

Let us give thanks

Well, Thanksgiving is upon us once again. Without getting into all of the political implications this day has, we at the *Emerald* would like to give thanks for many things this season.

First we would like to thank the Oregon Ducks for a dream season. You have given us a reason to hope and to believe. At the beginning of the season the national media discounted Oregon, they even went so far as to rank the Ducks dead last. We thank you once again, we knew you could do it. Good luck at the Rose Bowl.

Second we would like to thank the University administration for moving the beginning of the term back to Jan. 3 to accommodate the Ducks Rose Bowl berth. We thought it would never happen. We figured nothing short of Armageddon would make administrators give us a day off.

Third we would like to thank the voters for turning down Measures 15 and 13. With all kinds of crazy laws passing in other states its good to know that the hearts and heads of Oregonians are in the right place.

Those are the things we are most thankful for. Now here's a list of others that did not make our top 3:

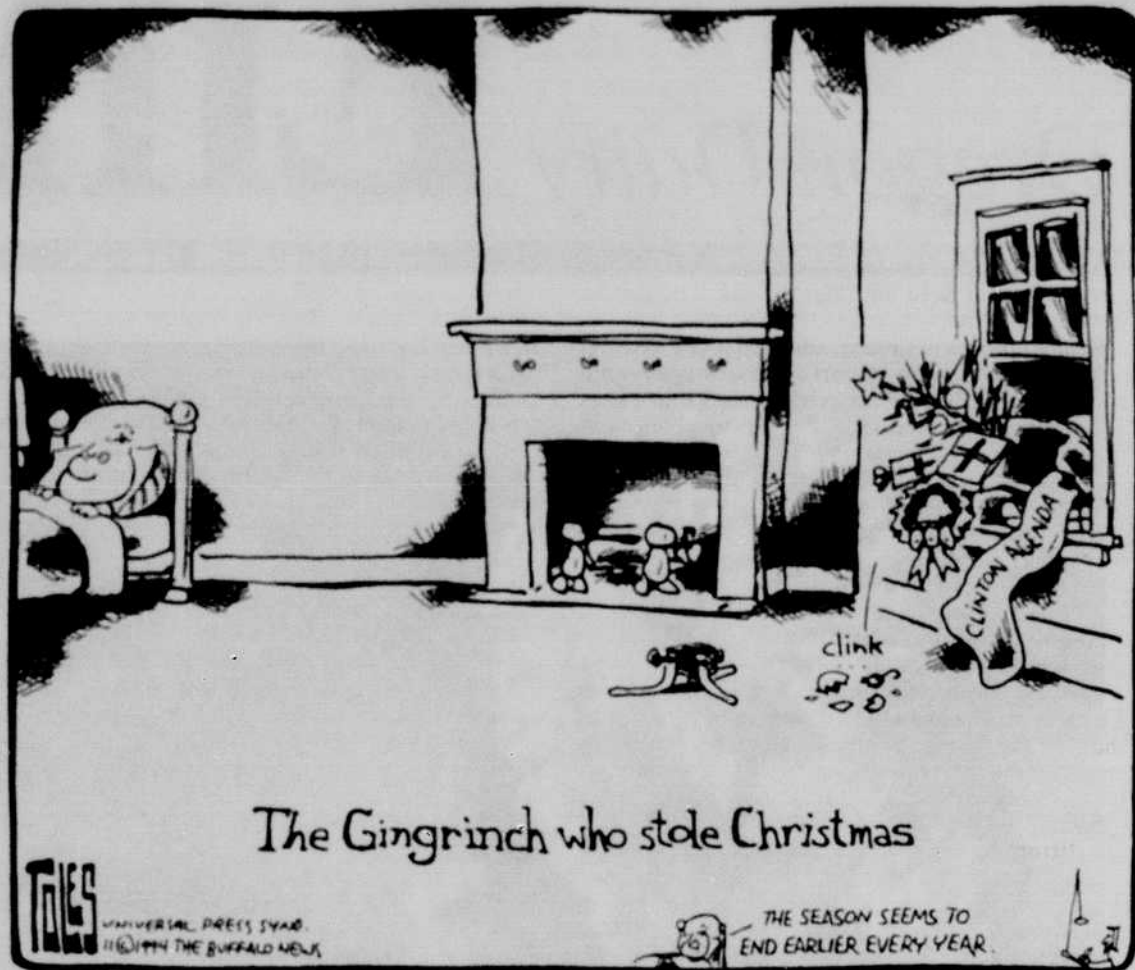
- For our ad and production staffs and for Kathy and both of our Judys
- Our families are happy and healthy
- We get three weeks off for winter break
- We are thankful that the EMU stopped turning the heat off on weekends
- We got new computer equipment
- People are still writing letters to the editor
- Ed Carson is LA's problem now
- School is out for Turkey Day
- The University will reap many benefits from being in the Rose Bowl
- Ace Frohley played the Mill Camp
- Pasadena is warmer than Shreeveport
- Taco Time in the EMU
- The IFC has been abolished
- We beat OSU in the Civil War
- Jimmy Page and Robert Plant have reunited
- Our mascot is not a beaver
- Vis Comm. is almost over
- Memories

For the sake of balance here is a list of things that we are not so thankful for:

- Taco Time in the EMU
- People are still writing letters to the editor
- We have to go to school in December and Lewis and Clark doesn't
- Newt Gingrich, Jesse Helms and Bob Packwood
- That guy on ESPN who said that Penn State is "playing a nobody" in the Rose Bowl

So folks there you have it. The good, the bad and the ugly.

