

GRADUATION 1994

Dispelling the 'Generation X' myth

We are deemed Generation X. The dreaded cliché. Those who are not among us in age or lifestyle assume we are, in majority, an apathetic and unruly bunch who lounge around all day smoking Marlboro's while contemplating the meaning of life.

There are some of us who actually do this, but for the most part we are no different than any other generation before except for the fact that when we graduate from college, the promise of prosperity and advancement may not be available for us to escape our deemed route. We are living in a world of disillusionment but continually feel hopeful that our degrees will bring us wealth and happiness.

Four years ago in September I entered the University with many expectations and wonders. I hoped to discover myself and the meaning of life while gaining great friendships and advanced knowledge here in college land. And, for the most part, my expectations were fulfilled.

While gaining a degree and skills in journalism, I also held several positions of leadership and volunteered my time to the campus and community. My resume is full of positions held in student affairs as well as journalism groups, such as the *Emerald*. I am

very proud of what I have achieved. Yet, I ask myself consistently, "what will this resume and certificate deliver?"

The career centers on campuses today are loaded with high turn over job opportunities in sales or retail. The highest amount of jobs available can be found in the area of word processing, accounting or retail/sales. All of which are jobs that have never before required a degree to fulfill their daily tasks. We are being consumed by a drowned out job market, but "they" continually remind us to never give up hope.

This year I have sent out exactly 52 resumes thus far and have received comments back from almost half of those I solicited. Although I should not give up hope, this does cause a bit of concern on my part.

All in all though, I am still very proud and happy to have spent my time and my parents money here at the University. Although I remain unsure about the meaning of life, I am sure about the friends I have gained, the skills I have learned and the degree well earned. And, I do have faith that some day my dream job will arise, come forth and take me away to challenge my knowledge and abilities.

—By Calley Anderson

MELAND

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philosopher Montesquieu. And capitalism was sketched out by Scottish economical philosopher Adam Smith in "The Wealth of Nations."

Technologically, the United States indubitably has contributed more than any other great powers in the history of human kind, but that makes its cultural contributions seem even more insignificant. In China, the Great Wall still attracts tourists from around the world, centuries after the fall of the great empire. The Indian Upanishads and the Persian tales still entertain and inform readers across the globe, and Michelangelo's murals still take the breath away from admirers in the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican.

"But what will be the relics of the

Great American Empire one thousand years from now?" I wondered as I lay watching the stars. When archaeologists dig for artifacts on the Great Plains in the year 2994, what will they find — except for Pepsi cans, television sets, rusty cars, Madonna records, and Twinkies that probably taste the same as today?

I sighed again. "Nothing, perhaps."

So why am I going to miss the United States? Why do I feel so much at home here?

I dipped my finger in the tub and scooped up the last ice cream. "What a strange country this is," I thought as I slid down from the hood and opened the car door. The engine of my car roared in the still of the night as I drove down the steep hill on my way home.

Only in America can you get married in the middle of the night

and divorced before dawn breaks. Only in America can you go to the International House of Pancakes and order breakfast — at seven o'clock in the evening. Only in America can you buy Tylenol pain relievers from a candy dispenser.

And only in America can you wake up one morning, decide that you want to begin a new life, fill up your car with everything you own, and go wherever the freeway takes you. And when you find a place to settle down, nobody will ask you where you came from or why you left.

Only in America do you have that kind of freedom.

"And only in America can you buy Ben & Jerry's Mint Chocolate Cookie ice cream twenty-four hours a day," I thought as I snuggled up in my bed. "Perhaps that's why I love America."

—Marius Meland

MIMS

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Sports Editor easier. Everyone likes to take their shots at this paper, but I can honestly say that all the people who work here do their best to report the news in a way that is fair to everyone.

I can't leave out those people in the athletic department, most notably the Sports Information Department which did so much to help us get the news out.

All the help given from those inside the Casanova Center is appreciated.

Finally, let me thank the local beat reporters who covered Oregon athletics for their respective papers. I know I speak for the whole sports staff when I say thanks for treating us professionally and as friends. It was a real honor to work with you all and I hope to do so again sometime soon. Thanks.

In the words of Charbonneau, See ya.

—Steve Mims

JOBS

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Knutson came across the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, a university level publication, over Internet.

"It comes out sooner over

Internet than it does in publication," Knutson said. The *Chronicle* contains many job postings for administrative positions and professorships at universities throughout the country.

"Internet is a valuable resource," Knutson said.

People searching for jobs should not exclude newspapers and other job searches, but Internet now adds more endless possibilities and opportunities to finding a job.

—Donavon Dela Cruz



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