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OPINION

editorials, letters, commentary and perspective

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READER VOICES

What are you thankful for?



"I'm thankful for the time off before finals."
Patrick Keane
 Anthropology



"I'm thankful that it's not raining now."
Vienny Nguyen
 Pre-Business



"I'm thankful to be Indian, and that America lets us have space here."
Dore Zarlons
 Business



"I'm thankful that I'm able to pass out booklets freely and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ."
Doug King
 Eugene



"[I'm thankful for] being able to go to school [and for] freedom of education."
Jessica Bartlett
 Geology

ODE gives thanks for a fine year

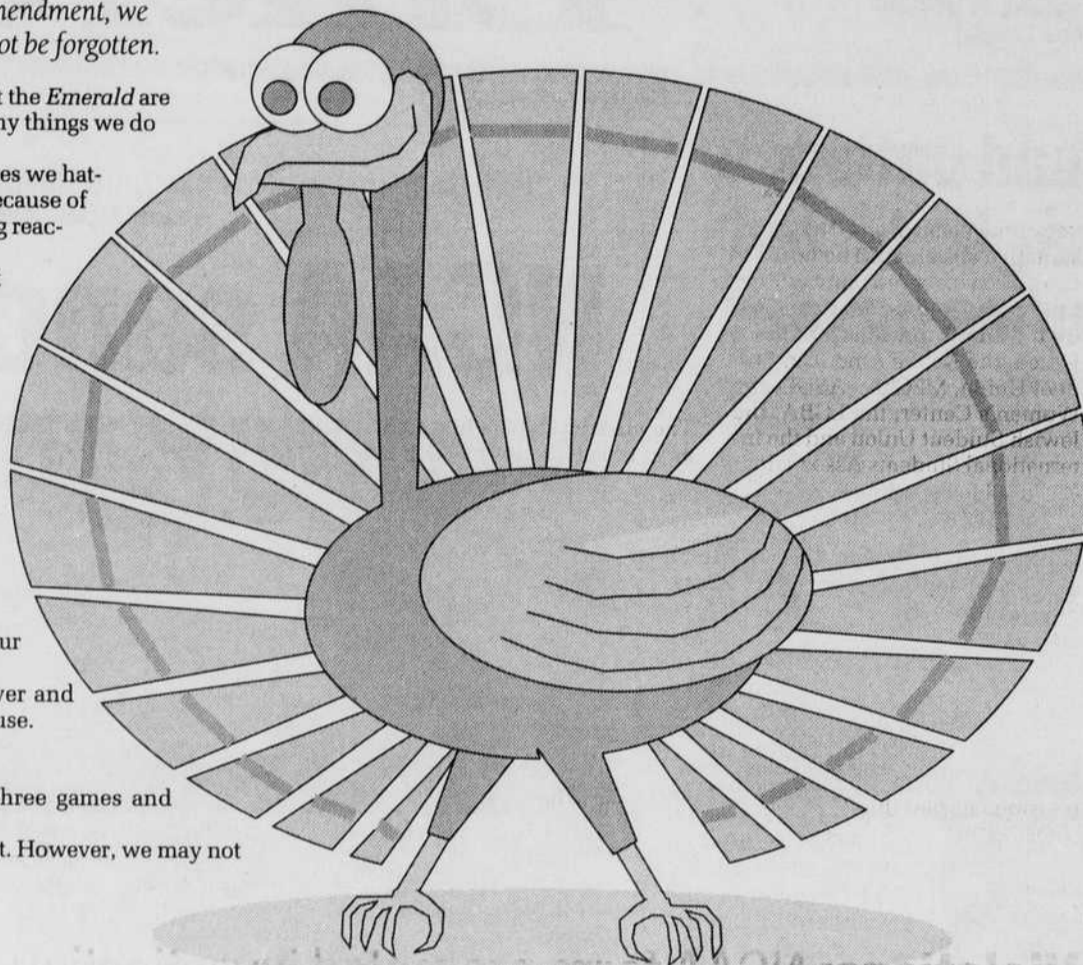
OUR OPINION: From family to the First Amendment, we are blessed with numerous privileges that cannot be forgotten.

