should be abolished at the University for all the above reasons.

Tim Chauran  
Journalism

### Questions

In response to John Moore's letter (9-30) and Daniel Monk-Kowalsky's letter (10-5), I would say to that the question at issue here is: why has the EMU Rec. Center decided, in Mr. Monk-Kowalsky's words, "to refund quarters lost in broken machines only at the end of the week?"

Then we can start to ask a few more questions. How much money would be lost if the EMU Rec. Center refunded each quarter as soon as it was reported lost? How much money is saved by making students wait until the end of the week? Have broken machines cost the Rec. Center too much money? Has too much time elapsed between the time that a student first reports a lost quarter and the time that the machine is finally repaired?

These are the questions that we need to ask.

We don't need to discuss the character of either Mr. Monk-Kowalsky or Mr. Moore. We all get upset every once in a while.

Marianne Szlyk  
GTF, English

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