

COMMENTARY

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Yesteryear's
Editorial

For Old Oregon

Football practice behind closed doors began Monday night. This was the occasion for that little sign "secret practice," so significant to football fandom. It marks the advent of that period when the final rounding is given the team in preparation for the opening of the season. It also marks the advent of that season of fireside speculation where the dopsters hold forth in high glee and tell how much they — don't know. And that little bug of anticipation gets into the blood and sets afire the spirit of enthusiasm.

And the sign of secret practice on the gates of Kincaid field is the beginning of the rally season. It is the occasion for the great old Oregon Spirit to simply ooze and inundate the campus with the manly enthusiasms of clean sportsmanship. Oregon Spirit is with us always. It fosters our democracy and gives fame to our alma mater. But a rally is the factor that makes it effervesce in the exuberance of the occasion.

And watch the old Oregon Spirit effervesce tomorrow morning!

Tomorrow morning is the first rally of the year. It is the first opportunity we are going to have of showing "Bez" and "Bill" and "Dean" and the "team" that we are behind them strong. It is the first opportunity we are going to have of showing them that we are going to give them everything we have got in the way of rooting and moral support.

We've got a hunch that Oregon has the greatest team in history this year. In fact we think that this is the year that Dobie will meet his Waterloo. But that is no reason why we should not get out — every mother's son of us — and tell the coach and the team how great is our Oregon Spirit. For that is the spirit of "backing 'em up" like two years ago when Oregon had its weakest team. It was at a rally then that the students of Oregon turned out in a great demonstration of "pep" and the next day backed the team to a tie game with the famed Aggies. That was Oregon Spirit — that standing by the team through thick or thin.

And it is standing by the team tomorrow that we want to do. Out we must get and show a little zazz, and root till the lining of our lungs is raw and our vocal chords emit sounds like the croaking of the bull frog.

Editor's note: This editorial was taken from the September 26, 1916, issue of the Emerald to offer some history in honor of Homecoming. Happy 125th birthday to the University, and Go Ducks!

GUEST COMMENTARY

Jan
Spencer

Parkway will add to our oil dependence

What is the common denominator between a proposed freeway project in Eugene, a mined out salt cavern in Texas and thousands of U.S. military personnel headed to Afghanistan? Answer: oil.

This week, Eugene will vote on the proposed West Eugene Parkway (Measure 20-54). The Parkway would bypass West 11th Avenue, extending six miles from Garfield west past the Urban Growth Boundary.

Salt caverns in Texas? These are the home to the U.S. Strategic Oil Reserve. Literally, hundreds of millions of barrels of oil are stored in these caverns, a petroleum safety net for unsta-

ble times.

The proposed Parkway is designed to enhance traffic through West Eugene and to facilitate development of industrial, residential and commercial property in that area. This means more traffic, more sprawl and more need for more oil.

The military operation in Afghanistan is very much about access to the region's massive reserves of oil and the pipelines that transport it. "You cannot discuss the violence of this region outside the context of oil," says Vakhtang Kolbaya, deputy chairman of the parliament in the republic of Georgia. "It's at the heart of the problem."

With 5 percent of the world's population, the United States

consumes about one-fourth of the world's oil, indulging a fleet of cars and trucks that remarkably declined in miles per gallon efficiency during the past year.

Meanwhile, the caverns in Texas hold 545 million barrels of oil, an amount good for 80 days a decade ago and now down to 53 days. This is a worrisome trend. We are using more oil than ever and more of it than ever is coming from foreign sources.

The proposed Parkway would add to the pressure for future military adventures as the United States struggles to prolong its dependence on an oil-based transportation system. The sprawl, gridlock, big box stores and congestion will be

sending their troops to the Mideast again via the West Eugene Parkway.

What's the alternative? While voting no on the Parkway, we can vote yes on Measure 20-53. This ballot measure offers a beginning to improving transportation choices and land use design. A large freeway project in Portland was canceled six years ago in favor of an alternative approach. Eugene has a role model.

This special election provides a timely opportunity for voters in Eugene to help turn around our dependence on oil. Voting no on Measure 20-54 is a vote for common sense and national security.

Jan Spencer is from Eugene.

Letters to the editor

Students for Choice set the record straight

We would like to thank the Emerald for its interest in our group, but we regret the incorrect information presented in the article in the Wednesday, Oct. 17, Spotlight On Campus special section ("Student group revives old programs," ODE). We write this letter to avoid misunderstandings and confusion. The article contained several mistakes.

First, Students for Choice is not an affiliate of the College Democrats. Students for Choice is an all-

inclusive group with no party alliances; we welcome individuals of any political background.

Second, Students for Choice does not offer contraceptive services of any kind. We are an information resource only. Our goal is to alert students to reproductive health issues and campaign for reproductive rights. We inform students of services and programs that offer reproductive health services in the Eugene area.

