

Letters Violence

Condone

The U.S. has gone to war to fight against colonialism and fascism. Today, the CIA and U.S. Foreign Aid is fighting a war for colonialism and fascism against the self determination of an oppressed populace.

There will be no turncoat solution as we did in the Philippines when we traded our support for the Marcos dictatorship for that of a popular uprising. It is no small coincidence what within 24 hours of a CIA recruit/protest/arrest that six Jesuit priests were brutally murdered within the confines of the University of El Salvador, and Myles Brand declares higher Affirmative Action standards for the University.

Of course this is the same double standard America has found acceptable under the Reagan years. Tim Hughes, a victim of discriminatory sentiment, is punished by the University for standing up to discrimination and murder. Not just student conduct charges, but criminal charges.

That Brand can discuss affirmative action and constantly state that the best argument wins, while the cover arm of U.S. foreign policy recruits on our campus is a contempt of decency. Hughes' arrest shows that Brand is not able to make a leap from a mediocre philosopher to a great one, who is willing to back up rhetoric with moral action.

Hughes made that leap in solidarity with murdered students, clergy, union activists, peasants and affirmative action.

David Landrum
Student

It's probably not too common to get letters complaining about classified advertisements, but I couldn't let the "threat" sponsored by the Club Sports for the Nov. 18 rugby game go (*ODE*, Nov. 16).

I wasn't shocked so much by the friendly invitation (Watch Rugby or Die!), but by the apparent philosophy of the University rugby team (Fight Violence with Violence. That's the Only Way to Win!).

For me, it's a sad statement for the rugby team, and the University itself. Statements like this are always in poor taste, but this is especially worse in light of recent efforts of the ASUO and other assorted campus organizations to decrease violence, and increase the awareness of racism, homophobia and other problems.

There will be some of you who will think this is just a little thing, and that I am blowing the problem out of proportion. For those of you, I say go see "Still Killing Us Softly" and Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing," and then tell me little things don't make a difference.

And don't look for me in the stands at a rugby game.

Stephen Thomas
Student

Astonished

On Wednesday night (Nov. 15), I went to see the slides Tim Hughes took of his trip to North Korea this past summer. I was astonished for two reasons.

First, Hughes' photos and commentary were excellent. The event attracted over 25,000 students from all over the

world; some risking their lives to make it to the conference. The photos of the opening and closing ceremonies, the dancers, speakers and students of every nationality and race were completely breathtaking.

Unfortunately, I was also astounded at the fact that only a handful of people came to see the slides. I wish more students had a chance to see these beautiful photos testifying to the spirit of solidarity that unites all students, no matter what country they are from.

I would urge any and all students interested in the slides to contact Hughes at ASUO Legal Services (x4273). He might be generous enough to show them again if enough students show interest. These slides are some of the best I've ever seen. I encourage all students to take time to learn about the international student movement.

Thank you, Tim Hughes, for a wonderful evening.

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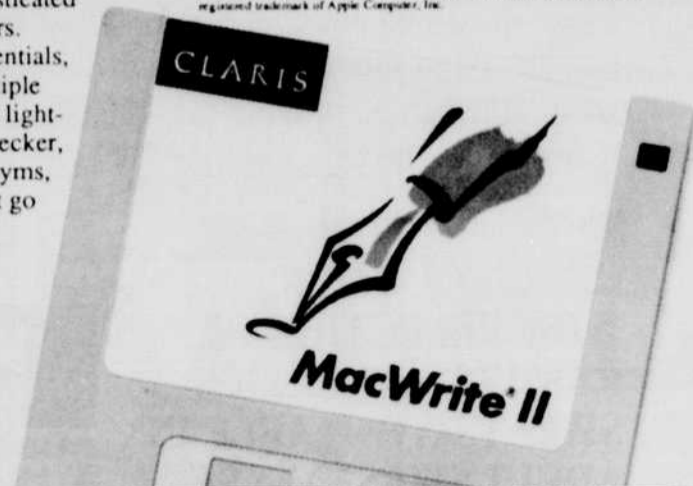
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By GARY LARSON

