

LETTERS

Friendly Dead

I am writing to voice my extreme displeasure with the recent University ruling to ban Grateful Dead concerts from Autzen Stadium. I attended the most recent concert and found the atmosphere to be refreshingly open and friendly. Even the police were friendly.

Vice President Dan Williams was quoted (*ODE*, Oct. 23) as saying, "Times may change, but right now the environment is a little hostile for this type of thing."

Well, I'm feeling hostile, too. As a Deadhead I suppose I am automatically put into the "hippie" category, labeled as peaceful and loving (both bad words in our society), and duly ignored.

Fine. Categorize me to your heart's content. For the record, I am also feeling powerless. I suppose "hippies" are just supposed to "take it" since we're so peaceful and all. I didn't say I was one; that's your categorization. Personally, I'm just going to have to practice this hostility "trip" a little more and maybe I can perfect it to the point that I can contribute to a reversal on this matter. Certainly that's what the real world is all about, anyway: hostility.

Jon Organ
Eugene

High failure

For people who think that women choose not to become pregnant by using birth control, I suggest a visit to the health center.

The most effective, reversible method of birth control is the combined pill. Out of 100 women, three will get pregnant in the first year of use (*Science*, Feb. 23, 1990, p. 909).

Other contraceptive methods have a higher failure rate. Twelve women out of 100 who use condoms become pregnant within the first year of use.

These women have not had a choice. Those who believe that birth control prevents unintentional pregnancies are dangerously uninformed.

Andrea Novicki
Biology

No monopoly

I am writing in response to Todd Hausman's letter (*ODE* Oct. 24).

You in SETA do not have a monopoly on animal welfare. You are not the only people who, as you say, are "concerned about the treatment of animals on this campus."

There is another group on campus that is just as concerned as you. CFAAR, the Coalition for Animals and Animal Research, is a moderate pro-biomedical research group. Our goals are the following:

To educate the public about

the true nature of animal research and animal researchers.

To support the responsible and humane use of animals in biomedical research.

To promote the development and use of alternatives to animals in research.

Animal rights and animal welfare are not synonyms. Those who believe in animal "rights" believe that animals have the same rights as humans. Animal "welfare" is being concerned about the "health and well-being" of animals.

Everyone should be concerned about animal welfare. Belief in animal research and its benefits (vaccines for polio, feline leukemia, organ transplants, chemotherapy) doesn't preclude concern for animal welfare.

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Out the window

It's all about images, isn't it?

We here at the University are not hippies. We never do drugs. God forbid, we have long hair and smell.

If the Dead go away, maybe the image problem will go away, too. We're not a poor university, are we? \$200,000 out the window ... flying away on a happy spring day.

I'm beginning to wonder if this administration of ours can relate to the students on this campus. This administration has no right to define what culture should and should not be.

Bring back the Dead.

Monica Patnaik
Cultural Forum

Embarrassed

For those of you who did not attend the forum with President Myles Brand on Oct. 24, it was an embarrassment for me to hear him state that he will not take any "legal" action against the selling of Coca-Cola on this campus.

Coca-Cola has given \$125 million to South Africa, a country with legalized apartheid. Cola we drink here today is helping to prolong laws that are based on race rather than humanity.

Interestingly enough, the University has invited Dr. Fatima Meer, a visiting South African scholar, to teach us about peace and world unity against apartheid. Is there a contradiction here?

I sincerely believe that part of being educated means to be able to stand up for humanity and the environment. We must strive to understand humanity all around the world — above and beyond the skin colors and cultural differences.

But I am curious why Brand's vision of education contradicts his action on this issue? What is the use of being educated when our everyday action provides exploitation of blacks in South Africa?

I am frustrated and disappointed that Brand will not be taking any legal actions to help stop human exploitation. And to our guest teacher, Meer, I am embarrassed and sorry that this university's leaders, even with the interest of international peace, have no real passion for making it happen here.

Bobby Lee
ASUO

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By GARY LARSON



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