Letters

Cleaner air

Q: How can you make a 15cent investment now which will vield many future benefits? Answer to follow

Today in America, there is increasing urgency for cleaner air. Humans have been polluting the atmosphere since the origin of fire; then we industrialized; then came self-propelled transportation.

The air is being polluted at an ever-increasing rate. One can't expect to fill a balloon forever; it's going to refuse intake at some point, then, no more balloon.

Like the balloon, the atmosphere will get to a point of refusing intake, causing all life. even those whom have no voice, to cease

In the U.S. Senate, there is a bill (S1630) that would make California's automobile emission standards the toughest in this nation.

What is your 15-cent investment? Take your 15 cents, walk to the post office, purchase a pre-stamped postcard for 15 cents, return to your dwelling. grasp a writing implement, sit down. Address the postcard to either of your Senators (Oregon: Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood). Write on the postcard why you feel we need cleaner air, and why you want your Senator to vote for S1630.

Clean air is not a privilege: it is a right. Stand up for your rights. Encourage your friends to also invest 15 cents. Voice your opinions now while you're still able to breathe

> **Puneh Moasser** Student

Fully deserves

The protests at the opening of the new science complex created quite a stir. I sensed a remarkable amount of pent-up

anger and frustration in the protesters who rarely, if ever, get a chance to confront the likes of Neil Goldschmidt and Mark Hatfield

What has not been said is that Mark Hatfield has snuck into Eugene a number of times in the last year. He regularly appears at meetings of timber company executives and logging equipment salesmen. But the University community is not informed of these events. nor would we be welcome if we went. When Hatfield made a rare appearance in south Eugene, he found a backlog of anger in the progressive community

Thanking these politicians for the new buildings was a needed gesture from this still disgracefully underfunded university. State. Rep. Carl Hosticka deserves great thanks for his role in gaining these new buildings as well.

But Hatfield also fully deserved what he got from the protesters, and he fully deserves to be defeated in the next election.

> Tom Ribe Student

Wasteful

Recently, I received an invitation to the inauguration ceremony of Myles Brand. Nearly one hundred other invitations came to my address, as I live in a group situation.

The invitation instructed me to pick up my complimentary ticket at the EMU main desk. The invitation failed to mention the inauguration concert. for which I need to pick up another ticket.

This tells me many things. First, there are nearly twenty thousand pieces of paper unnecessarily used as invitations

(unfortunately, I cannot recycle my invitation because it has a sticky label with my address attached to it).

Second, there are nearly forty thousand (not including faculty and staff) pieces of paper unnecessarily used as tickets for the events.

Third, the added inconvenience of picking up a ticket may deter students from attending. And finally, I want to know how much of the ASUO budget was wasted on paper and mailing costs.

A better approach to this situation would be a simple advertisement of the inauguration appearing in the Emerald asking students to bring their University identification card to gain admission.

I am disappointed this far with our new president.

> Erika Jostad Eugene



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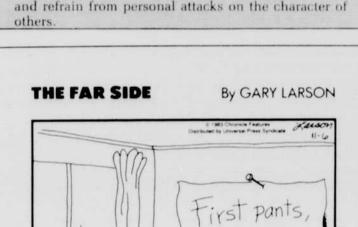
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