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OPINION
editorials, letters, commentary and perspective

Trouble with textbooks
OUR OPINION: Academic authors should look to the "For Dummies" series for advice on clarity and common sense when writing textbooks for introductory classes.

ENTERING college, we expect to receive a higher education — learning about new subjects, perspectives and applying the new knowledge to our lives. But upon re-reading our term schedules and buying the textbooks, we run into a roadblock on the path to enlightenment. Many textbooks are simply too complicated and poorly written for us to gain anything from, especially if they begin with a "For Dummies" introduction. Some of the books' authors are professors themselves who seem more interested in pleasing their colleagues across the nation with insider rhetoric and hypotheses than with actually teaching.

For one, that what these textbooks are for, giving us the knowledge we don't already possess? When we enroll in Economics 201, we probably don't understand the theory of diminishing returns. We aren't supposed to. That's why we're taking the class.

But because of their complex language and quick assumptions, many beginning and quick learners like their students as much as we do. We can't follow the material and usually turn to the professor's lecture, usually turn to the professor's lecture, usually turn to the professor's lecture.

College textbooks should take a cue from the computer publishing industry instead. The "For Dummies" series, by O'Reilly Books Worldwide, has 25 million copies in print worldwide because they explain the complex world of computers in a way that anyone can understand. Just look at the introduction to their 1996 edition of "Designing with the Web." "Every one of our books is designed by experts who understand and of it sounds remarkably like what a textbook should be trying to do: don't always understand the book, but always understand the book. The class material should be in plain English. We've been to hell and back while that integral and ridiculous language."

This editorial represents the opinion of the Emerald editor.

SPORTS
OH, HENRY!
Madden's six points in overtime clinches Oregon's 87-85 win over UCLA

By Chris Hansen
Sports Reporter

Henry Madden hit a game-winning 12-foot field goal with two seconds remaining in overtime to lead the Oregon men's basketball team to a 87-85 victory over UCLA Thursday night at the McConick Arena.

Madden, who scored the eight points in overtime, was a key player for the Ducks. He hit a 12-foot shot in overtime to clinch the win. "It was a great feeling," he said. "I just knew I had to get it in."

The game was tied 85-85 at the end of regulation. Oregon's coach, Dana Altman, called a timeout to huddle with his team. "We knew we had to win this game," Altman said. "We knew we had to win this game."

After the game, Altman praised his team's performance. "They played with a lot of heart and a lot of energy," he said. "They played with a lot of heart and a lot of energy."

INSIDE
PK Kuchler's pitching and Angel Espada's smart play lead Em to win over Yakima

The Country Fair provided fun for thousands, despite being sold out in the hot weather.

WEATHER
Mostly sunny
High 75, Low 53

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TODAY
The next four-week mini-term begins Monday. Interested students should register now.

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Eugene, Oregon

Fire Station Number Three
Firehouse rebuilt after 50 years of service

Walter Mallison, a firefighter-paramedic at the University area fire station, checks his equipment outside the construction area.

A CLOSER LOOK
The reconstruction of Fire Station Number Three is a major project for the University area fire station. The station is located at the corner of Agate Street and East 17th Avenue.

RECONSTRUCTION: The original building could not accommodate a big gender workforce and new, larger equipment.

NUMBER OF FIRE ENGINES: One

NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS: One

DATE: January 1998

COMPLETION DATE: July 1998

COST: \$475,000

SOURCE OF FUNDS: City of Eugene

REASON FOR RECONSTRUCTION: The original building could not accommodate a big gender workforce and new, larger equipment.

City wants dogs gone near UO
BAN: If passed, new ordinances would prohibit dogs and skateboards from 13th Avenue near campus

By Kristin Bailey
Reporter

The City of Eugene wants people to stick around the West University neighborhood, but they say that in order for homeowners and long-term residents to come, the dogs and skateboards will have to go.

The Eugene City Council is looking at a proposed ordinance that would ban dogs and skateboards from 13th Avenue between Kincaid and Patton Avenue. The ordinance is part of a clean-up campaign that has been researched since February.

This is an issue that has been bubbling up for a while, said Kristin Pryor, community relations manager for the City of Eugene. "We have been taking a holistic look at the life in the West University area."

Finding ways to keep people in the same residence for more than the usual nine months would help improve living conditions in the neighborhood, Pryor said. "Approximately 97 percent of the 5,500 people living there are rental tenants," she said. "And people potentially don't feel as if they have a stake in the neighborhood."

Weekend weather searches Oregon
After a scorching weekend, cooler weather has begun to edge into Oregon.

Temperatures in Eugene are expected to return to normal today after a heat wave sent highs nearly 100 degrees and humidity near 50 percent on Saturday. At least seven people drowned as thousands headed to the beach, in waterways to escape the heat, and, in addition, the hot weather, and several wildfires, including a major one in the Crocker-Hartley National Forest of central Oregon, after morning clouds with highs in the mid 70s and lower back around 50 degrees. Mid temperatures are expected to last through the week and bring the chance of a shower on Thursday.