

public relations firms, this becomes a disease diagnosis showing an imbalance of neurotransmitters. Prescriptions written for tranquilizers do not promote biochemical well-being but instead mimic an anti-anxiety transmitter of the brain (as opiates mimic anti-pain chemicals). None of their drugs are healing in action.

When people such as neurologist Fred Baughman, M.D. write there is no proof for the medical model, and no biochemical test is employed when determining that a person has any one of the diagnoses of mental disease, they do a disservice. They accept without argument that psychiatry is using the medical model!

Opponents to psychiatry would do better to point out that the drug agents do not address biochemical problems. They should validate and promote the work of suppressed doctors such as Abram Hoffer, MD, and Patrick Holford, MD, doctors who treat underlying problems and employ actual physical tests in diagnosing.

Dan Burdick
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THIS PAPER SUCKS

Although I'm sure you take great pride in your paper, I'm here to tell you a painful truth:

It sucks. Have you picked up a *Portland Mercury* lately? Funny, hip, young & current, good art, witty writing, refreshing reviews. I look at the covers of your paper week after week, and I wince in embarrassment.

The *Weekly* has been in a declining free-fall for some time now. Some alternative papers showcase art on their covers every week. You showcase how lame and bland your paper is. You are giving Eugene a bad name. My friends come to visit from other cities, and say things like: "For such a potentially hip town, your weekly is really boring, and poorly put together."

An issue featuring "local music" (6/30) listed bands that 90 percent barely even knew existed, while legions of long lived local bands were shunned. And your movie reviewer? She is so god-awful that I read her reviews week to week, just to see if she is actually getting progressively worse. Does she actually have any writing credentials besides "horrible movie reviewer for *EW*?"

If your paper was ever hip and young, it's now in the golden grandma age, and should either be put down, or reborn and rejuvenated.

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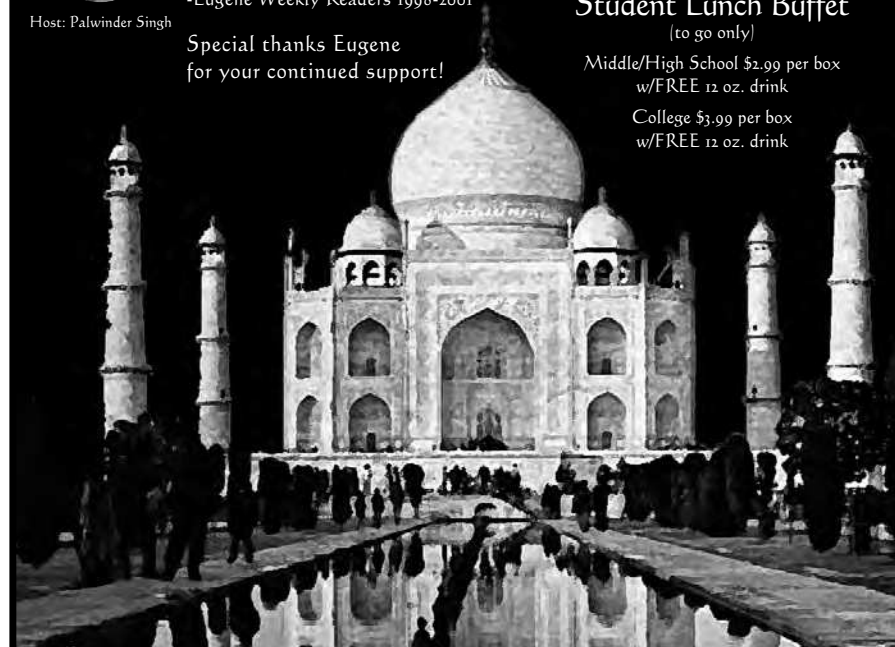
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