

Letters

Offended

I am writing, more in sorrow than in anger, to request that G.A. Baker make a formal apology to the University community for his obscene public slander of (among others) Martin Luther King, one of the two or three great saints of the Twentieth century, whom he branded a "weak minded loser" (while calling Meese, North and Poin-dexter "great men").

The public venting of such ignorant and malicious neo-Nazi sentiment does subtle but serious damage to the whole community; it poisons the well. Hitler began by slandering the Jews as "vermin." This laid the groundwork for translating his vile metaphor into action, by a systematic effort to exterminate them. And in the end, he and his whole movement were stamped out — like vermin.

I would therefore warn G.A. Baker, whoever he or she may be, that what goes around comes around, and that the expression of vile and hateful attitudes toward loving, enlightened and dignified people is a sin against the Holy Spirit, against Gaia, and against the universe, and that it will ultimately and grievously rebound upon the perpetrator, unless he seeks forgiveness and amends his life. This is not a matter of belief or disbelief; it is simply the way the world works. Ignore it at your peril.

For your own sake and for ours, Mr./Ms. Baker, I urge you to look in your heart and apologize. You have offended me

very deeply, and I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling polluted by your letter.

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At war

More than 50 percent of "your" federal tax dollars go to the Pentagon.

The breakdown, according to the Office of Management and Budget, is: 54 percent to military spending, 7 percent to health, 2.5 percent to food and nutrition, 2.5 percent to education, 2 percent to housing and 32 percent to other.

Any reasonably-minded person would conclude that we are a country at war, else why are we spending so much on the military?

We are a country under siege by our own government! The war is being waged on your pocketbook, by the Pentagon. How much more will you take?

Martin Luther King said it best: "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Ann Reed
Geography

Eradication

I would like to commend Mr. Dawson for standing up and expressing his outrage for the ignorant racist climate which unfortunately exists on this cam-

pus ("Racist climate," ODE, Dec. 5). Sadly, Mr. Dawson can only see to attack bigotry with bigotry. How is his generalization of the two racist men outside of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity to the entire SAE house and from there to the entire Greek system any different from an uneducated statement such as, "All Canadians are good hockey players"?

If all Greeks are the racists Mr. Dawson thinks us to be, it seems that I have wasted an entire term conveying the importance of love for humankind, the world over, along with the assimilation of ethical and moral principles supported by a broad base of world religions to a group of twenty young men who wish to become initiated members of a fraternity which holds these ideals as its highest. It will also come as a blow to all of the non-white members which we have initiated over the years that those they considered their brothers are only a bunch of white supremacists.

Mr. Dawson makes one very important statement to his credit: "... we must educate ourselves about racism and refuse to tolerate it from others." I agree wholeheartedly. If we can get past Mr. Dawson's closed-minded liberalism and look at individuals as individuals rather than as the stereotypes people chose to associate them with, perhaps we will make important progress in eradicating bigoted ideology.

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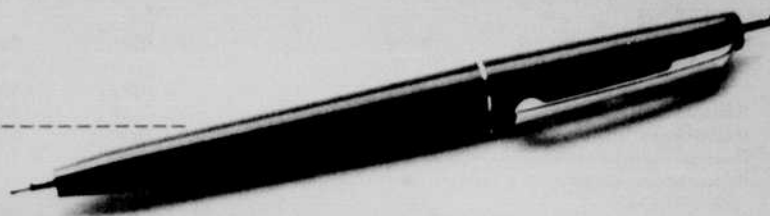
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