

Quotes confusing

As a Presbyterian campus minister and director of the Koinonia Center (14th Avenue and Kincaid Street), I find it a curious thing to pick up the Oregon Daily Emerald the first day of classes and have biblical quotations on the Perspectives page. No by-line, no comment, no context. Not even what translation (although it appears to be the King James version). Nothing, just words on the page.

Are these given to the University community as a novel or provocative gift? Discussion starters? A laugh or filler for the page? It's hard to know. Sacred texts (at least to some of us) taken out of context, taken out of the worshipping community that ponders these words together, taken out of the historical memory of the Christian faith, mean nothing to no one.

There are many of us around the edges of the campus that would be glad to write articles, editorials or give interviews about what scripture means to us. You could do a series on sacred texts from many religious traditions.

You could support a dialogue among representatives from the world religions about the use and abuse of sacred texts. There is much you could do in a more imaginative and thoughtful way besides throwing words on a page. It is a curious thing.

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Mail grades

The *Emerald* hit the nail on the head in its Sept. 29 editorial about the absence of student involvement in the administration's decision to stop sending schedules and grades to students in the mail. Students should have the option to have their schedules and grades sent to them upon request, period.

Students currently must get their schedules and grades from DuckCall or DuckWeb. Students who need to send their grades away for scholarship purposes must now pay for a transcript when before they simply tossed their report card in the mail to be sent off.

The grades that are displayed on DuckWeb are unacceptable because they can easily be made into an HTML document with new and improved grades.

Herb Chereck, the University's registrar, has made a big mistake in his decision to stop sending grade reports to students. If the Office of the Registrar can send students bills in the mail, it should certainly be able to send us our grades too. We urge any students who have a problem with the new policy to contact Chereck at 346-3297 and tell him. Chereck, give the students the right to view their grades and schedules without having to deal with busy signals on the telephone and online.

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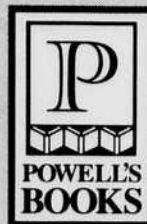
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