

Godheads

Thank God!

I have to kneel down and thank Womack and the Republican party for their revelatory final solution. If we were all just given some school time to be led in 'voluntary' prayers to the great old-man white Republican god in the sky who tells us what to do, then student/teacher ratios will shrink, the rich will give all their extra money to inner-city schools, Jesse Helms will explode in a blast of green flame, love will replace hate, everyone will spontaneously become members of the owning class, extinct species will rise from dead, divine grace will heal the uninsured sick and we will all be saved.

What kids really need is to spend their time voluntarily praying rather than (gasp!) learning to think critically about their world. Only the fear of supernatural authority can teach people to behave ethically. It is only in this corrupt age of scientific reasoning of ours that people have gone astray.

In the past, when everyone was superstitious, no one murdered, raped, pillaged, robbed, committed genocide against peoples they didn't understand, tortured or owned slaves. But now, things are really bad. Schools have drug problems and kids are listening to heavy metal, wearing Bart Simpson T-shirts, shooting each other for designer tennis shoes and flipping off their principals.

Prayer in school will help keep our children from getting uppity. It will keep them from getting any ideas that they might be able to use critical reason to think about ethics. This is vital, otherwise they might not believe what the television-voice-of-God tells them. Hell, without prayer in school, they might even vote Democratic!

Ben Iglauer
Eugene

Craft and skill

I was encouraged to see the *Oregon Daily Emerald* take an interest in historic architecture in the Nov. 23 article "Deadly renovations almost complete after 118 years."

However, very little credit was given to the University Physical Plant, which has made all of the work and student involvement possible. One is led to believe that students are responsible for virtually all progress made on the project. In fact, no Physical Plant craftsmen are mentioned by name. The implications and omissions are an unfair distortion of the facts.

The article states that "there aren't many people (in the U.S.) willing to allow students to participate in an important project like this." However, the writer fails to specify key figures who have provided this unique relationship with the University. This includes George Hecht, Physical Plant director and Gary Fritz, the University architect.

Without their flexibility and willingness, there would be no restoration nor student participation.

Just as important as these administrators is a small group of highly skilled craftsmen who have done an impressive job on the early phases of restoration. Journeymen Steve Parker, Arthur Corliss and Tom Johnson have all taken a personal interest in this project. They frequently work patiently with students who are eager to learn, but have absolutely no restoration experience or skills. These men get their jobs done not because inexperienced students are allowed to participate, but often times in spite of this fact.

While students are given opportunities to work on these projects, none of the individuals mentioned in the article are actually student workers. One is a graduate, others are on leave, but all are temporary Physical Plant employees. They all have at least 10 years of construction and/or restoration experience which provides a temporary supplement to the ongoing work of Mr. Parker and other craftsmen.

They did not, as the article implies, arrive on the site fresh from a few architecture classes and take charge of this complex project. This naive suggestion is insulting to the skilled craftsmen who have a long-term commitment to these projects.

Steve Parker, Arthur Corliss and Tom Johnson deserve more

recognition as the dedicated stewards of these buildings who work diligently year after year as students and other temporary employees come and go.

Jonathan Smith
Physical Plant

Voting rights

In the past, there has been confusion over whether or not American English Institute (AEI) students pay University of Oregon student incidental fees. The AEI program is not a degree program, rather it is a program designed to teach English to foreign students, and fees are handled differently.

This has led to confusion over whether or not AEI students pay incidental fees, which is a requirement for anyone to have voting privileges in student groups. The ASUO Constitution states that only students who have paid incidental fees may vote.

The ASUO then began working with the Registrar's office, the Dean of Students office, the Business/Accounting office, and the American English Institute to research this issue and clear up any confusion. In researching the issue, it was discovered that all AEI tuition and incidental fees are handled by the business office, not the Registrar's office. The Registrar's Office, which is responsible for checking on student status, has no record of AEI students paying incidental fees and was not aware these fees were handled through the Busi-

ness office.

AEI students do have full voting and participation rights in all student groups at the University. This has been clarified within the ASUO, as well as administrative offices.

The AEI status issue was brought to our attention during the Korean Student Association election, when there was confusion over whether AEI students could vote. The ASUO elections coordinator checked with the Registrar's office and was told AEI students did not pay incidental fees, therefore they could not vote. Ballot counting procedures and meeting rules were not fully understood and were difficult for the elections coordinator to explain to members of KSA.

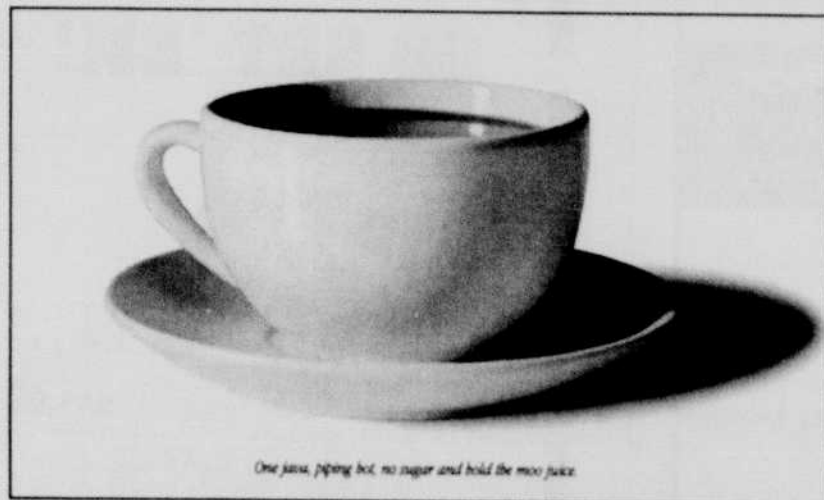
Rules and procedures have been clarified, and in the future, election procedures will be explained at the meeting before the elections.

If AEI students would like to have more written information on election rules or have a translator present at an election, please contact the ASUO elections coordinator ahead of time.

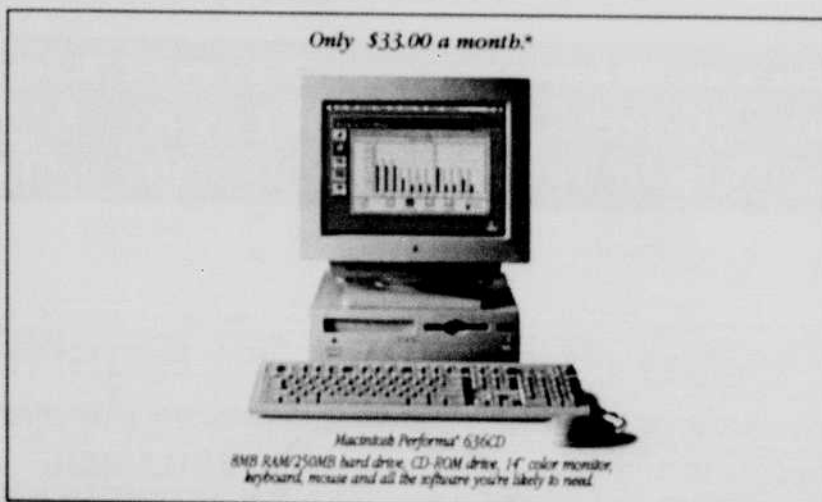
The presence of AEI students at the University of Oregon is important and strongly recognized. We sincerely regret if the confusion over this rule alienated AEI students or discouraged participation in any university activities. We apologize for any inconvenience to KSA students.

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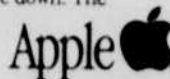


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