

One-time offer: Write your own editorials

We were going to write an editorial about apathy on college campuses, but we didn't get around to it.

For those of you who don't know what apathy is, think of it this way: You know how you feel after drinking a couple of cups of coffee and then trying to find an open bathroom in the EMU? Well, apathy is the opposite of that.

Apathy is interesting. Without apathy there would be no editorial today. Apathy is also responsible for the phrases, President Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle.

We could go into the history of apathy. But because no one took the time to record this glorious moment, nobody remembers who invented apathy or where it started. However, we're pretty sure it was somewhere near Corvallis.

So for today, you — the University students — get to write your own editorials. Fill in the space below, photocopy it and hand it out to all your friends and enemies.

If you have trouble coming up with an idea or opinion for your editorial, here are some suggestions we haven't got around to covering yet (but not because we're apathetic):

- The banishment of all rotisserie sports leagues.
- Prohibiting from the classroom all people who think they know more than the instructor. (Would there be any students?)
- Make beer gardens a daily event starting at 7 a.m.
- The banishment of the World League of American Football.
- Why is the the sky either blue or gray? To be fair to the other colors, shouldn't it change from day to day?

(Remember, all editorials should be devoid of any logical thought or ideas).

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LETTERS

Fortunate

I am puzzled by your front page story "Study in Italy program under investigation" (ODE, April 3).

While studying at three universities in three states, I took classes from several excellent professors, among whom Dr. Emmanuel Hatzantonis is one of the very best.

Surely any serious student would think himself or herself exceedingly fortunate "to have three or four roommates and to live above a piano bar that cranked up every night at midnight" or any other annoying inconveniences in order to have Hatzantonis show them Italy.

Ann Applegate
Mathematics

Parking wise

As everyone is aware, we have more persons desiring to park vehicles on campus than we have parking spaces. We would like to see that this demand is alleviated to some extent — at least to the best of our abilities.

In light of this goal, the University has implemented the LTD Ridership program for all students, faculty and staff, and more recently the Parking Incentive program — providing 100 percent refund for all parking permits turned back in (except dorm residents) by individuals willing to explore and find alternative methods of transportation to the University. Further information on these programs is available at the Office of Public Safety.

In an attempt to use existing space more effectively, the University is implementing another program. Beginning Monday, April 8, certain meters on 15th Avenue and University Street will display signs which state that those meters may be parked at in one of two manners: if you have a valid University parking permit you may park there without paying; if not, you will need to pay the meter as usual. The affected meters will have the appropriate sign attached to it — a single meter will denote that single space, a double-head meter will denote both spaces it governs.

The University hopes that this step will help alleviate some of the problems caused by a limited parking space supply. If you have any questions or comments, please call the Office of Public Safety, 346-5444 or 346-5447.

Rand Stamm
Office of Public Safety

5 still alive

Few, if any, of us associated with the University are happy about the consequences of Measure 5 for our venerated institution. Many of us have expressed outrage at the cuts that our administrators we forced to make.

These cuts, however, are small potatoes when contrasted with the cuts that will be necessary if the state does not find replacement revenue before the beginning of the second biennium under Measure 5.

This university is not the only important state institution that Measure 5 will destroy. It will also undermine many of the other important social service and public safety institutions of our state, creating a monster that only an anarchist could love.

Institutions of higher education will close, hardened criminals will be released from prison, children with serious disease will be denied adequate medical care, and some people with disabilities will not receive the minimum support that any civilized society should provide to its citizens.

On April 11, a local consumer group, Fair Share, will sponsor a day of lobbying the Legislature for replacement revenue. I encourage everyone who cares about the future of our state to participate if possible.

If you cannot go to Salem on that day, at least write to your state representative or senator, demanding that this session of the Legislature refer a replacement revenue bill to the voters

at the earliest possible date. The address is Oregon Legislature, Salem, Ore. 97310.

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Hip, hip, hooray

Let's hear it for George Bush and American foreign policy. Let's have a few more champagne party bashes and television specials glorifying our crusade in the Middle East and then settle back and access our brand new "world order."

One-hundred thousand Iraqi men, women and children no longer walk this Earth. Kuwait is still a monarchical basket case without a democratic clue, the Middle East is in environmental ruins, and George Bush is back in bed with Hussein; I guess he is no longer a "Hitler."

After flying 50,000 sortie bombing missions, we now consider it meddling in internal affairs to take out helicopter gunships wreaking genocidal havoc upon civilians.

Who can be bothered with such trivia? Bush is on a stellar ride in the polls, and America is glowing with pride. We are standing tall, and in spite of 2 million freezing, starving refugees on the borders of Iraq and Turkey, this Fourth of July should be the best celebration ever.

Just think, we can do it all again in a few years by arming some other psychotic dictator that we call friend. It certainly helps sidetrack our attention from Bush's bankrupt domestic policies.

Gerry Rempel
Eugene

Woe is she

I believe we should toss out the womyn and woman spellings and replace them with woeman, a far more encapsulating spelling of the same word, if not even more ridiculous.

Ethan Levi
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