

opinion

It could be worse

The students and staff at this college should be thankful for the way this college is governed in comparison to many of the community colleges in the state.

After attending last Saturday's Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association (CCOSAC) meeting in Salem and discussing problems student leaders and student newspaper people encounter at other colleges it is apparent that we stand very high on the cooperativeness and openness scale.

At this institution, instructors and administrators follow an open door policy and are ready and willing to discuss any problems a student may be having with classes, teachers or other areas of school life. This is not the case at other schools where administrators hide behind closed doors and refuse to see students.

There is also a great deal more cooperation between the student press at this college and student government, the board of education, administrators and instructors than at many other community colleges.

The end result of this cooperation is a better education for students who are more aware of what is going on at their school.

Students who feel there is a need for a program and show that there is sufficient interest in it are very likely to see that program implemented.

Students and instructors who need a certain piece of equipment or a teaching aid, field trip or guest lecturer can be certain that if the money for that need can be found they will have it. And more often than not the money is found.

Money is one way this administration cooperates with students and faculty. We realize that there are ongoing salary disputes between faculty and administrators but when an instructor wants to implement a special program the money is usually made available from one source or another.

The good relations that exist between the student press and the rest of this college insures that you, the students and staff, are kept better informed about matters that could directly affect your education.

At other colleges there is an intense distrust exhibited between student government and the student newspaper. This seems to result in the paper's refusal to cover student government affairs in a fair, unbiased manner.

There is also a distrust by administrators at other schools of student newspapers. These administrators refuse to talk to reporters or help them uncover facts pertaining to stories. Again, students suffer by not reading the whole story.

We feel fortunate to be attending an institution of this caliber and appreciate the opportunity to study and learn where we are given every opportunity to do so.

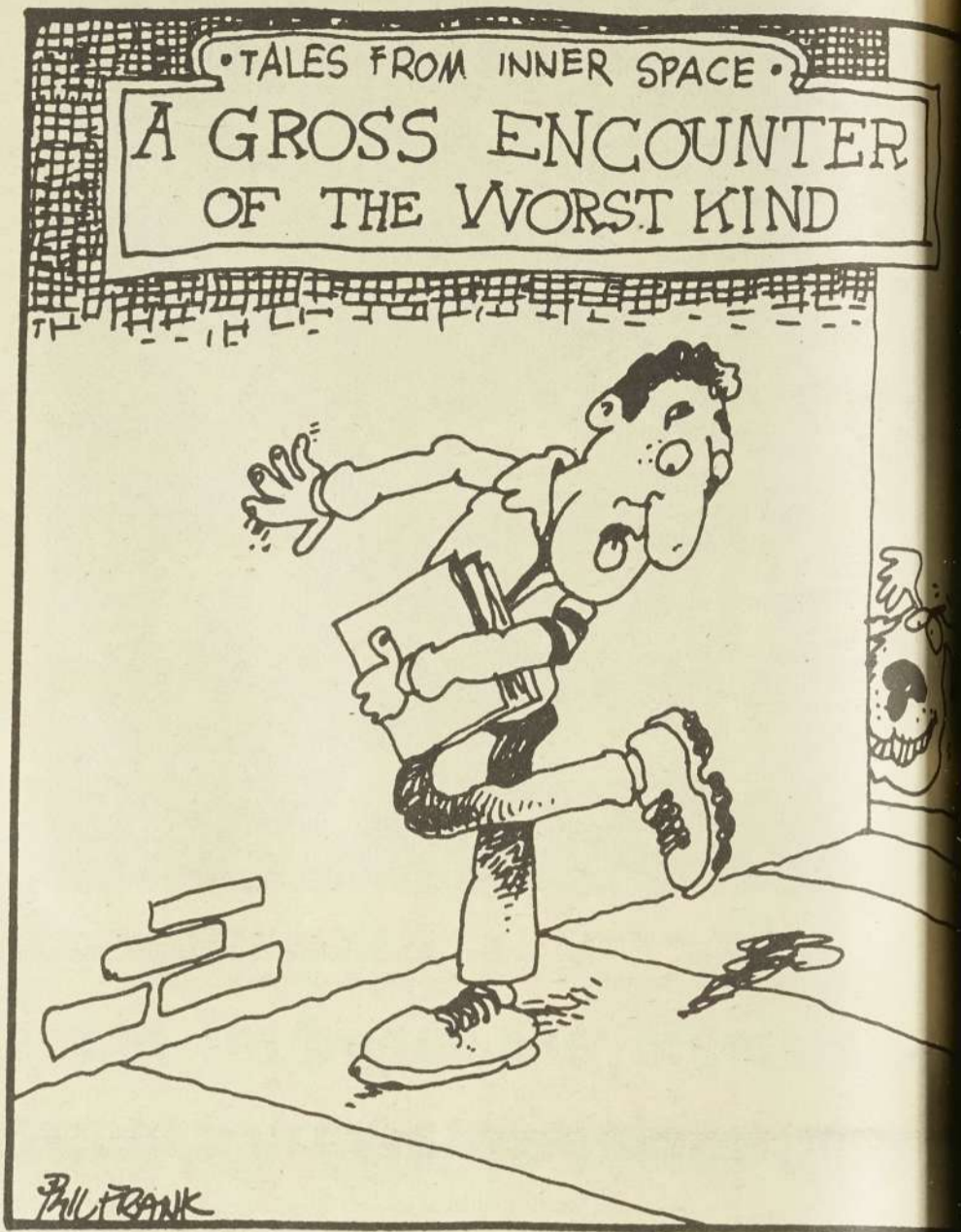
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feedback

