

COMMENTARY

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Stop stealing advertising space from us

I am a true believer in free speech, elections and the power of media. But events today regarding the Emerald and theft of our advertising space leaves me scratching my head at two candidates in the ASUO elections.

Early this morning, staff members discovered the Adam Turcott campaign had stuffed single-page flyers promoting his candidacy into our newspapers in numerous locations around campus, including some stacks of papers inside residence halls. Later in the day, we found that the Toby Piering campaign had stuffed papers at some locations with small handbills.

Apparently they were both unaware that our advertisers pay money to have inserts put into the paper, which means that if anyone does it without paying, it's theft, and it devalues the service for our paying customers.

Let me be clear about this for other candidates: **Inserting material into the Emerald without permission is theft.** If we catch anyone doing it in the future, we will press charges. For those we don't catch, we may just send a bill for services rendered.

Advertising in the Emerald is a wonderful way to get your message out to the campus community. We have representatives standing by, ready to take your call and handle all your campus advertising needs. For ASUO candidates, I highly recommend utilizing the readership of the Emerald to promote your campaign. Call 346-3712, ask for a representative, and we'll get you all set up.

The incidents today are doubly upsetting because the editorial board endorsed both Turcott and Piering. Given their lapse of judgment, I almost wish it hadn't.

Nonetheless, I hope students vote, good luck to all the candidates, and please — stop stealing from us.

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One additional endorsement, one correction

In the avalanche of editorial endorsements in Wednesday's paper, we forgot one race and confused another. We apologize to the candidates involved, and the Emerald regrets the errors.

Wednesday's endorsements for Senate Seat 1 and Seat 3 were switched. We actually endorse Adrian Gilmore for Senate Seat 1 and Beth Overgard for Senate Seat 3, and we apologize to any voters confused by this.

The endorsement for the Programs Finance Committee At-Large two-year term was omitted. The race is important, given the PFC's task of setting budgets for student groups. Here is our endorsement:

PFC At-Large Two-year term

Toby Piering

This was another easy race for us to endorse. Piering wants to improve communication between student groups and the PFC, and he's already been attending different groups' meetings to get off on the right foot. Piering mentioned keeping the incidental fee as low as possible, but he doesn't have the fiscal-efficiency-at-any-cost attitude that we heard from other candidates. Finally, Piering was straightforward about not commenting on rules he's not familiar with. That attitude can be useful in student government.

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Michael J. Kleckner
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Presidential physiology in crisis

I don't like our president. I mean, I really, really, really don't like the man. It's not because of the whole war in Iraq thing. Nor is it because our economy is doing its impression of a negative cubic function ($y=-x^3$, for those of you curious enough to graph it).

It's not because deficit spending is now to be measured in billions-starting-with-T. It's not even because he is determined to add "nuclear" and "misunderestimate" to the lexicon. Those might be good reasons to dislike the man, but my own reason is far simpler: He lacks teeth.

I don't mean that in some clever, euphemistic sense, to imply that he's wimpy or that his policies are weak; I actually mean he's missing those pearly white incisors, canines and molars that most of us have behind our upper lips. Actually, I just mean he could be missing them.

The problem is, if he has them, I've never seen them and you probably haven't either. Maybe he's got dentures? A bridge? Caps? Braces? Or perhaps he has a nice gold-encrusted front tooth with a dainty diamond accent as a token of his misspent youth. Anything is possible.

As I watch his regular public appearances, I find that I am increasingly too distracted trying to catch a glimpse of his missing teeth to pay much attention to the substance of what he's saying. I ask you, how can you follow a leader into war, deficit and new vocabulary words if he consistently fails to demonstrate to our nation's impressionable youth the importance of good dental hygiene?

I don't mean to imply that there aren't times when it's possible to know too much about a president's physiology. I can still recall — with bone-chilling clarity — the sight of Bill Clinton's chubby white thighs protruding from running shorts as he jogged along with his Secret Service agents.

