



This doctor cures social ills



SCRIBBLES OF SANITY

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The other day I wandered over to the children's section of the Eugene Public Library. I briefly glanced at some of the titles. A few were familiar; most of them weren't. Then I reached the "S" section.

As I turned the corner, my eyes widened in surprise at seeing two entire shelves devoted to one of my favorite children's book authors: Dr. Seuss.

As I skimmed over the many familiar titles, I remembered all the hours I spent reading Dr. Seuss books as a child. I couldn't resist the temptation to take another peek at the stories I remember so well.

I imagine I looked pretty silly. There was no way I passed for an elementary school student, and the undignified way that I sat cross-legged on the floor with a huge grin on my face, flipping through each book, probably gave away the fact that I am not a parent.

But I didn't really notice any strange stares. I was too busy enjoying the stories. And as I sat there reliving my childhood, I realized with amazement that the nonsensical fantasy stories of Dr. Seuss are actually wonderful fictional guidebooks on life.

Seuss handles such serious topics as equality and justice with light-hearted prose but heart-touching insight. He wrote in "Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories," "I know, up on top you are seeing great sights, but down at the bottom we, too, should have rights." And in

the end, "...all the turtles are free. As turtles and, maybe, all creatures should be."

The story of the Lorax deals with how we should treat and care for the environment. In this story the environment is destroyed by a greedy business that chops down all the Truffula trees and pollutes the clean water. And the Lorax explains, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

Public issues are not the only areas that Seuss cleverly addresses in his books. He also provides insight into life in general. The wisdom Seuss uses in his books almost seems more profound than many self-help books. For instance, the story "Oh, the Places You'll Go" encourages self-discovery and decision making. "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go," he writes.

When facing adversity, just remember these lines from "Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?":

"It's a troublesome world. All the people who're in it are troubled with troubles almost every minute. Just tell yourself, Duckie, you're really quite lucky! Some people are much more ... oh, ever so much more ... oh, muchly, much-much more unlucky than you!"

So, if you ever need some insight

And you haven't got a clue.

Take a small dose:

The Doc knows what to do.

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Letters to the editor

Electoral College brings candidates to Oregon

If we lose the Electoral College, we can forget about candidates visiting Oregon ever again. In fact, candidates will only have to go to the largest cities in America to win the election. So whatever it takes to win the big cities is what will be promised, and forget about everyone else.

Perhaps the Electoral College could be modified. I am not fond of the winner-take-all system — too many people are then left in the cold.

Just think of all the millions of voters who voted for the loser in each state; all those could be called wasted votes. Politics needs to be more inclusive. It will help if we can get beyond the politics of fear.

Jay Van Orman
 undergraduate
 French

Boycott NORPAC

We are members of the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry. Last April, our group began studying

the NORPAC boycott. This week our group endorsed the boycott of NORPAC products.

NORPAC is an Oregon growers' collective producing frozen and canned foods. Unjust labor conditions exist on NORPAC farms. Minimum-wage laws are violated, and workers have been required to pay "right-to-work" fees. Workers are exposed to pesticides, and when they demand protection required by law, they have been threatened and fired. Low wages do not provide adequate housing, and labor camps continuously violate state housing laws. Kraemer Farms is guilty of all of the above violations and was fined for child labor violations.

Oregon farmworkers' rights to collectively bargain are not protected under the law. The democratically elected union (PCUN) called for the boycott of NORPAC in 1992 after exhausting all other options. NORPAC will not recognize the union.

With such economic prosperity, it is unconscionable that our sisters and brothers who labor to get food to our table are treated this way. As

Christians, we must stand with farmworkers in their struggle for basic human rights. We encourage the campus community to support the NORPAC boycott. NORPAC foods include FLAV-R-PAC, SANTIAM, WESTPAC, Pasta Perfect, SOUP SUPREME, canned goods with codes beginning with "E" and bagged frozen foods with codes beginning with "5."

"... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

Jeb Shehan
 Jacob Meyer

Just the facts, please

It's great to see that the Oregon Daily Emerald has begun publicizing sensationalism rather than facts. As one who has worked tirelessly since before fall term to ensure students' voices were heard through voting, I find your thoughtless pandering of unsubstantiated rumors ("Enlisting Distrust," ODE, Nov. 13) is what actually fosters distrust in government. We've come to expect such journalism since the national media assailed Florida to spawn

controversy 24 hours a day during ballot re-counts.

The ASUO is a student government; we're not perfect. However, we worked more than one 16-hour day registering student voters, educating them on the issues and motivating them to mail their ballots. We held our job in the utmost regard. The voter list for Yale's study NEVER "slipped" from the ASUO. No one outside of the ASUO contacted names from this list. This is fact, not the fiction that litters your paper like a tabloid.

To borrow your phrase, it's a "sorry state of affairs" when the ODE spews controversy rather than congratulates the thousands of students who took part in our democratic processes. Students made a difference in this election.

To those students, interns and volunteers who registered the most students ever at the University of Oregon (only the University of California at Berkeley and the University of California at Santa Barbara registered more students), THANK YOU. Your dedication and hard work is valued. I only hope that next time, your hard work will be appre-

ciated by the Oregon Daily Emerald.

Brian Tanner
 ASUO director of state affairs

Editor's note: After talking to Brian Tanner, we want to correct and clarify the ASUO voter database information presented in Monday's editorial. Originally, a database was established of all the voter registration information that the ASUO collected. Some of these voters were not students, as the ASUO's voter registration drive extended beyond the campus. Many of the names on the list did not have phone numbers. This database list was mistakenly given to a student outside of the ASUO and a portion of this list was printed by a student senator. This was the database list from which partisan phone calls were made. This original database was then sent to Yale, Yale filtered through the names and sent back a smaller list to be used by the ASUO for the study. According to Tanner, the filtered Yale list of voter information was not compromised and was seen only by Tanner and ASUO Legislative Organizer Melissa Unger, in connection with the study.