

## Letters

### Confusion

It appears that in the confusion of seeing in a new term, the *Emerald* has neglected to report on a vitally important event which took place on Dec. 12, during finals week.

The *Emerald* did receive a news release and at least one phone call concerning the event, so it is particularly surprising and disappointing that they did not respond in any way.

The event I'm referring to was an accident which took place on the evening of Dec. 12th in the new animal "care" facilities in Streisinger Hall.

According to the Director of Lab Animal Services, Dr. Jack Vanderlip, the "newly installed temperature control system ... malfunctioned, sending temperatures above 90 degrees for four hours ... As a consequence of the high temperatures, three rabbits died."

Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals was notified of this accident by an anonymous University employee, who was concerned the

event would go unannounced. Were it not for this employee, animal rights advocates, as well as the general public, may have gone unnoticed of the accident for months, because neither the *Emerald* nor the *Register-Guard* reported it.

Ironically enough, the *Emerald* is still dredging up the 1986 ALF lab break-in which ended up exposing numerous violations of federal animal care policy. Is there really such a difference between that incident and the malfunction of a brand new University computer system, resulting in the death of unwillingly caged animals?

Come on *Emerald*, stop trying to push these kinds of injustices under the table because of personal agendas.

Jill Freidberg  
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### On Boyd

The item on President William Boyd's resignation, one of the *Emerald's* "Top Ten" campus news stories of the 1980s in the Dec. 11 issue, was entirely

misleading in content and tone. By innuendo it clearly suggests that he resigned because of an athletics department scandal that year, 1980. This is a gross distortion of the record without basis in fact.

When the "bogus credits" story broke late in 1979, Boyd immediately ordered an investigation by his office's legal counsel and followed it through to the end. Indeed, he was criticized by some fans who accused him of being a spoilsport for "making a big deal out of nothing," thus damaging the football program.

Readers unfamiliar with William Boyd, and by this time they may be presumed to be many, would receive an unfavorable and wholly erroneous impression of him as a man and of his distinguished service as president of this university. The *Emerald* owes him, and those readers, an apology.

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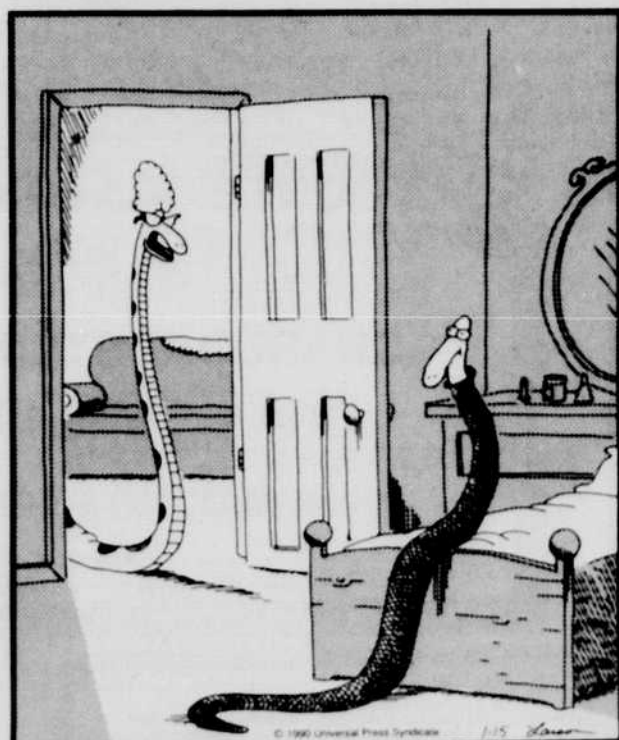
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