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## **LETTERS**

## Off track

In light of the recent controversy at the law school and as students at the University, we should keep track of what we stand for. There has been little talk that the sexual content of a gay instructor's class discussion was out of context and not appropriate. I know that instructor, and question anyone's judgment who would consider his use of a certain case not pertinent.

The instructor is the first to point out that certain individuals may be offended by certain subjects of law. That does not limit those subjects' importance. Conflicts of opinion can only be remedied, if at all, through discussion.

Ignoring or muffling discussion of it, of course, will only do harm. I caution the University from accepting what is status quo as what is right. Public universities are not to protect the status quo, but to promote equality.

If we don't support minorities, or allow them a forum, we risk losing quality minds such as Greg Johnson's. The majority will not develop, but rather grow stale in their understanding of social structures and continue to live well at the expense of others.

Without the resources that private or even competing universities have, we should fall back on what we stand for to support the higher education system. An open, considerate, and non-threatening environment can be more attractive than high salaries. Let's not lose track of what we stand for and let's not lose instructors like Johnson.

Darren J. Welsh

#### No draft

Attention all males between the ages of 18 and 26! Like it or not it seems as if our leaders are all set for military action against Iraq.

Top Washington officials all agree that in order to launch a successful attack against the forces of Saddam Hussein, the U.S. military draft should be renewed. (Yes, you heard me right - a draft!)

What many of you may not know is that some things about the draft have been changed: mainly exemptions. Students are no longer exempt from mili-

tary service. If you are called up you are allowed to finish out the term and then you go.

Also exemptions for only children have been reduced. If you don't want to kill for oil I strongly urge you to contact a draft counselor through groups such as Clergy and Laity Concerned. For information call 485-1755. Stand up for peace and say "NO" to the Gulf War.

> Seth Frankel TCF/Peace studies

## Give it up

Let's review what I am as a national guardsman: young. unthinking, a sheep.

However, nobility awaits! Soldiers of the world unite! You have nothing but your guns to lose! Give Saddam Hussein Kuwait, or anything else he chooses!

> **Curtis Dobbins** Student

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