As Thanksgiving rapidly approaches, we at the *Emerald* are compelled to stop and appreciate the many things we do have — and stop complaining for once. This term has been full of events and issues we hated, loved and often decided to write about. And because of our opinions and decisions, we have caused strong reactions, both positive and negative.

But through it all, there is still so much good out there, so many things we take for granted. A long list is needed, in no particular order, of what we remember and hold dear to our hearts.

This year, we are thankful that:

- 1 We have a University president and a governor who, at least in spirit, are genuinely concerned for the state of higher education.
- 2 Last week's floods did not reach the destructive level of February's statewide flooding disaster.
- 3 Oregonians realize the value of taxes — oh, wait, never mind.
- 4 We can get out of this town and campus for four wonderful days.
- 5 The Amazon housing debacle is finally over and Spencer View housing is built and in good use.
- 6 We can now walk down 13th Avenue in relative peace.
- 7 The Ducks' football team won their last three games and some much-needed respect.
- 8 With lower property taxes, we can afford rent. However, we may not be able to afford tuition.
- 9 We still have friends who like us.
- 10 We can enjoy a decent, state education.
- 11 Christmas is only a month away.
- 12 We aren't Beavers — or Jerry Pettibone.
- 13 Mt. Bachelor and Mt. Hood are full of snow just waiting to be skied on.
- 14 *Star Trek: The Next Generation* isn't on TV anymore, and the movies only come out every three years.
- 15 The original *Star Wars* trilogy is being re-released next year, and a new trilogy is on the way.
- 16 Soon, Kevin Hornbuckle will no longer be our city councilman.
- 17 The O.J. Simpson trial is over — never mind — again.
- 18 A recent issue of the *Emerald* was chosen as the second best tabloid-size college newspaper in the nation by the Associated Press.



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- 19 The University received \$25 million from Phil Knight — even though many of us won't be around to see all the gift's benefits.
 - 20 The First Amendment exists and is practiced every day.
 - 21 We get to work here every day doing what we love. It's not always fun or easy, but it's always rewarding.
 - 22 And most importantly, we have the sacred privileges of family, food, friends and shelter to go home to this Thanksgiving. Many people don't even have that.
- We are lucky indeed.

This editorial represents the opinion of the Emerald editorial board.

LETTERS

Real campus press

Evidently, a university having a journalism program does not guarantee the appropriate use of the power of the press. Your Civil War issue solidified many of the prejudices that keep college press from being considered "real press" in most circles (*ODE*, Nov. 22).

Taking shots at the Oregon State Beavers and gloating over a well-won game is one thing. But what makes you think it's okay to attack the students of OSU and the city of Corvallis as a whole? Such sophomoric cheap shots and just plain mean-spirited characterizations give a black eye to all student papers trying to make it in the real world.

"Real press" doesn't tolerate such third-rate satire in any of its pages. It cannot afford the assumption that the same lack of objectivity, and perhaps maturity, bleeds into the rest of the publication. Since this garbage is often the hallmark of a student issue, it is expected from a paper run by kids. You fulfilled this low expectation quite well.

If you feel winning one football game excuses you from tact and decency, try perpetuating some stereotypes concerning sex, religion, physical or mental limitations or ethnicity. How many UO students does it take to isolate two fine universities from each other?

Perhaps you feel I am being too sensitive, or it's just sour grapes. Frankly, I personally care little for sports — I don't have to. I have a fine sports editor. Your childish meanness is recognizable for what it is, whether I care for its target or not. If you want to test this, when you go out to get a real job, try using that Civil War issue in your portfolio. See how the interview goes.

You have a fine football team. Enjoy your victory. But don't let it defeat your ability to play well with other children. Your future in the real world depends on it.

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