

## Letters

### Peace

I am responding to Kelsey Fisher's letter (ODE, May 1), in which she attempts to moralize everyone's thoughts and lifestyles by showing us how lesbians like Maureen Burke will go to Hell for trying to lead a lifestyle that gives them happiness and security in this "God-loving society."

It is frightening to me to see an argument such as this because the underlying reason for education is to understand what we don't understand. Burke has tried to do that, but Fisher, your statement has put people like Burke back into a dark hole, limiting others in understanding the needs of lesbians.

I do not lead a homosexual lifestyle but I have friends who do, and their blood is the same color as yours, Fisher. They need love and security because they are also humans with fear unimaginable to most of us. You are limiting them from what they consider happiness.

And Fisher, believe it or not, but Burke, being gay, and yourself, being a Christian, have a common ground: Both of you are trying to express what you truly believe is right for yourselves, and thus, you should, more than anything else, understand how difficult it is to be a fighter. Peace and good luck to both of you.

**Bobby Lee**  
Political science/philosophy

### Tirade

I found it really appalling that the *Oregon Daily Emerald* chose to print Kelsey Fisher's (ODE, May 1) vicious attack on Maureen Burke. Including this kind of abuse in a letters column, or anywhere else, lends support to the hysteria and misunderstanding that can lead to more overt violence.

I applaud the *Emerald* for all the pieces that ran during Gay Pride Week. I also acknowledge Fisher's right to hold whatever views she feels comfortable with, but it was highly irresponsible of the *Emerald* to print this ugly diatribe.

I believe that it should be against *Emerald* policy to run letters that are nothing but a personal tirade against a fellow student.

**Kristen Brandt**  
Eugene

### Support bigotry

To the editor: I am glad to see you taking a stand to support bigotry. Social prejudice disguised as religious belief is still bigotry, and is the cause of more wars and racial and social injustice than any other factor.

In printing the letter "We are moral" (ODE, May 1), you have done your bit in fostering divisiveness and disunity on this campus and in American society in general. I am not gay, and I am also not American; I am, however, appalled.

**Janet Naylor**  
Receptionist

### Opt out

I would like to thank Kelsey Fisher (ODE, May 1) for her stunning example of bigoted, self-righteous attitudes. Nowhere in recent memory have I seen a more beautiful and caustic piece of hate.

Poor Fisher is so tired of having other people's sexuality forced down her throat. I can relate: Every single billboard, every magazine ad, every television program, every public display of affection is another blatant display of heterosexuality that I don't need to have forced down my throat.

Furthermore, in her diatribe, Fisher claims to be moral and God-loving. Hate has never seemed very moral to me, but I'm gay, so my sense of morality may be a little off. How dare she tell us that she is a moral person when her entire letter is nothing but petty indignation

and judgment.

Finally, gay people do not have every right guaranteed in the Constitution. We can lose our homes, our jobs and even our children for no other reason than the fact that we love people of the same sex.

We are not allowed to live our lives freely; we are not at liberty to love the people to whom we are attracted, and when we do pursue happiness, as Robin Madell and Maureen Burke are by getting married, we get hate letters from sickeningly self-righteous, intolerant, hateful, bigoted, "moral, God-loving" people like Fisher who can't see that it isn't important who you love, but that you love.

If morality is synonymous with the kind of hatred exhibited in Fisher's letter, I'll happily opt out.

**Michael Peeler**  
Gay and Lesbian Alliance

### Sorry

My first letter "We are moral" (ODE, May 1) was written in a condescending and judgmental tone that was unnecessary and wrong for a Christian to use. For this, I am regretful and sorry, for a Christian should not judge others, but love them.

My anger and hastiness caused me to attack the homosexual individual, when in fact my conflict was with the homosexual act. For the homosexual, I wish conviction and peace. I sincerely hope the harshness and self-righteousness of my first letter did not cause anyone to come to a confused understanding of what Christianity is all about.

God is a God of love. Through love He desires above all to heal and forgive, rather than persecute.

**Kelsey Fisher**  
Psychology

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