

Enough already

Not to sound like a callous and heartless slob, but I must express my indignation over the unnecessary media frenzy surrounding the unfortunate illness of Kirsten Frohnmayer. My deepest sympathies go out to the poor, afflicted lass and her clan, but do we really need a play-by-play commentary on her daily fluctuations between recovery and relapse? Leukemia is a very precarious disease that takes the patient on a terrifying roller-coaster ride of remission and relapse. After a person is "cured" of this disease, he or she is still under the constant threat (albeit small) of another round with this heavyweight contender called leukemia.

I remember quite vividly the state of the *Emerald's* (ahem) "journalistic integrity" last year and its all-too-familiar, slow-news-day mentality. Kirsten's private illness was splashed across the headlines of both the *Emerald* and the *Eugene Register-Guard* for the simple reason that she happens to be the University president's daughter! Millions of people across the globe fall prey to leukemia each year. Why are their stories silenced? (The sarcasm in this statement is well-intended).

I hope your college-quality newspaper will not fall into the same journalistic death trap that has consumed it in years past. The only reason that a number of students on this campus read your newspaper is because we have no other choice. As far as University-sanctioned, student-quality-writing-endowed, free newspapers go, you certainly take the cake.

Again, my heart goes out to the Frohnmayers for dealing with Kirsten's illness in a strong and courageous fashion. I doubt they are pleased by the gluttony of the media monster that is feasting on their kin.

I simply take exception to a

newspaper that continually has no better story to beat into submission than one about a young lady's struggle to survive and EVERY possible change in her condition. I am sure the University student body has as much interest in seeing "Kirsten Frohnmayer's bedpan changed" splashed across tomorrow's headlines as they are in seeing "Fireman Fred rescues Mrs. Penny Periwinkle's tenacious tabby from the clutches of her felonious and foreboding fir tree" — in-depth, minute-by-minute coverage available on Newschannel 8.

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Watchdog

The number one rule in journalism: Check your sources! Doug Irving's piece on fraternity and sorority rush (*ODE*, 9/27) was a bit off the mark.

First of all, "K" is the eleventh letter of the alphabet. If you say the alphabet out loud while holding up one finger for each letter you say, you will have 10 fingers up when you get to "J." I realize that for the letter K you must find another appendage to count. I suggest your nose. Thus, you should end up with a count of 11. You listed the sororities in this manner, but in your article you twice said the number of sororities on campus was nine. What happened to the other two?

Secondly, I would like to address the quote by Shelley Sutherland, the illustrious greek advisor. I have never heard the selection process referred to as a "mutual flush." As in toilet? A second quote by someone closer to the system would have been appropriate in defining what a "mutual-flush" process is. Preference Night is the last night of rush before Bid Day. Most likely, the rushee can pick from those three houses the one she would most like to join, and she

will probably get that house. However, it doesn't always work out that way. Reasons for that are computer match-ups and the quota system.

Next time you do an article on the greek system — the largest organized student group on campus — accuracy would be appreciated.

Amanda K. Erickson
Oregon Commentator

Illegal e-mail

This letter is to the person who illegally used my e-mail account and to any student, friend, faculty or staff member who may have received nasty e-mail in my name.

Using my account, this unknown person sent at least one message that contained both anti-Semitic and obscene language.

Not only is this unauthorized use of another student's e-mail account not "kosher," it is intrusive, rude and a little frightening. I am not amused; my friends are not amused.

You know who you are. I hope you realize how unpleasant and unethical your behavior is. And to anyone on or off campus who may receive or has received nasty e-mail in my name, be assured it did not come from me.

Regan Lee
English

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