

Free the schedule; drop proposed fee

Beginning fall term, the University will no longer give away free class schedules. Students will instead be charged 25 cents per copy to cover the costs of printing.

In many ways, this makes sense. University Registrar Herb Chereck said printing the schedule books costs the registrar's office between \$7,000 and \$8,000 every term, most of which would be recovered with the fee. He said the fee would generate around \$5,000 from the schedules. With almost every department at the University facing a fiscal crunch, this money would be appreciated by everyone.

However, registering for classes is not a frill at the University. Students currently pay \$907 a term to attend these classes, plus additional fees for certain courses. The University, as a courtesy, has always provided free schedules, figuring because students pay to attend school, they also pay to know which classes are offered.

Granted, 25 cents is not a lot of money. Most students could even splurge and buy a dollar's worth.

But students are sensitive to shelling out more money for the same service, and many believe the University ignores their needs anyway. Another fee, especially a seemingly trivial 25 cents, is almost an insult to a campus community that already feels fed to death.

The registrar's office could benefit from a change of strategy. Our suggestion — advertising.

Chereck said the University contracts with a national company for printing and couldn't attract local advertising, and national advertising would be difficult to sell.

However, local printers could probably handle the job just as easily as national contractors. The University has the facilities and the people to design the schedules. The *Springfield News* prints a number of high-school and college publications, and could certainly handle printing 20,000 schedules every three months.

The University could make money by selling four or five full-page ads, which would more than cover the cost of printing. A full-page ad in the schedule, at *Emerald* rates, would cost about \$1300 per week. However, the schedule is not a daily publication — it often sits around for an entire term. Therefore, the University could probably charge more for ad space because, unlike the *Emerald*, students have to read the schedule. It has a captive audience of 16,000.

Students already pay what some would consider too much for what they get now. Some would question whether many classes themselves, much less a continuously shrinking list of them, are worth 25 cents.

The registrar's office has options other than a fee, and it should exhaust them completely before asking students to dig even two-bits deeper.

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OPINION

The Universitas is a neat place



I like this school a lot. The Universitas Oregonensis is a neat place. There are many crazy and kooky people here that make me laugh.

Sometimes I sit on a bench and watch people walk by. They make me laugh a lot.

The hardest I ever laughed here at the University was when two people ran into each other while riding bicycles. They fell down and were hurt, but it was funny to see two people make such fools of themselves. I laughed a lot.

It makes me sad that more people don't run into each other on bicycles. It would be a happier campus if that happened more often. I need a good laugh sometimes.

My favorite thing on campus, though, is seeing those wacky squirrels every day. They look down at me from trees, and sometimes they look like they are smiling. That makes me happy.

I like the squirrels because they never talk back to you. You can cuss and throw things at them, and they do not do anything except run higher up the tree. That makes me laugh.

Other things in Eugene make me laugh a lot, too.

Only in Eugene would you be able to go to a neat place like the downtown mall on a wild and crazy Friday night and see people hanging out with candles in their hands.

Some people have fun by making signs and walking around with them in the air. They like to speak their minds — but they really aren't because their thoughts are on signs.

These people weren't mourning for some neat-o person — they are sorry to see their favorite groovy radio station die. That is very neat.

Most people wouldn't even give a care. But in Eugene — where there are all sorts of crazy and kooky people — anything can happen.

I am sorry I missed this neat event.

Other neat events I have been missing this year are the Oregon men's basketball games.

Some people on campus do not like our men's basketball team because the Ducks do not win a lot of games.

This is because they do not make a lot of baskets. This is because they have lost so many games and they are sad. This gets them down and they do not feel like running up and down the court anymore. Maybe they would rather go home and watch the game on TV.

This makes me unhappy to see my favorite college team so sad. I would really like the Ducks to win a game so they would be happier. That would prove they are winners. That would be very groovy, I think.

It made me happy to see the women's basketball team finally win a game, but it also made me sad because I was not there to enjoy the thrill of victory. I guess that makes me similar to the other people who don't go to basketball games.

Which is kind of funny because last year I was the *Emerald* sports editor, and I went to all of the games. I had fun.

But now I will go to all the women's games because I think the women have a better chance of winning games than the men. I hope they go on a big winning streak. That would be a neat way to end a sad season. I hope they finish fifth in Pacific-10 Conference-NCAA-Division I action.

Some people may call me a fair-weather fan. That is not very nice. I am very busy and have little time to catch Pacific-10 Conference-NCAA-Division I action unless the Ducks are winning. Because if they are winning, then it is more important to me than other things. It makes me happy. I like things that

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Which is why I do not care for Valentine's Day. I was not happy Sunday. I had to work all day. And I was not anyone's valentine. After work, I went home and read *Rolling Stone* magazine by myself. It was fun, but I still was not that happy. I was sad.

I think they should cancel Valentine's Day because it makes so many people sad. I think instead they should make Feb. 14 a "Bike-Crashing Day" because I would like it much better. It would make this campus a happier place to be.

On "Bike-Crashing Day" everybody would be crazy and kooky and run into each other on bicycles. I think the last person still on his or her bike should win lots of dollars. That would be neat. I would like that a lot.

I also do not like colds. Colds are bad. Having a sore throat and coughing a lot is not much fun. It makes my head hurt. That does not make me happy. People do not smile at me as much when I am always coughing and sneezing. They think I will make them sick, too. They are probably right. That does not make me happy.

I hope this column will make you happy. If it does not, then you are unhappy. Therefore, you are probably sad. In that case, maybe you should go cuss at a squirrel or make two of your friends run into each other while riding bicycles. Those would make me laugh a lot.

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