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**Letters**

**Pop classics**

Robert Duffy's letter (ODE, April 24) regarding KWAX's current all "classical" format raises certain legitimate points. A college radio station *should* be responsive to the input of the student body.

What he perhaps doesn't realize is that KWAX is *not* a "college" station in the same sense as many stations at private schools. The bulk of its financial support comes from foundation grants and private donations, and only minimally from tuition dollars.

I agree, though for different reasons, that KWAX is too conservative. Its representation of "serious" music is extremely lopsided, lacking severely in the areas of 20th century and very early music. Roughly 80 percent of its programming could be considered a sort of "Top 40" of popular classics. Surely a 24-hour station could offer wider variety even within the "classical" framework.

Still, it is Eugene's *only* classically oriented station, while other stations exist for other genres. After Mr. Duffy has spent a little more time in college he will doubtless meet numerous persons — many of them students under 35 — whose musical tastes are more diverse and sophisticated than he now imagines them to be.

**Hiawatha**  
Graduate, Music

**Three for one**

I have three letters to write, but I have neither time nor space to write all three. So here, very briefly, is what I want to say:

Letter 1:

Members of the ASUO Executive should not threaten members of the working press with physical violence. To do so is stupid, and anyone who does so is stupid. This has happened to me twice. It makes my journalistic life worthwhile.

However, in light of these threats, my personal safety on campus is in jeopardy. I therefore demand my right to ride the Safe Ride van at night.

Ms. Pinckney.

Letter 2:

Mellow out on gays. Face it, there is a small, hysterical group of homosexuals who feel compelled to assault male dominance as they define it. Realize that they are in the minority.

This battle has become so heated on campus that people are losing sight of the issue. Basically, homosexuality is *not* an aberration, and very nice, very intelligent people can also be homosexual.

I am not gay myself. I just don't think it's worthwhile being conservative if it means destroying people only because they are gay.

Letter 3:

Don't tear down the shanties. They are there *legally*; let them stand there for a week to remind people how stupid the left is. Besides, the left fully expects us to tear them down, and conservative rule number 1 is: Never do what the left expects you to do.

**James R. Young**  
Oregon Coramentator

**Fresh idea**

Greeks:

Admit it to yourselves. Your elitist society has many serious problems. It's true some Greeks realize the system has faults, but many remain ignorant and closed-minded. Still others claim those who attack the Greek system, such as myself, have a distorted viewpoint, because they are not in the system.

I suggest it's the Greeks who have the distorted and extremely biased perspective. It's hard to see the truth when you have been sucked up by such a corrupt system.

Yes, it's true Greeks sponsor worthwhile events. But does this make up for the shit they pull? When most organizations do something charitable they usually do it out of kindness and don't actively seek recognition. But the Greeks are constantly telling us of all the "good" they do. It seems more like an attempt to alleviate a guilty conscience than to be charitable.

Ric Ilgenfritz claims that since the Greek system is growing it must be doing something right. He must be unaware of the Third Reich's rapid growth in pre-war Germany. A system's growth does not indicate it is free from wrongdoing.

Here's a fresh idea — instead of constantly telling us of all the "good" you do, why not try informing the student body of measures the Greek system is taking to correct its own faults. (Maybe you could include this information in your NewsGreek publication.) You just might make some "fucking narrow-minded sons-of-bitches" see your side.

**Scott Lewis**  
Psychology

**Male strategy**

In recent weeks, several male writers have complained in these pages they are tired of being labeled as potential rapists merely because they are men. Guilt by association, they correctly suggest, is an indignity that is easy to apply but very difficult to shed.

Our group was created more than a year ago in part because we recognized that, as men, we are *all* suspect as potential violators of women. As such, it is one of the ways in which rape is a men's issue. We must join most men in wanting to escape such stereotypic labels as "potential rapist."

Our strategy for this has been to educate ourselves and other men about the socialization process that allows and encourages men to think and act in ways that perpetuate the stereotype. We don't pretend to have the answers, but we do feel we have gained something in our exploration and debate of the questions.

The name-calling, fear, anger and hurt evident in a number of recent letters by writers of both genders is disturbing. We would like to invite those who are curious, mad or just plain confused about the issue of rape culture and men's role in it to attend our next "open forum" discussion meeting.

**Raymond Scully**  
Men Against Rape

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