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Letters

Absurd attack

Yes, rape is an act of violence, Darrel Rothauge, and yes, women are capable of violence. These two facts don't add up nearly as neatly as your letter of April 7 would have us believe. If you check out the statistics on rape, you'll find that women raping women is not the problem.

Your point about whether or not the shuttle-van should be available to both men and women could have been a valid contribution to the debate. Instead you turned it into an attack on the gay community, referring to gays as "queers" and feeding the homophobic fear that lesbians and gay men are forever on the prowl for sweet young things (to paraphrase your words).

You express a concern for the safety of "sweet little girl(s)" and "innocent women," casting heterosexual women in the role of passive victims of lesbian lust. Your assertions that these "innocents" are in danger from lesbian women borders on the absurd -- many of these women have worked tirelessly over the years to end the very crime that you accuse them of.

As women, lesbians face the fear and threat of rape the same as heterosexual women. The shuttle-van service is but one example of women actively seeking solutions to protect themselves from a violent crime. Don't throw stones!

Pat Dixon
Student

Drug abuse

We have a significant problem with drugs in our homes, schools, city and workplaces. Our community is beset with legalized drug dealers on almost every corner, in every

grocery store. A drug is defined by Webster's Dictionary as: a substance used in dyeing or chemical operations.

We blindly accept that the chemical producers have our best interests in mind as they produce wide assortments of chemicals for personal and industrial consumption. There are pesticides, cleaners, detergents, paints, dyes etc., which are made of a wide variety of drugs. Where do these chemicals end up when they are washed down our drains?

Out of sight, out of mind? What are the effects of all these compounds combined in our environment? One in three people in the United States will have some form of cancer during their lifetime! Why?

We are a drug-addict society. If you don't feel well, take an aspirin. Whatever the symptom, there's a drug to mask it! Isn't it about time we started dealing with the problems rather than the symptoms?

Thanks Eugene School Board for your recent vote reaffirming your stand against the continuation of an old habit. It is especially hard to deal honestly with the alternatives to drug addiction, no matter what the editors of the Register-Guard think is the "easy" way out.

Richard Gold
Eugene

Greek lifestyle

Yes, it pays to be in the Greek system. This university is so fortunate to have the wonderful Greek system. For me the Greek system has always been a positive experience.

They support the community in several ways.

1. They throw beer bottles, cans and cups in the street every weekend. Thus, people are

employed by the city to clean up their mess.

2. They join others in court battles. This gives our judicial system, and all they employ, continued support.

The Greek system also benefits our university.

1. They haze their pledges. This has three benefits. First, it allows the pledges to be humiliated and feel subhuman like the other Neanderthals that are already in the Greek system. Second, it gives the anthropologist on campus another life form to research that can possibly lead to the missing link. Finally, it provides a former student of the University an extra \$325,000 and focuses media attention on the charitable functions of the Greek system.

2. The frats support equality. They invite all women to their parties because they just happen to have the desired anatomical parts.

The Greek system which benefits this community would be sorely missed if it ceased to exist. They always make sure the University knows how charitable they are. This GDI has a charitable idea for the Greekies. If you would donate a single term's "drink and puke money" to a charitable organization, you might cure cancer. But don't forget to litter the streets.

We LOVE you Greekies. Stay forever!

Blake Louis Sliter
Political Science

Correction

The last sentence of Roscoe Caron's letter "Thanks, Bill" in Friday's Emerald contained an extra word inadvertently added by the Emerald. The sentence, referring to Vice Chancellor W.T. Lemman, should have read: "I think of the Emerald (someday) throwing the spotlight on this guy, and of the student body visiting his office and telling him what we think of him."

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