

■ LETTERS

**Irony**

The irony of the *Emerald's* anti-abortion advertising insert and the *Register-Guard's* front-page story on cutbacks to the school lunch program appearing on the same day (Mar. 10) couldn't be bettered, even by literary critics. (Keep 'em alive, but don't feed 'em.) Maybe next time it will be an anti-abortion advertising insert juxtaposed with a front-page story on an abortion clinic bombing and murder.

Maybe the *Emerald's* advertising director needs to think more carefully about the responsibilities associated with his or her position.

Regina Psaki  
Romance Languages

**Be heard**

The ASUO Student Senate will hear the EMU's budget on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room (across from the post office) in the EMU. The EMU receives more than \$2 million in student fees each year.

Before debating the budget, the Senate will hear public testimony, so students are encouraged to attend and be heard. Hearings for the Athletic Department and ASUO programs will be heard later in the month.

Martin Fisher  
ASUO Student Senate  
President Pro-tempore

**Critics callous**

I write to address page two of Thursday's (Mar. 30) *Emerald* — all except the cartoon. This does not suggest I am insensitive to the two-dimensional analogy found across that page. The editorial chastised people for not attending, advising against attending, or not holding classes. The opinion piece next to the editorial chastised people for moral laxity. These are both familiar "conservative" arguments. They are also shallow in

their analysis. They imply that peoples' motivations arise independently from the material world.

When circumstances push people to extremes, people behave in extraordinary ways. If students ordinarily and by definition attend classes, they do so for a reason. If students disappear from classes there must also be a cause. Although I am speaking in the general sense and not in regard to an individual case, such as one specific student's illness, heartbreak, depression, etc., the fact remains that effects have causes.

When large numbers of students suddenly decide to skip class, there is a reason. It may be that the circumstance is the long-awaited arrival of a warm sunny day after the lengthy Northwest monsoon-drizzle-damp. It just could be that we value our education so much and feel it to be under such dire threat that we deem it necessary to act in its defense.

Those who do not feel this threat as strongly, feel comfortable in condemning the extent of the others' reactions. They too are subject to moral considerations. In the assumption of the moral high ground, however, these critics contradict the most necessary constituent of morality for any of its champions: its universal application. Some may say that our current critics are comparable to callous clods irked by the cries of a rape victim. I know you are not like that. I only implore you to look a little deeper. We are your fellow humans.

Chris Brady  
Student Insurgent

**PC cocoon**

Not surprisingly, the *Emerald* insert defending the pre-born (*ODE*, March 10) drew enraged letter-to-the-editor responses.

These folks claimed they were "outraged," "stunned,"

"appalled" and "offended" that these pro-life thoughts were allowed to be published. Let's face it, the real reason they were offended is because they were confronted with a reality that they expected to be completely shielded from in the PC cocoon of this ultra-feminist, left-wing University system.

So much for the lofty academic ideals of a free exchange of beliefs, informed "choice," or diversity of opinions.

To you students who still seek the honesty of the free market of ideas, be aware that your University is no longer the place where you will be allowed to hear or debate all views. There are certainly non-politically correct ideas which you are just not permitted to examine or discuss.

Jon Wollander  
Eugene

**Tradition**

The Harvard School of Public Health recently examined the drinking habits of 12,592 students at 140 colleges. The research revealed that nearly half of those college students are binge drinkers, seriously harming themselves physically and emotionally.

These students are also depriving others of study time, relaxation time and sleep. They also often attack other students.

Ten years ago, hard evidence came to my attention that the University of Oregon included many male student living organizations where Friday and Saturday nights were reserved for beer consumption.

If the U of O now has no such problem, congratulations to those responsible. If such binges are still a "tradition," it is my hope that student leaders, including those who are members of the *Emerald* staff, gather the facts and organize assistance to uproot this cultural atavism.

Charles O. Porter  
Eugene

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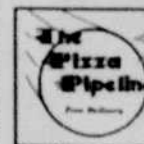
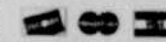
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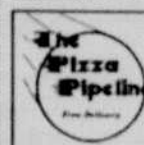
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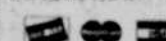
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