

LETTERS

Shame on you

In reference to the editorial (ODE, Nov. 16) on taking a stand on the Gulf crisis. We would like to scold you for not doing your homework.

We have formed a No Gulf War Coalition which includes campus and community organizations and individuals.

Through this group letter writing campaigns, petitions and demonstrations have been planned. We had our first meeting Nov. 15 and a follow-up meeting Nov. 20 — all are welcome.

Your editorial would have proven more effective had you taken the time to contact us — through our letter (ODE, Nov. 13) — or other various organizations on campus. For further information our number is 342-7014.

Katie McVeigh
Political Science
Robynne Whitney
Political Science

Let's be fair

As I played pool at the EMU the other day I was shocked to see money changing hands as people at another table bet on the outcome of a nine-ball contest. This is a moral outrage and probably illegal. So, I am writing to call for the closing of the EMU pool hall.

The fact that the comportment of these people was completely decent and inoffensive to anyone around them is totally beside the point. By keeping the pool hall open the University gives the message that gambling is OK — from gentleman's wagers to betting on your own baseball team as the

manager.

I ask that Dan Williams make another decision based solely on the letters of the tiny minority that writes concerning this huge problem and close down this haven of immoral, if not illegal activity. Now, if we could only get another 11 letters...

Jeffery P. Merten
Eugene

Two standards

I am writing because Friday I saw an article in the *Emerald* and the *Register-Guard* about a law professor who, in discussion of a Georgia ruling on the Hardwick case, brought to attention how it affects his life and the lives of millions of gays and lesbians across the country. The dean forced him to apologize for talking about "controversial matter which has no relation to the subject."

It has everything to do with the subject! I challenge any heterosexual professor in this school to tell me they haven't at one point during the term mentioned their heterosexuality by casual comments in class such as; "My wife and I went to the game last night and..." True, not all professors talk about their personal lives in casual comment or in relation to the subject they are teaching.

You can be 100 percent certain none of us gay or lesbian professors or students bring it up. No one seems to be taking the Gay/Lesbian Task Force's report seriously. Well, wake up. It only hit the tip of the iceberg. We have a policy at this university that is supposed to be anti-discriminatory in regards to sexual preference, yet we can still be forced back into the closet at the threat of losing

our jobs, being harassed and even beat up or humiliated in public.

Enough is enough.

This case is so typical of what the task force is trying to draw attention to. I hope the report is read to the University Assembly in a mandatory meeting.

Ann Marie Piazza
Eugene

Interrogation

I am writing in regard to the enforcement of dismantling your bicycle on University walkways.

I was coasting through the EMU courtyard carefully avoiding my peers when I was stopped by a rookie campus cop. I had already dismantled at this point and was in anticipation of a warning.

This was not the case. He proceeded to interrogate and issue me two citations. One for not dismantling and one for not having my bike registered.

First of all, I have been riding through here for the past four years of my enrollment and I have never witnessed a warning or ticket issuing. Another student rode past us while I was being cited.

The second ticket is what really appalled me, however. Isn't paying tuition enough to give me the right of being on campus with my transportation?

In my stupefying anger I threw away both citations in a nearby trash can. They can slap the cuffs on me next time they catch me moshing students on my bike.

Steve Wright
Geology

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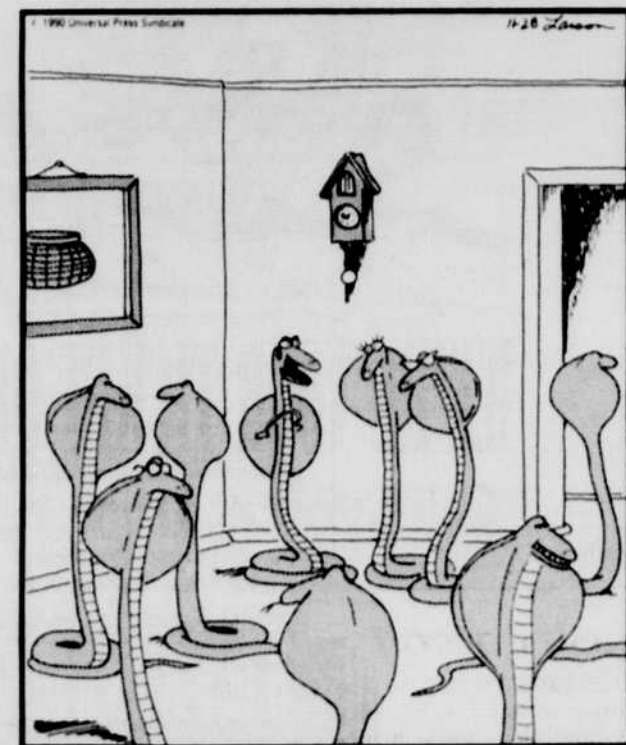
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