

Letters

Crass

To the man in administration, who said, essentially, and probably with a smile, "These protests and delays only postpone the inevitable: I have every intention of building the (Alder St.) parking structure."

How can you be so crass and irresponsible!? Don't you want to do something good for the world instead of something bad?

Think about it, please: What's one of the biggest problems we face here and Eugene and elsewhere? Among the obvious ones, there's no way you can avoid admitting that too many cars falls right up there. Don't you realize we need fewer people driving to work/school instead of more?!

This is not the 1950s, when in many ways society "didn't know better." Creating more traffic and causing more pollution; no matter how much money it might bring you, and no matter how much "easier" it makes it for lazy people to get to work/school, is downright wrong.

There are simply no good reasons for building a new parking structure on campus.

Jeff Harrison
English

Vacuous

Certainly it isn't unprecedented, but the lengthy and expensive-looking Budweiser ad in the Nov. 20 *Emerald* deserves comment.

It would be unfortunate to see this information medium go by way of television, with vacuous and insulting advertisements for products which need no further increase in popularity. It disappoints me to think of the endless list of worthwhile products and services which receive little if any advertising, while cheap beer and glitzy lifestyles are what the *Emerald* selects to promote.

No doubt the *Emerald* received significant bucks from this ad, but what are its priorities? I certainly am no advocate for litter, but fortunately for

many readers, the insert fell out of the issue before it had to be observed.

Annie Dochvahl
Student

Congratulations

Saturday, Nov. 18, two four-person teams of computer science students traveled to the University of Portland to participate in the 1989 ACM Programming Contest (Pacific Region).

The goal: to finish seven programming problems of moderate difficulty in six hours, with only one computer available per team. This then became an exercise in resource management, group dynamics and meeting time constraints. Competing schools in the region ranged from the University of Victoria, southward to Stanford and Berkeley.

One of the University's teams did admirably well, finishing three of the problems within the time limit (the average among the 39 competing teams was close to one problem solved). This garnered third place, behind two teams from Stanford, and ahead of a team from Berkeley, and one from Pacific Lutheran in Tacoma.

Since no school may send more than one team to the international competition, the Oregon team has earned the right to go as one of the two teams

representing the Pacific region.

Assuming the funds can be obtained, graduate students Bill Nitzberg and Michelle Thibault, and undergraduates Dave Koblas and Ed Kilham, along with faculty adviser John Conery, will be attending the international competition in Washington, D.C. at the end of February. As the first University team to do so well, they deserve big congratulations.

James Drew
Computer Science

Kettle black

In Bert Tryba's Nov. 22 letter "Whirling dervish," Tryba said "... Payne spins forth of abstract words into an argument of little substance."

Well, Tryba, what we have here is a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

Rob Hartsock
Leisure studies

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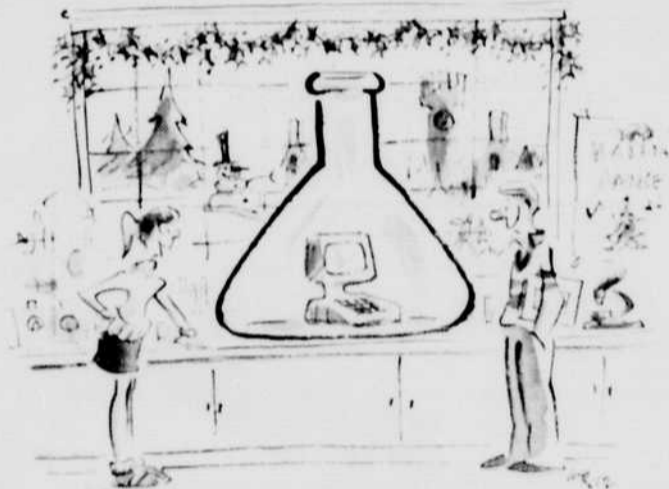
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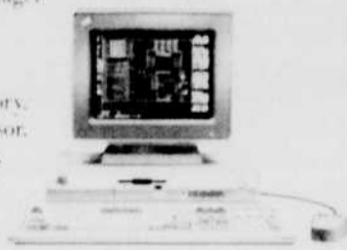
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