

letters

Warrant

Addendum: I wrote this letter late last term but was unable to find the time to type it up and turn it in until now. When I recently read about the untimely death of one of the most prominent members of the RCYB I hesitated to submit this thinking it might be inappropriate. But since it seems he believed strongly in raising one's voice and since his "comrades" seem bent on politicizing his death... besides here I'm on his side.

As a student of philosophy I must profoundly disagree with the RCYB. It does not needfully follow from the fact of scarcity and differing degrees of human ability that anyone is entitled to the product of anyone else's labor.

As a student of political science I find the RCYB disagreeable. In light of the lessons of 20th century history one would have to be either power-hungry, or a sap of such, or desperate for reform, to accept communist ideology. It is so blatantly conducive to the establishment of tyranny and to justification for the most oppressive and imperialist measures. The political situation in this country is deplorable, but certainly not desperate enough to warrant communism as merely a means to counteract that which dominates.

The problem is: In this particular case the RCYB is right. The continued prosecution of the "yellow ribbon burners" constitutes political repression.

While I was not there when the ribbon was burned, when the "protest" (I guess) was made, I was there some short time later at a beer-garden in the same place, the EMU ballroom, and watched a three-man jug-

gling act toss flaming batons, often dropping them on the wood floor, for quite awhile before the director of the EMU took notice and told them to stop.

Obviously, it would have been ridiculous for anyone to press charges of arson for that. Obviously then too the pursuit of such charges against those who lit there a yellow ribbon is unjustifiable, that is, politically motivated.

Kyle DeBord

Ignorance

Yes, Todd Weber, defense ignorance abounds. Unfortunately your article on the subject (Emerald, Jan. 19) is only another example of such ignorance.

Weber goes to great pains to point out the failure of previous Emerald letters to explain why the MX is a first strike weapon. However, Weber himself does not attempt to answer the question, but instead, by implication, leads readers to believe that the MX is not a first strike weapon.

The MX is a first strike weapon for two reasons. First because it has the accuracy to strike against a hardened target such as a Soviet missile silo with a single shot kill probability of 99 percent.

Second, because no basing mode for the MX has yet been devised that will allow it to survive a Soviet attack, the MX is a weapon that must either be used first or lost. Additionally, it should be pointed out that 100 MX missiles would have a total of 1,000 warheads each with a 99 percent countersilo capability.

Weber next puts down Charles Gray for not understanding what verifiability means yet fails to tell his readers that the Cruise missile is unverifiable

because of its small size and mobility. Weber also fails to point out that the low flight path of the cruise makes it undetectable, another dangerous situation that can lead to nuclear war.

Finally, Weber asserts that the Soviets take civil defense seriously and tries to prove this by quoting one unnamed source said to be from a Soviet policy statement, and make reference to two articles. What Weber fails to do here is point out that other Soviet sources have said the exact opposite, including Soviet doctors on national Soviet television.

Yes, Todd, I agree, misinformation, misunderstanding and

misconceptions can only damage a worthy cause. Why are you trying to do so?

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drivers and I would sincerely appreciate the reciprocation of that consideration.

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Bicyclists

I have procrastinated in submitting this letter for quite some time now, in hope that the situation of which I write would miraculously solve itself. Alas, it hasn't, so finally I write.

Please take heed: this is not written in a spirit of condemnation, but in a spirit of semi-frustrated pleading. It concerns university bicyclists. Specifically, reckless university bicyclists.

I am taking the stand of the pedestrian. Don't get me wrong: I am not a self-righteous pedestrian. I realize that pedestrians can be a big annoyance to bicyclists. I also have no desire to separate the University into two categories — bicyclists vs. pedestrians.

A lot of us get around on both both wheels and feet, undoubtedly. I am simply a tad worn out from dodging the careless bicyclist on his 15 second sprint to class. Each day I dread that I'll become a casualty of a frenzied rider.

I'm a very patient person, and I'm not losing that patience, but I do feel as if I'm losing years of my life! With each near miss, each almost-catastrophe, my heart fails a little more.

I suggest to bicyclists: don't speed around a blind corner, don't speed at all (you may not be able to stop), keep at least one hand on the handle bars, slow down when entering a crowd of pedestrians (sometimes I feel like a bowling pin!), let pedestrians know when you are behind them, leave ample space between you and the pedestrian you are passing and simply be very aware of others.

I know that everyone is a good bicyclist most of the time, I think that the main problem is the last-minute rushes to class. Be grateful — it's even slower on foot!

I try to do my best in not becoming a hindrance as a pedestrian to bicyclists or

Promises

In response to a statement made by Doug Eastabrooks as quoted in the Jan. 11 Emerald: "Eastabrooks says there is an equal amount of people who think seriously about what he has to say compared to critics who yell profanities and argue." This is either a blatant lie or else these people are more blind than I thought.

I am aware of the times when a crowd of people have stopped to discuss the finer points of the type of religion Maranatha preaches. I am also aware of the many times I have seen them standing on the hill talking their heads off to a group of students that don't pay attention or else they get annoyed and yell profanities.

I have spent many hours watching the Maranatha speakers. This is a habit I have which teaches me much about human behavior. And I have observed the students passing with a confused look on their faces, yet they very seldom stop to pay attention. The times that I have observed a crowd of people surrounding the preachers, it has been a hostile group expressing their anger at having the preacher's loud and disturbing presence shoved down our throats at every corner.

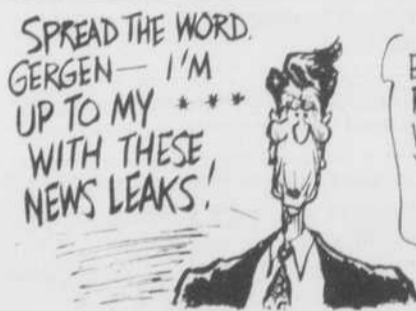
I think this is a fairly clear expression of the type of pseudo-religion that is being spit in the faces of the students. These people don't mind resorting to gross distortions of the truth to make their claims look legitimate. Not a very Christian way to be!

In essence what I'm saying is that those of you that do listen to this so called truth, should listen very carefully, so that bull doesn't carry you off to promised green pastures and leave you in a wasteland of illusion.

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ER - THAT'S YOUR EARS, SIR



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