

# Communications

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**Editor's note:** We've been flooded-inundated-with communications this week. At least part of the reason is an assignment in a Medford High school English class, for students to read the Communications column and then write themselves.

Some of these letters have not been identifiable as such, and we suspect that several have appeared during the past few days. But we've saved those which were identifiable as part of this class project to be printed together when space permitted. They appear below.

We welcome this interest on the part of our high school readers. The only letters which were rejected were those which were unsigned, or which requested that no signature appear, or (in the case of one or two) where the writer got a bit too rough on some individual.

## Here's a Brave Soul

To the Editor: For the protection of our drivers on the highway, the requirements for women drivers should be stiffened. Women just can't think fast enough to drive a car in a city or town.

The average woman driver is usually gawking at people or stores downtown and isn't looking where she's going. They usually signal for a right turn if they are turning left or they don't signal at all.

It's a fact that more men have accidents, but there are more men drivers. Also many of the accidents men have are to avoid hitting women drivers who have done something wrong. Women drivers should be limited.

Jerry Anderson  
2607 Eastover,  
Medford

## Whims Aren't Important

To the Editor: I am a senior at Medford High school. In the past years I have read the letters to the editor. Perhaps it is just my way of thinking but I fail to see the importance of some of these letters. Others are very important to the community and the city.

Also I fail to see why you, the editor of a fine paper, would print whims of different people which are of little value as an opinion or even a suggestion. I think if you left these whims of different subjects out of your paper and put something of more important value to the community in the paper it would improve your column and your paper.

Garlan Lowery,  
1612 Orchard Home dr.  
Medford.

## Would Like Intelligent Letters

To the Editor: Recently I have been reading your column since we have been studying letters of opinion in English class.

I was amazed to read the letter published Wednesday titled "This and That," which fits it perfectly. Is this a column for constructive arguments and opinions or merely a local column publishing so-called poems written by amateur "poets"?

You surely must be hard up for material, since I've never read such a collection of letters dealing with such trivial, unimportant matters. Medford is a growing city so it seems that our paper should try to make a few improvements by at least publishing more intelligent letters to keep up such a progressive city.

Teresa Thomas,  
580 Lozier Lane,  
Medford.

## How About It?

To the Editor: Recently in my English class we have been studying writing letters of opinion. My English teacher recommended that we read your "communications" column to get some examples of letters of opinion.

For the last week or so I have been following this column. I have observed that most of the letters are ridiculous. I have never read such a collection of letters. Some of them pertain to subjects of local interest but many of them are of no value at all except for something to laugh at. Many of these people make fools of themselves.

Any stranger coming to our town would think it very strange to read such things in a newspaper in a town the size of Medford. Such things make our city look very bad.

I do not wish to be rude or to make anyone angry but I do feel there are people who will agree with me.

In closing I would like to ask a question. Can't you find anything of more interest to write about or any letters of interest to publish?

Thank you very much,  
Pamela White,  
531 Palm st.,  
Medford.

## Why Not?

To the Editor: There has been some comment regarding the possible restriction of the number of family and friends, we, the seniors of Medford Senior High school, will be permitted to invite to our commencement exercises.

It has been said that we may be "rationed" out invitations limited in number to those in our immediate family, "immediate family," probably meaning mother, father, and possibly brothers and sisters.

Speaking for myself, and probably many others, my grandparents postponed a Christmas visit in order that they might travel over 1800 miles from Colorado just to attend these exercises. There is a possibility, also, of friends of long standing from Southern California being here to attend.

If these restrictions are imposed because of the lack of seating space, either in the

Hedrick auditorium or other such facilities, it will mean that my friends, both from Medford and out of town, and my grandparents, must of necessity be told, "there is no room."

We have our own high school campus, a stadium capable of seating far more guests than any auditorium available in Medford. The use of this stadium both for Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises would permit practically an unlimited number of guests.

Why not use it?  
Carleen Black,  
621 Park st.,  
Medford.

## Something Should Be Done

To the Editor: Recently I have been reading your column "Communications" for my English assignments. Then we were to write to your column on any subject we would like to discuss.

I feel that some of your letters printed are quite worthless to the majority of the public.

I realize that some of the people you receive letters from have worthwhile complaints or opinions but as far as I can see a great majority of them have nothing better to do than write silly letters to your newspaper.

I hope you will seriously consider my letter and the things I have to say. I feel that something should be done immediately about this situation.

Maxie Weston,  
1102 N. Riverside Ave.  
Medford.

## Aware of Errors

To the Editor: Since I have taken the course of Remedial English at Medford Senior High school, I have become increasingly aware of the grammatical errors appearing in your paper.

The most noticeable, I believe, are the errors in spelling. For instance, the substituting of an "o" for an "a," or an "n" for an "m." Such errors are due mostly to carelessness or simply overlooking the error.

It is my firm belief that if such errors were omitted, your paper would improve immensely, for you print very

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well organized current event articles.

Jean Keever,  
317 Marie st.  
Medford.

## Wants Better Horoscope

To the Editor: I'm not a person who generally finds fault, so I will not phrase this as a complaint but more as a suggestion.

Is it at all possible to have the horoscope that is in the paper now enlarged on as they are written in the Oregonian? So as the people that follow the stars, as I and my friends do, can have something broader to go on than just a few words.

If you do that my friends and I would be greatly in your debt.

Geraldine Au,  
188 Jeanette st.,  
Medford.

## Public Interest Vital

To the Editor: I am writing this letter in connection with your article "Opportunity Knocking," Thursday, Feb. 4, 1960. You stated that if we were to make Jacksonville an historical town that would gain tourist recognition, all that would be needed is about 15-17,000 dollars, approximately.

I don't think our only problem here is money, but the public interest. Although we may spend a large amount of money on restoring historical buildings, if our own public interest is low the money may end up like other tourist attractions in this valley as a total waste of money.

I do agree with you on most of your ideas but I still think that we should concentrate on enlarging our public interest here in the valley before we spend a lot of money on a project of this sort.

Ken Jensen,  
314 Marie st.  
Medford.

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