

## Letters

### Bike thefts

On Nov. 10, I walk out of my 2:30 class into the Lawrence Hall courtyard to find that the handlebars from my mountain bike were gone. I asked people if they had seen someone take them, but no one had.

I went to campus security and on the way, I met up with another victim who had just had his rear wheel stolen in front of Friendly Hall. He said he'd seen other people in the vicinity who were gawking at missing parts.

About a half-hour later, the two kids, 14 and 17 years old, were stopped by the police. My parts, as well as a treasure trove of others, were recovered in a pile of leaves.

Folks, this happened in broad daylight in a very populated area. Did no one see it happen? I can't believe that! Try this: If you see someone who looks like he or she is attempting to steal a bike, or bike parts, either say something from a distance so you don't get hurt, or approach them!

I know I would do the same for you. Even if you're wrong, that person will be glad that you're keeping an eye out for them. If we all made a little effort, and mustered up enough courage to say something, we could cut down on the amazing number of bike thefts on this campus.

John Bregar  
International Studies

### Basic research

In response to Stacy Bolt's letter (ODE, Nov. 9), we at The Vintage Clothing Shoppe are well aware of the separation between the editorial and advertising departments of a newspaper.

We are also aware of what constitutes good reporting. True, advertising with the *Emerald* does not obligate the paper to mention The Vintage Clothing Shoppe in articles. However, an article claiming to cover the local vintage clothing outlets owes the readers a com-

plete and accurate coverage of the subject.

Certainly, as Bolt states, giving advertisers "special attention" in articles would cost a newspaper its respect and credibility. But neglecting to research and report the topic of an article completely also seriously detracts from this credibility and respect.

In this particular instance, the failure to pursue a few minutes of basic research reduced the level of the article to, more or less, "These are my fav'rite stores, an' gosh, here's why!" From a junior high school newspaper, this might be understandable, but from the *Emerald*, I would expect a little more professionalism.

David Dellinger  
The Vintage Clothing Shoppe

### Deficiencies

Who is David Bates? He obviously has some kind of locally popular platform to be able to contribute whatever he finds lying in his waste basket, and have it printed on the front page of the *Emerald*! Let me briefly expound on the deficiencies of his Nov. 13 publication.

To begin with, he describes the hypothetical Mr. Bentley as some kind of victim, rather than a person who began his "business" with full knowledge he was breaking the law!

And for what purpose? To deliver a product which consumes people's time and brain cells and leaves the with ... a slightly more polluted atmosphere when they began ... Wrong!

The motive is greed. But this article makes it sound like this guy has no choice, like legitimate gardening is just out of the question! As I said before, let us make laws that will help tell people what is right and wrong, whether or not we can enforce them.

If a person cannot see what is wrong with spreading drugs all over to consume the time, money and abilities of people who are already lacking, they are either blind, stupid or stoned.

People use drugs because they are hoping to gain what they are lacking, no? But it leaves them empty, just like they were before their experience. Being filled with the spirit of my creator, I strangely have no such needs.

Anyway, I didn't finish the article because the intro was too silly. "Bentley" — it's not late to have a bonfire.

Bob Weigel  
Lab tech

### Incorrect

I am writing in response to an article printed in the Nov. 10 edition of the *Emerald* entitled "OSU sued in deaths." The article was about two OSU students who were killed in a car accident in Jan. 1988, involving drinking and driving.

It was stated that, "all had been drinking at a University function." I just wanted to correct your misinformation. Lori Renee Bibbee and Mathew Kowash, the two killed in the accident, were not, in fact, at this function. They had been out to dinner, and then to a movie.

After they returned from the movie, they met Joe Lewis, the driver, and two others at the dorms. They decided to go to Mary Peak's to play football, where the accident happened.

There has been a great deal of incorrect information printed about the accident. It seems as if the real truth is trying to be, in a way, covered up to deter some of the guilt of the driver. He was a minor who had been drinking at the school function. He is who is at fault.

Lori and I grew up together. She was my cousin and a very close friend. To read an article such as this; it feels as if a knife was stabbed in my heart. What I am asking is that you please get hold of Benton County Circuit Court for the transcript of this case, so you will have accurate information about a very painful accident.

Julie Davidson  
Student

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