Deplorable

To the Editor:

Having spoken to a number of students and community members, it concerns me that so few have any idea of the deplorable conditions that we daily deal with in Orchard Center. The maintenance of the present science facility must be sky-high and is most certainly much in vain.

For instance: 1) I call maintenance currently at least twice a week for reasons that are chronic and due to a building structure that was never designed for laboratory use. The electrical system and plumbing are frequent causes of problems;

2) The fire inspector has told me that if Orchard Center began to burn, there would be no way to control the fire. With his aid, we have made many improvements in the fire hazard situation, but due to inadequate storage facilities and building structure, fire is still a serious concern;

3) The buildings leak when it rains. They leak in the roof, in the walls and in the floor. Let's face it, in Oregon, that is an inconvenience,

4) The labs are not designed to hold any classes larger than 12 students and yet frequently hold twice that many;

5) Approximately once a month, the pilot lights in the building heaters go out causing classrooms to be emptied until the gas can be dispersed and the pilots re-lit. Needless to say, this increases the fire hazard.

These are only the things that are uncomfortable or unsafe for the students. I have not mentioned the demoralizing effect on staff and instructors nor the little inconveniences that make our work more difficult.

Yes, I have a lot to gain from a new science building, but the whole community should realize that they gain something, too. Even if they have no direct connection with the science department, it should be somewhat shameful that the contrast between the quality facilities for other departments and the Orchard Center are so marked.

Likewise, there is a terrific need for expansion of the auto repair labs and all of the trailers should be replaced with permanent facilities.

There are at least a dozen or so excuses I have heard for not voting, but none of them seem to come from anyone who has

had to study in Orchard Center. Perhaps a few more people ought to visit here. I'd be glad to show them the spots where the floor has fallen through.

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Letter policy

The Print welcomes all letters to the editor. In fact, we encourage them. Consider the feedback column a place not only for comment on the newspaper, but also a place to air views on school policy, instructors, classes, the administration or any other topic pertaining to the College community.

We ask only that letters be typewritten, double-spaced, carefully printed in ink, and signed by the person submitting them. The editorial board requires that at the bottom of the letter the person or persons writing the letter attach his or her full name, address and phone number where that person can be reached for verification. Although we do not encourage it, names will be withheld on request.

Wednesday, April 5, 1978

