

LETTERS

Insensitive wit

Upon picking up an issue of the Emerald recently (ODE, Jan. 8), I was surprised to see what was obviously a thoughtless attempt at wit.

At the bottom of the front page were three headings calling attention to stories within. One of these read "White or Whole Wheat?" and referred to a story about a student at an Albany high school who arrived on his campus armed and wanting police to kill him because of fears of going to jail.

The insensitive heading made reference to the youth's comment that he was "toast," slang for finished, or beaten.

The problem of youth depression and suicide is a serious matter in this country. The suicide rate among 15-19 yearolds has tripled since 1960.

There are a lot of stories ripe for a witticism. This tragic case is not one of them.

Michael Reynolds Human Services

Help me

Last year at this time many Americans were getting a geography lesson from Ted Turner as his band of CNN reporters were informing us where Kuwait was located. We saw maps, live reports on the American military effort, heard insights on the culture, and basically got the full scoop on this small country in the Middle East. But I ask you ... where is Yugoslavia?

Help me, Ted. Is this civil war not worth your attention or that of the American government for that matter? Millions of dollars were poured into operation "Desert Storm" by our leaders and media as the military rescued Kuwait from the evil clutches of Saddam Hus-

sein last winter

There doesn't appear to be a repeat showing of American goodwill on the horizon as Yugoslavia is getting torn apart by independence movements. In fact, the little coverage that is granted to this war appears on the back page of most American newspapers.

Admittedly, Croatia and Serbia don't provide millions of barrels of oil to the world each day. I wonder if the American public would get another geography lesson if they did.

Paul Klausenburger Student

Date, anyone?

I don't want to debate whether or not Project Saferide has a valid reason to deny men from using the program, but I would like to ask Abe Hepner a question. After the court hearing, were you able to get a date?

Troy McFarland FAA

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