

# letters

## Cover baseball

The University club baseball team lost a tough 11-8 decision to rival OSU on Wednesday, May 4. A conservative estimate put the crowd at approximately 250 who stayed the entire game with others periodically catching the action.

The Eugene Register-Guard's sports section on Thursday, May 5, had a front page color photo, and a fairly long story detailing the game and the future of Oregon baseball. A linescore also accompanied the story and photo.

The University school newspaper, the Emerald, on Thursday, May 5, never ran a story about the game, and didn't run a photo or even a simple linescore. To the Emerald's sports staff, the game didn't exist.

What did the staff think was considered newsworthy for the Thursday, May 5 edition?

The University community found a story detailing the Los Angeles Lakers' attempt to capture the NBA crown for a second consecutive year.

Maybe there are more Laker fans on campus than Duck baseball aficionados, but the University's newspaper is distributed in Eugene — not West Los Angeles.

How many fans must attend a Duck baseball game, and who must they play (presumably a game with OSU is a big event), before the school newspaper will divert its precious column inches away from Kareem Abdul-Jabbar?

**Ted Kapnick**  
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## Individuals

I am responding to the letter by Neill McAuliffe on May 10 who was "surprised at the stance" of Dean Derrick Bell, "as a black man." Your surprise shows your ignorance of black people as individuals.

I do not know how Dean Bell voted on the ROTC issue, I do know he has every right to vote the way he pleased and his color should not have been pointed out as having anything to do with his choice.

Furthermore, there is no way you can equate homosexuality discrimination with racial or sexual discrimination. Show me a homosexual who has to let a potential employer or landlord know his or her sexual preference.

Blacks and/or females, are visual qualifications for discriminatory practices; but there is nothing that sets a homosexual apart from any other man or woman. You can't "see" a sexual preference.

Will you also tell me, why is it when some white people see a successful black person they expect that one black person to represent the thinking of the whole black race? Why do you look at blacks and expect us to conform to your pseudo-liberal ideas of blackness? Black people come in many colors, from many backgrounds and we have just as many backgrounds and we have just as many mores that govern our "personal" lives.

A person who would rubber stamp any race or culture will continue to have problems understanding the rights of individuals.

**Johnnie Parks**  
senior

## Who decides

After four years here at the University, I have finally found myself compelled to write a letter to the editor.

The issue I address is the matter of ROTC compliance (or lack thereof) to University discrimination policy.

Many people have tried to make this recently publicized debate into a "fag scare" by telling us that for some reason, gay men and women are less capable of fitting into society and yet, they want equal control. Although I feel that this notion is erroneous, it is also not the issue. The real issue is whether we as a student body want to be manipulated by the ROTC, or whether we want to make our own decisions.

In refusing to comply with University policy, the ROTC is enforcing their standards on us. It is taking the values we hold and making a mockery of them. By purposefully disregarding University policy, the ROTC is putting its authority over that of the University.

Fifty years ago in Nazi Germany, Hitler began to decide what was right and wrong for society. Furthermore, he set the limits of society's freedom and eventually, he monopolized that freedom until he was able to take it away. The result; the loss of millions of lives.

Part of belonging to a free

society is the freedom to make our own decisions without letting others impose on us their own personal interpretation of how we should live and who we should live with. The University's antidiscrimination policy exists for this very reason.

Certainly, sexuality should not be the issue at hand. What we must decide is who it is we would like to make decisions concerning our lives, the ROTC or we the people.

**Tom Edwards**  
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## Fairy tale

Once upon a time two great assemblies met in different locations in a great land. One assembly, by its action on an important moral question, brought honor to itself. The other also faced with a moral question of significance, however, brought shame by its performance. The first dealt with the immorality of nuclear war and minced no words in its resolution of condemnation. The second dealt with the immorality of arbitrary discrimination against members of a minority group. In this second assembly a motion was made to postpone consideration of the resolution indefinitely. And that's exactly what they did; they postponed indefinitely the right of the minority. Now the first assembly's action, of course, didn't stop the threat of nuclear war and the second assembly's didn't destroy the minority, but just as in any good fairy tale, there's a moral here someplace.

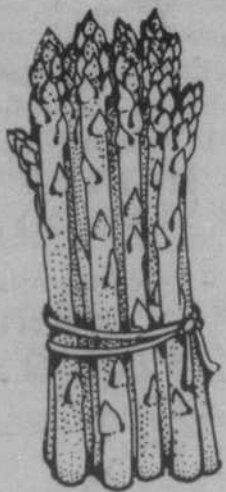
**Dominick Vetri**  
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## Conduct

At first I was appalled to learn of the amputation experiments conducted on some two dozen animals at the university. I felt much better, however, when psychology professor/researcher Marvin Gordon-Lickey pointed out that the "very respected" Science Magazine published the results. That certainly made all the difference in the world for me.

After all, when it comes to studying the urgently, crucially significant whisker and face cleaning behavior of mice, what better method than chopping off their feet?

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