

Letters

Research

As an individual who respects the value of accurate factual information, I would like to bring to your attention some possible errors in the Emerald's June 1 advertisement sponsored by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

To the best of my knowledge, no research involving monkeys is currently being conducted here at the University, and no monkeys are housed here. Approximately 85 percent of the research involving animals at the University is conducted on fruit flies and fish.

Only \$200,000 in grant monies has been awarded by federal agencies for research that involves cats and rats; much of that money is not spent on research itself but goes directly to the University to help pay for Physical Plant costs, utilities, departmental budgets and other expenses.

Hundreds of students, both undergraduates and graduate students, science majors and non-science majors, work in

and thus have daily access to the animal research labs here. I personally have given many tours to non-science faculty members, university students, community members, school children and reporters.

To the best of my knowledge, the photograph shown in the ad was not taken here at the University. I would like to know where it was taken.

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Russians

I'm writing in response to Dan Lucas' letter titled "Stop bigotry" (ODE, May 25). Mr. Republican Precinct Committeeman, I commend your intentions for writing your letter. It shows you are realizing a problem that has been around for hundreds of years.

What I attack your letter on is a horrid contradiction between what ideals you condemn and the words of bigotry that you yourself use.

You state "anti-semitism, homophobia and hatred of other minorities is common in Soviet Russia, but does not belong in American society." Whether the above hate feelings are common in Soviet Russia should be irrelevant when we in America have a tremendous problem with the above characteristics. Let's deal with our own country first before we start pointing our fingers at Soviet Russia.

You rebuke the Ku Klux Klan for burning crosses, yet you send the same message toward Russia. You make it not only sound like it is common for a Russian to have the above virulent feelings, but that these expressions are accepted.

Don't disapprove of others' bigoted actions when you yourself show the same malevolent distortions. You are no different than the ones you condemn; you are just focusing bigotry toward Russians.

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