Community can face wartime challenges

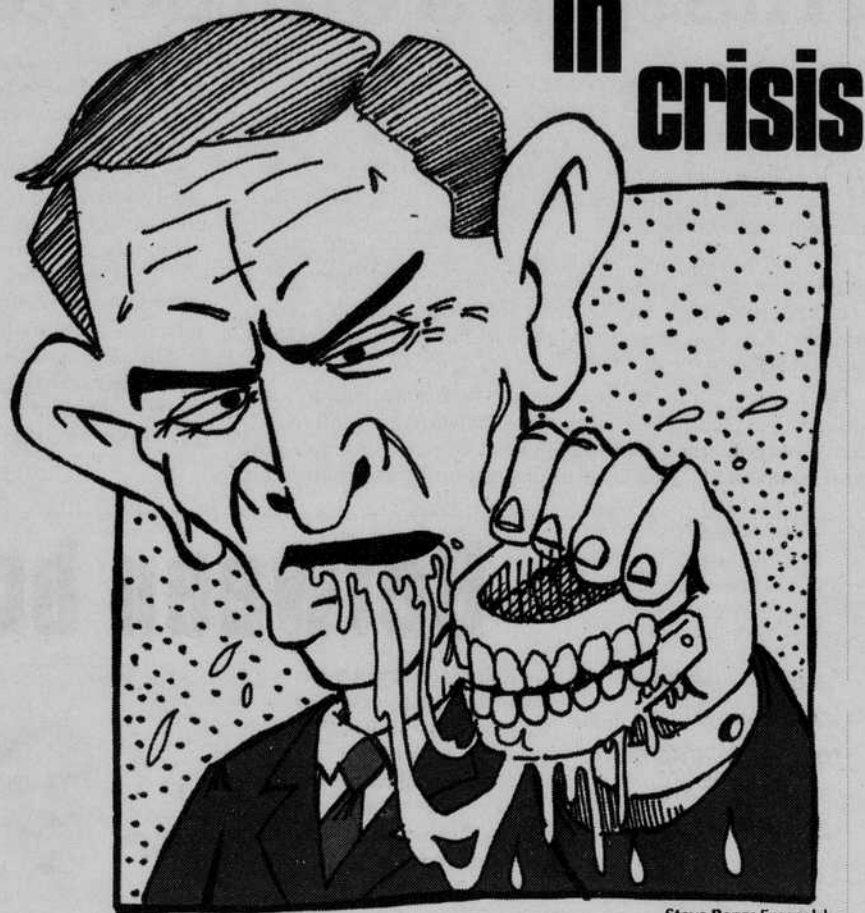
Guest commentary

The University campus is challenged this spring by the U.S. war against Iraq to be the respectful, educational and inclusive community that we are. For many, this is our first emotional experience of war; for others, it is an all-too-familiar repetition of the conflicting emotions that accompany war's loss of life and destruction of land, people and place.

Although we are thankfully, to date, free from first-hand experiences of war or terrorism, we are involved and affected in many ways.

Among us are individuals with a family member in the war — perhaps on the battlefield, perhaps in a support role. They have been displaced, and we feel displaced, by the sudden changes in their lives and the risks they are taking on a daily basis to support this war.

Among us are students, faculty, staff and their families whose geographic origins are the lands where war is taking place. These members of our community are witnessing the possible destruction as well as liberation of their soil, their landscape, their families and



Steve Baggs Emerald

Wouldn't you think that, as a first world nation with a booming economy, we could have fronted the man a nice pair of sweat pants with the presidential seal in addition to his salary and saved millions from those traumatic memories?

Clinton wasn't the only one who shared too much, nor was he the worst. For those of you inclined to remember Ronald Reagan and his dapper turn-out fondly, I have just one word: polyps.

Bush Sr. might have been okay. You could occasionally verify that he flossed. He didn't have chubby white thighs, and if he had polyps, I never heard about them. Then he went and displayed the contents of his stomach all over the Japanese prime minister.

And while I may want to see a bit more of Bush Jr.'s pearly whites, I think we can all agree that Jimmy Carter showed perhaps a bit too much.

Now that I think of it, I don't think we've had an adequate physical specimen in the White House since John F. Kennedy. Now, there was a man with thighs and teeth in the correct quantities.

I suppose that in the world we live in, it is a bit silly to reflect on the physiology of a leader rather than his substance. I, however, prefer to focus on thoughts that make me laugh rather than those that would make me cry.

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their heritage.

Among us are community members passionately opposed to war, and others passionately convinced that this war must be fought to protect what we hold dear for ourselves and others.

Some of us have spiritual alliances or religious beliefs that feel challenged or unwelcome because of this war.

Some of us are members of the military, with daily obligations that contribute to this country's military capability.

Some of us may be from a country whose identity has been bruised by sharp international rhetoric as nations try to sort out the right thing to do and the right way to proceed.

In the midst of these anxious times, we remain a community with high standards for discourse, tolerance, respect and diversity. We need to stay committed to the ideals that frame our campus community, and to support the diversity of opinions, ideas and backgrounds that are the lifeblood of the university.

We need to offer support to others, to affirm the dignity and essential worth of all individuals. We need to proceed with our educational activities, mindful that while these fierce battles rage toward some resolution, we have work to do

here on a campus that rejects bigotry, discrimination, violence or intimidation of any kind.

There are resources on our campus to help us through these difficult times. We can help each other, and we can refer each other to these professional resources. Together, we can provide comfort, guidance, information and support during the challenges of a divided and quarrelsome world.

If you need support, the following resource offices may be helpful:

- University Counseling Center — 346-3227
- Employee Assistance Program — 345-2800
- International Student and Scholar Services — 346-3206
- Religious Directors Association — 343-7021
- Office of Student Life — 346-3216
- Department of Public Safety — 346-5444
- Eugene Police Department — 346-682-5111
- Bias Response Team — 346-1139

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