Thirdly, Students for Choice is not part of the Family Planning Expansion Project. FPEP, which is administered through the Univer-

sity Health Center and the Lane County Health Department, offers free contraceptive and family planning services to individuals who meet FPEP requirements. Students for Choice, acting as a middleman to educate students about FPEP, has applications and information about the program, but does not determine eligibility or provide any FPEP services.

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Editor's note: The Emerald regrets the errors.

Computers can save energy

According to Professor Greg Bothum in Physics 162, turning off computers on weekends saves the following:

1 CPU + monitor = 200 watts
200 watts x 48 hours = 10 KWHs
20,000 CPUs x 10 KWHs = 200 MWHs
\$50 per MWH = 10,000 per weekend = 500,000 dollars per year!

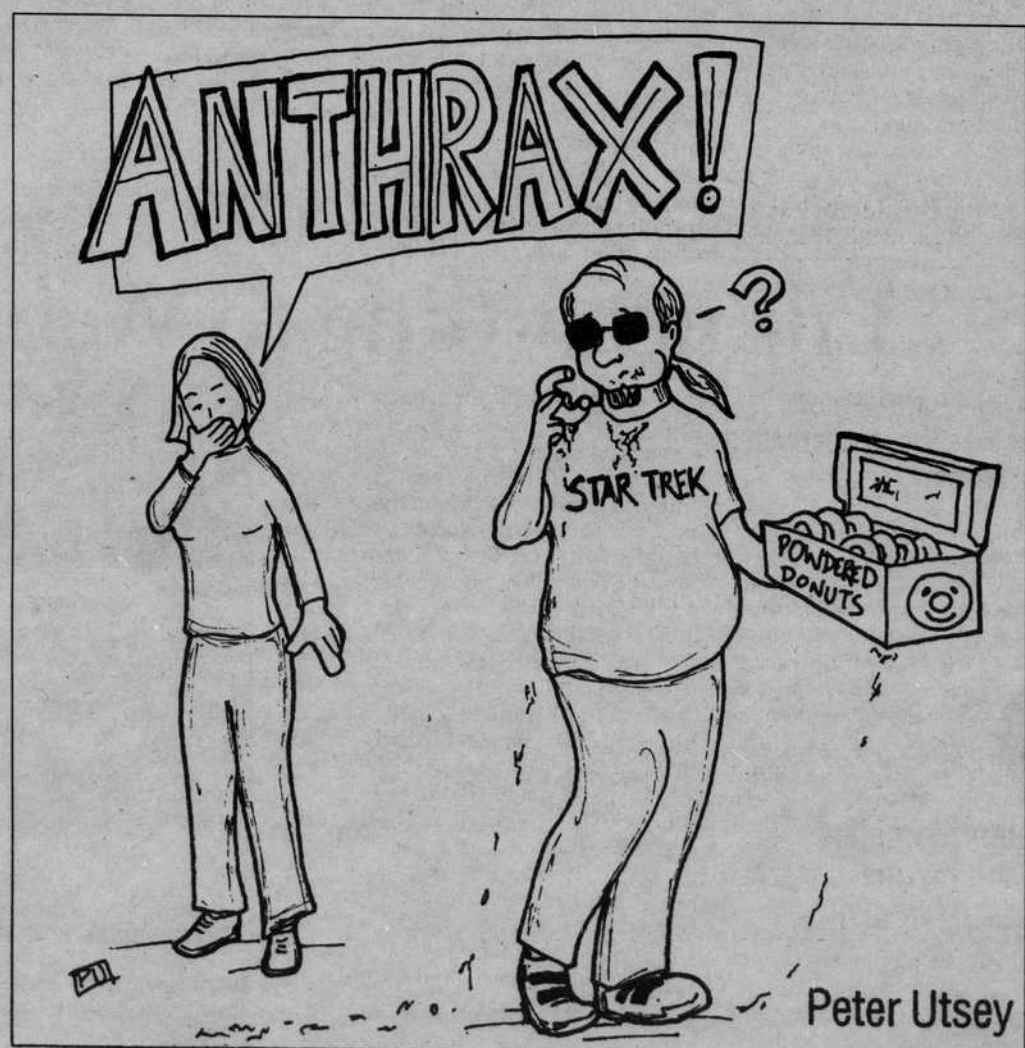
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CORRECTIONS

A guest commentary in Wednesday's paper ("Islamic religion not to blame for acts of terrorism, violence," ODE, 10/17) listed an incorrect phone number for the Muslim Student Association. Their phone number is 346-3798.

In the Greek Life story in the Spotlight on Campus special section ("Campus Greek Life is rich in history," ODE, 10/17), the Gamma Phi Beta chapter's house was incorrectly identified. The original house was on East 13th Avenue and Alder Street. The chapter moved into its current house on Hilyard Street in 1926.

The Emerald regrets the errors.



Peter Utsey