

## Letters

### Dead week

What's the idea of not having a reading week? Every other university I've ever heard of has at least a few days without classes to let students review for exams. Here we have to go straight from classes, labs, and teaching to exams. This stinks.

David Fashena  
Biology

### Indicative

I strongly protest the recent proposal by the Student Health Insurance Committee to require the universal participation in the University's health insurance plan. (Prudential). While I may accept the University's argument that all students should possess adequate health coverage, I reject any attempts to mandate that it should be provided by a particular plan.

As a cancer patient, I incur significantly higher insurance premiums in order to assure myself of the availability of comprehensive medical coverage. Although I considered the ASUO health insurance plan, I found it seriously lacking in eligible services.

It precludes pre-existing conditions from coverage for a year, and requires a proportionally greater premium for less

coverage, by failing to provide for the extent of treatment I require.

If this proposal is indicative of the programs endorsed by the only "student-run, student-controlled, volunteer insurance enrollment plan in the nation," then I would argue that it is time to eliminate such a policy-making decision. The students of this university cannot afford another \$300 a year for such arrogant mismanagement.

Greg Ringer  
Geography

### Grow up

Big game hunting, 1990, Oregon style (all perfectly legal with a permit from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife):

1) Sit around camp, enjoying a few brews, while radio-collared dogs run their hearts out tracking a cougar (or bear).

2) When radio signal indicates cougar is treed, hop in gas-guzzling 4x4 and follow signal to its source.

3) Test one's marksmanship by shooting the cougar (paralyzed with fright by the dogs) from close range.

4) Have taxidermist prepare "trophy" (teeth bared is impressive).

5) Hang trophy on wall, brag about the challenge of the hunt,

or joke about the "stupidity" of the animal. Feel like a man.

Isn't it time we grew up; respected the rights of other creatures?

Jeff Goddard  
Eugene

### Gosh

Thank you for printing my letter (ODE, Dec. 7) about the University team's placement in the ACM Programming Contest on Nov. 18. But tell me, why did it take you two-and-one-half weeks to publish it?

I turned that letter in on Nov. 20, the first business day after the contest. Was it not newsworthy enough for you (obviously the contest itself was not, as no other coverage of it appeared)? Did you perhaps lose the letter?

There have been other letters with more recent date references printed in the interim. There has been no lack of coverage of sporting events — does not a win in an academic competition seem as important as last Saturday's loss for the varsity XXX team?


Believe me, it is really heartening to see that the Department of Computer and Information Science ranks so highly on your scale of newsworthy subjects.

Gosh. The Oregon Voice's

listing of our new building's bathrooms as the best on campus seems to be more positive feedback than we get from you people. Thanks for showing us just how newsworthy excel-

lence in academics really is around here.

James Drew  
Computer Science



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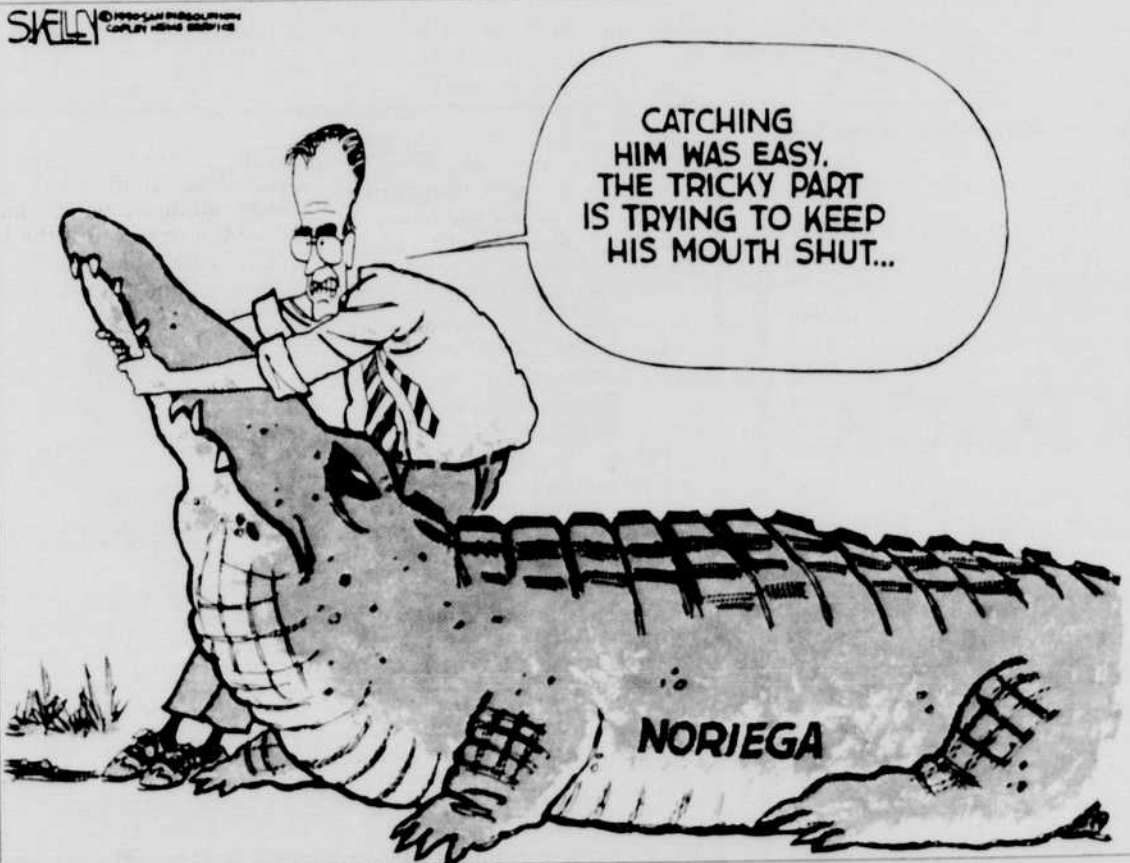
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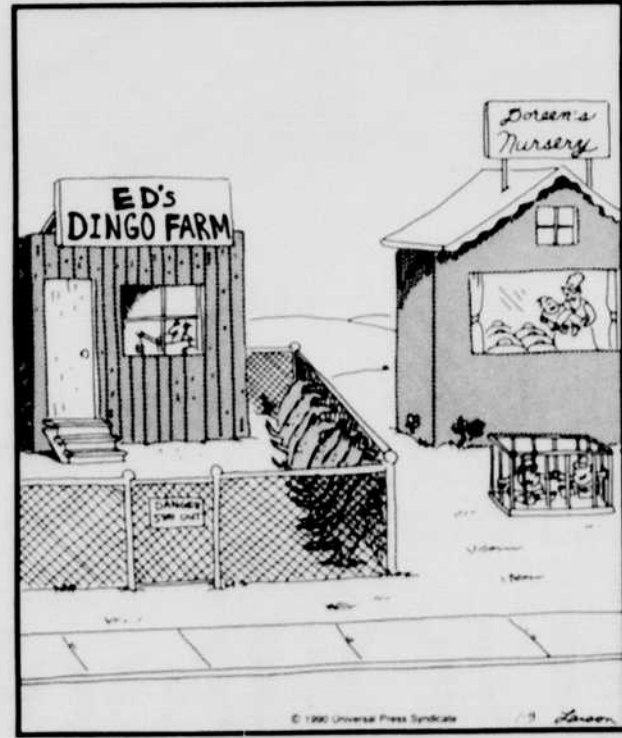


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