

Eased out

Minorities of Black and Mexican heritage are being eased out of mainstream white Caucasian America. This is the result of "Pull yourself up by the bootstrap" philosophy put into action. These minority numbers have on this campus dwindled the last 10 years. It's time to take notice that something isn't working. We need more financial aid and we need stronger affirmative action laws. More than anything, minorities on this campus need the concern of the students on this campus.

Racial violence makes the headlines far too often. You have to wonder where we as a nation are heading. I think the country is divided. There are those who care not, and there are those who have not. Instead of being together we are against each other.

Isolation in the cities grows into crime and violence and a society bent on lawlessness. The police haven't the time to catch the criminal. The courts don't have the personnel to deal with the lawless, and the jails lack the the

room to hold the criminal.

Former Chief Justice Burger said that justice should be swift and sure. Warren Burger's philosophy would mean the criminal justice system would be streamlined to speed up the judicial process, and punishment would be sure to all guilty parties. Instead of getting off the hook with no time in jail, everyone guilty would be punished with at least some time in jail. That's true accountability.

Peter Fena
Graduate Corrections

No concerns

Students for Equal Access would like to clarify some statements that appeared in an in-depth article on Myles Brand's affirmative action program (ODE, Jan. 15).

SEA has no "concerns" about Pres. Brand and his affirmative action program. SEA represents disabled students on campus and has seen nothing but support from President Brand.

As for having a task force on disabili-

ties, it is something we would like to have in the future. Right now, however, Pres. Brand has only been in office for eight months. During this short span of time, he has managed to show his commitment to creating an "accessible" environment for disabled students by participating in such things as a wheel chair tour of campus.

SEA is encouraged by Pres. Brand's policies and actions dealing with disability issues. We look forward to working with him and the administration.

Julie Huber
SEA Co-director

Whose issue?

"Society has done a great crime against women by causing them to believe that they can allow their bodies to be misused without any serious consequences" (author's italics) stated Bob Weigel in his editorial "Used to be" (ODE, Jan. 26). His argument is against legalized abortion and he holds that if WOMEN were legally punished for getting pregnant then WOMEN would not

"put their bodies out for use by anyone and everyone with the right manipulations." One of the definitions of "allow" is to neglect to prevent or restrain. Why should WOMEN have to sexually restrain men? And since when has getting pregnant not entailed serious consequences? Whether or not a WOMAN chooses to deliver a child, it is an incredibly serious and emotional issue.

The problem of unwanted pregnancies will not go away simply because a law says abortion is illegal. Without education and responsibility, men will continue to impregnate women and women will continue to bear the burden of the shared action of two people. Many men are taking more responsibility for birth control and some are even educating other men. The responsibility belongs with men as much as it does with women; after all, without men's contribution to intercourse (sperm), there wouldn't be any unwanted pregnancies in the first place.

Margaret Wilson
English

OSPRIG holding pair of meetings

MEETINGS

National Student Exchange Orientation will meet this afternoon at 4 in the EMU Forum Room.

"International Festival" organizational meeting of the

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Foreign Students Organization will be held tonight at 5 in the EMU International Lounge.

Viennese Ball planning meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 in the EMU International Lounge.

Students Against Apartheid meets tonight at 5:30 in EMU Cedar Room F.

Student Campaign for Disarmament will meet to discuss American Peace Test and non-violent workshops tonight at 6 at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St.

Bahai Campus Association meets tonight at 6:30 at the Ba-

hai Center, 1458 Alder St.

University of Oregon/University of El Salvador Sister University Project will hold a general interest meeting tonight at 5 in the EMU Oak Room.

OSPIRG will hold a consumer research meeting tonight at 6 in EMU Century Room C.

A meeting for all groups interested in showing movies during spring term will be held today at 1:30 in EMU Century Room E.

OSPIRG's clean air/toxics group meets tonight at 7 in Room 155 Straub.

MISCELLANEOUS

CD-ROM tutorial for the ERIC (education) database will be held today at 10 a.m. in the Knight Library's Reference Department.

Holy Rosary will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St.

Food and fitness issues for college students is the title of a workshop to be held tonight at 8 in EMU Cedar Room C. Minority students are encouraged to attend.

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