

LETTERS

It's called a 'banner'

Gross inadequacies! It has come to our attention through close observation that your masthead has changed for the worse.

Please note: The *Emerald* masthead of years bygone proudly proclaimed "DAILY EMERALD" in whopping capital letters, leaving "oregon" the insignificant name of the state where this journalistic triumph is published in small letters.

Goodness sakes! We once heralded the *Emerald* as the jewel it proclaimed to be. But off you go in a pugilistic assertion of male egotism and change your masthead! So now it raises its paw to the passerby like a soggy, shivering, limpid, corn husk doll, cast aside by a disconcerted raggamuffin.

The once proud gleaming word "DAILY" has been reduced to miniscule italicized obscurity. Fie on you! Explain this journalistic impotence. An-

other example of the "oregon DAILY EMERALD's" insensitivity to the issues which shape our times?

Adrian Wallace
Tom Johnsons
Eugene

Genocide

In response to Matt Kockeler's *High time* (ODE, Oct. 29):

The genocide of indigenous Americans is not "alleged" but rather well-documented. The human sacrifice and warfare between tribes pale in comparison to the atrocities that these people suffered at the hands of the European invaders.

Our European ancestors would have starved to death if not for the natives who showed them how to prepare new foods. Natives were paid back by being massacred, enslaved and subjected to a life of poverty and exploitation that continues to this day.

Your fact of "starvation" is,

in fact, a legacy of the Europeans' destruction of the indigenous social structure. The Inca empire had a very advanced agricultural system and they stockpiled food for times of famine.

Starvation of native North Americans was also a European innovation; the whites intentionally killed off the buffalo herds, knowing that this would destroy the whole society of the tribes that hunted on the Great Plains.

It is sad that as a history major, you have gleaned only the information that you want to know. Doubtless, it was not "paradise" here before the Europeans' arrival, but are you actually trying to justify the genocide with your Euro-centric viewpoint?


Guess what? I'm not Native American, and I will no longer accept these lies you are pushing as history!

Susan Oswald
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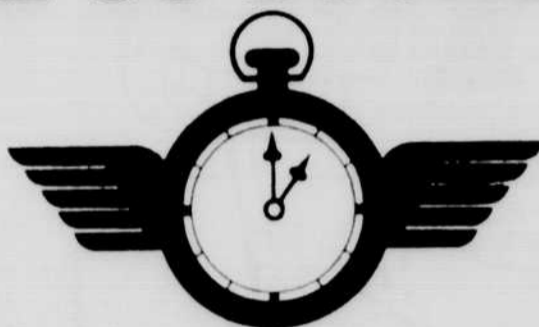


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