Basically we are all just thankful to be here at the University in 1994 basking in the glow of a great football season and looking forward to a great basketball season (from the women anyway).



The Gingrinch who stole Christmas

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THE SEASON SEEMS TO END EARLIER EVERY YEAR.

LETTERS

Thanks a lot!

Thanks for the wild turkey and the passenger pigeons, destined to be shit out through wholesome Americans guts. Thanks for a continent to despoil and poison. Thanks for the Indians to provide a modicum of challenge and danger. Thanks for vast herds of bison to rot. Thanks for bounties on wolves and coyotes. Thanks for the American Dream, to vulgarize and falsify until the bare lies shine through. For decent church-goin' women, and their mean, pinched, bitter, evil faces. Thanks for a "Kill a Queer for Christ" stickers. Thanks for laboratory AIDS. Thanks for Prohibition and the war against drugs. Thanks for a country where nobody's allowed to mind their own business. Thanks for a nation of finks. Yes, thanks for all the memories — all right let's see your arms! You always were a headache and you always were a bore. Thanks for the last and greatest betrayal of the last and greatest of human dreams.

William S. Burroughs

have led to the widening of the gap between rich and poor, conservatives have promoted the destructive idea that enriching yourself at the expensive of others is perfectly acceptable.

In a society where the wealthiest and most influential individuals show nothing but contempt for the more downtrodden elements, a moral breakdown is bound to occur. The elite elements of our society have taught us by example to think only of ourselves, not of our society as a whole.

Newt Gingrich will continue to rant and rave about the moral breakdown that the "counterculture" has perpetrated upon this nation. He will also continue to point to the poor mother on welfare as everything that is wrong with this country. But the fact of the matter is that it is people like Newt Gingrich and his wealthy constituents that are most responsible for the greed and selfishness that have led to a breakdown of this nation's moral core.

Justin Deacour
History

tives, we cannot know what Susan Smith was going through.

This is something only the parent, Susan Smith, could know. Moser Kornfeld's pretension that she is able to make moral judgments on this situation is the height of arrogance.

Fred O. Roellig
Student

Editor's note: Anne Moser Kornfeld is the mother of a 3-year-old boy.

Rationality

We applaud the appeal to rationality made by Mr. Eck Doerry in the Nov. 21 *ODE*. Two points might add to the balanced analysis invoked—if not expressed—by his invective.

First, we might entertain the notion that racism may grow from the effect of policy as well as the intention. Proposition 187 hurts many people one might summarize as different from the population at large in California. A separation of peoples characterized by ethnicity, language and culture, and by epidermal hue, has become categorized as racism. Prop. 187 may therefore be termed "racist."

Second, we must ask if a competitive economy is as necessary as we've been led to believe. If it is not, then perhaps more folks could be admitted in behind the pale of humanity US citizens currently sequester for themselves. In addition, and despite Mr. Doerry's advice to overlook the past, we should not forget history.

The US government and US corporations, backed by the US Army, wrested a great deal of land and treasure from the peoples now south of an arbitrary border. Some may vilify the concept of justice as just another obsession of the self-annointed politically correct, but then all law becomes force. No ethics. No morality. Might is right. Which is all fine if you're king of the hill. How long until the law turns on you? We would be better served to unite with the people of the world.

Chris Brady
The Student Insurgent

Extreme action

I'm writing concerning the Nov. 18 *ODE* opinion column by Anne Moser Kornfeld.

She makes the claim that "killing a child is extreme," and that there is "no rationalization" for Susan Smith's killing of her two sons. Was Anne there? While admitting that in most cases, actions such as Smith's should be frowned upon, I question whether Anne really understands just how irritating children, especially at that age, can be. Unruly children can be a real trial.

The ancient Romans knew this, and in ancient Roman civilization the taking of a child's life was left up to the discretion of the parents.

I'm not saying that everyone should be allowed to kill children. But when it's someone's own children, the justification for this "extreme action" might exist. From our limited perspec-

School Prayer

Brian Womack's Nov. 18 column (Majority favors school prayer) is absolutely ludicrous. To suggest that Bill Clinton is some sort of radical who has "proposed a government takeover of one-seventh of the economy" is ridiculous. And to say that radical right-wingers like Newt Gingrich are "on target" is no less than atrocious.

When are people going to realize that the increase in violence and the breakdown of families in this country have little if anything to do with the fact that we don't have prayer in our public school? Conservatives try to make this connection in order to avoid the real issues.

The fact of the matter is that it is conservatives like Gingrich who are to be blamed for the moral breakdown in this nation. By creating the policies that

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