

I spent four years at the University, and all I got was a lousy rivalry

Unfortunately, I spent most of my time at Oregon yearning to be somewhere else. What's even worse, as every Friday approached, I eagerly waited until I could leave Eugene and drive 45 minutes to the crap capital of Oregon.

Yes, I am one of those girls who over-looked every eligible person at my own school and became attached to a Beaver.

For three years I experienced the ups and downs of dating a rival.

Throughout the course of those years, my car has been introduced to eggs, milk, orange juice and toilet paper. I got a free breakfast and something with which to wipe my ass.

There was the first time I drove up north to visit toward the end of my freshman year. Overnight, three eggs somehow found their way to the roof of my car, only to be discovered the next day, long after they had had the opportunity to cook in the heat of the sun. Believe me, removing dried-on cooked egg from a wind-

shield is harder than one would think.

I recall being excited that my school's football team was known across the country and for whatever reason bragging that my school must be so obviously better than his for this reason. He would retort that he didn't care and at least his school wasn't selling its soul to Nike.

Yeah, well at least I don't have to take a health class to graduate! Oh yeah, well at least at OSU the groundskeepers pick up the grass after they mow it rather than abandon the leftover clippings in wet clumps. Of all four years I have attended the University, I have never seen the grass get picked up, which for some reason has bothered

me consistently every spring. I suppose that's the kind of treatment an agriculture school like OSU can give. At least my campus doesn't smell like something that came out of a cow's rear end.

I remember when Autzen Stadium's renovation was complete. I joked that

all of Corvallis could fit inside our stadium. He retorted that it was good that my school knows how to spend money on educational things.

At least we don't celebrate Halloween every day of the year.

But all of that is beside the point. In the end, the grass sometimes might have looked greener up there, possibly because of the natural fertilizer that runs abundant, but I still enjoyed my time at Oregon.

So we never got to hold simultaneous study breaks or go visit IHOP in the middle of the night because we were craving pancakes. Well, I could go to IHOP, but he was stuck with Shari's.

Although a long-distance relationship is hard and I wouldn't wish it on anyone, it has its perks. When I wanted space, I had it, a lot of it. But I always had the option to go somewhere different where I could escape to when I was sick of Duckville.

Those Beavers, we love to hate them, but damn if some of us don't love to love them.



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Leimena: Graduate unfazed about medical school delay

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were not many people on the island, there was this orphanage on the island that had kids living in it who all had HIV or AIDS. That means that their parents had it and died from it."

Leimena's passion extends beyond the medical field. His roommate said he exudes a passion for life.

"It seems like he never needs sleep, and he always seems like he has endless amounts of energy," advertising major and roommate Brian Frost said. "Those should be good traits to make him a doctor, along with him being bright."

Political science major Marcus Week said he has known Leimena "forever."

"I know he is really driven and dedicated to becoming a doctor," Week said. "He is also really passionate

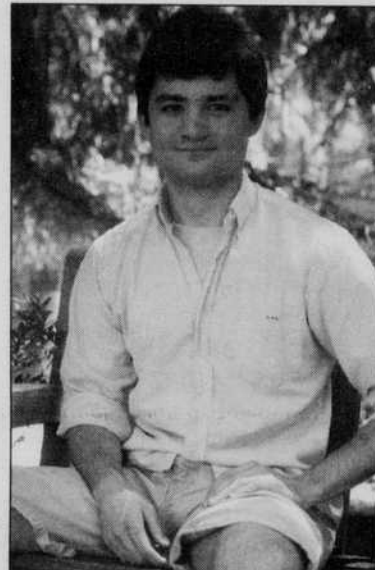
about his hobbies, be it sports or movies."

While Leimena won't be attending medical school next fall, he is not distraught about the competitive process.

"Most people don't go straight into medical school when they graduate," he said. "I will be attending a school where I can work towards my masters in public health, which will give me experience and will look nice on my resumé."

For now, even his work at the Knight Library provides practice interacting with people, which Leimena says is essential to his goals.

"I don't get to volunteer much anymore because I have to work, but I get to interact with people daily, which will be part of my job someday," he said.



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Senior history major Peter Leimena is looking into attending medical school after graduation.

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