

LETTERS

Disgusted

I am writing in response to Steven Weideman's ignorant, close-minded letter (ODE, May 17).

First of all, I would like to say, in a liberal-toned voice, "speak for yourself." Gee. The tone is very similar, if not the same, as a conservative tone.

Maybe you and a few members of your fraternity feel the same way, but the whole greek system does not feel the same way. I am appalled and infuriated at how you have grouped the whole greek system into your beliefs.

I am an active member in a sorority. I do not wear tie-dyes. I actively supported the peace protests and I love my country.

If you would take the time to educate yourself and look at all sides of the spectrum, then maybe you would be a better person; a person who accepts people for who they are, not a person who demeans others if they fail to believe in your views. If you want to make a statement that separates human beings into "good groups" and "bad groups," then I repeat, speak for yourself.

I am proud of the greek system and everything it does for the school and the community as a whole. The University is full of many kinds of people, views and individual dress. If you feel you need to ignore other's individuality then maybe you need to get out of Eugene and go to a more conformist school.

I am embarrassed and disgusted with Weideman's letter and also that he is a part of the same greek system that I am part of.

Kelly Dunn
Psychology

Flourishing

Regarding Steven J. Weideman's letter (ODE, May 17):

He perceives an imminent threat to the greek system. Where is he getting his information? In the past four years, despite the presence of both greek-endorsed and non-greek-endorsed ASUO executives, the greek system has flourished.

We have colonized three new houses, and have gotten rid of our old notoriety for crapy, immature behavior. We have become more cooperative and integrated with other groups at the University. Even if there were a threat, we are funded by the IFC, so I fail to see how even an "anti-greek" executive or IFC could damage us. The system will survive long after your idiotic crusade for greek solidarity ends.

In any case, Jennifer Bills and JoSonja Watson have more important issues to worry about than "seeking our demise." They told my sorority chapter that they advocate closer ASUO cooperation with the greek system on issues that concern us all, like campus safety. The Interfraternity Council's support of their ticket was neither a minority tyranny nor an arbitrary choice, but presumably a democratic, informed decision. Weideman accused the council's leaders of neglecting "our interests." How does he define our interests? I am interested in creating a safe, diverse, non-discriminatory campus. What does he want? Bring back the kegs, right?

We do not exist to provide a "bulwark against the tidal

wave of unrest and subversion" by the "left-wing extremists." He owes the Interfraternity Council and the greek system an apology for projecting his sick hatred onto us in the name of "tradition" and "patriotic American values," and for trashing any goodwill we have built with non-greek students.

Heather Piper
Political Science/English

Throw it out

Regarding the letter by Ronald Schlittler (ODE, May 20) in which he proposed to answer my challenge for one actual case of discrimination against homosexuals.

First of all let me state that I am discriminated against everyday of my life ... and I am straight. The case he cites is that of two lesbians being denied University housing. They are not being denied simply on the grounds that they are lesbians — it is because they are not married, and therefore do not qualify.

My wife and I cannot get University housing either — are we being discriminated against? If this case were approved and an exception made, anyone at all could say they were homosexual and had undergone some type of marriage, and they could get the same cheap housing.

Let's throw out the word discrimination or find its true meaning — not keep it as a favorite buzzword for the homosexual community to toss out everytime they don't get their way.

Ron Williams
Eugene

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