

## LETTERS

### Simple

You all might as well give up.

The simple fact of the matter is that Lego brand building blocks were popular in 1914, are popular today and will most likely be popular fifty years from now.

There's just something about Legos that is timeless.

Bryce Ingman  
English

### Real power

Black, white, brown, red or yellow, I don't care. Straight, hippie, left, right, pagan, Christian, Moslem, or sexual identity; in the long run it doesn't matter.

I have been judged so often by my packaging that I would not dare judge you by yours. Move next door to me, work along side of me, marry my children, but please stop fighting me.

A club of rich criminals controls most of the world's governments, masquerading as businessmen and politicians. They delight in our feeling of separation and encourage it.

Without it, they know that we could unite and free the world of hate, poverty and crime. That is why liberal thinkers never gain real power. If they do, they are killed just like M.L. King.

So remember, the longer you hate, the longer hate will control your world.

Janet Tarver  
Geography

### Dirty laundry

This letter is in regard to the statement I heard on the news from the University's housing officials declaring that their dorms are safe.

If the dorms are so safe, then why did a woman get raped in the basement of Hamilton complex while doing her laundry?

I fail to see how a bureaucrat from our "want-to-be-liberal school" can go on the TV and blatantly lie about something so serious.

It is sad enough that women must be wary of rape on cam-

pus after dark, but to be attacked while doing laundry is absurd.

Perhaps the campus police should learn to do something besides writing parking tickets, bike tickets and kicking people out of trees.

In other words, protect us and stop harassing our already-empty pocket books as well as our free will.

My heart goes out to my fellow student who was not only violated, but hurt as well. May your recovery be strong.

In conclusion, I would like to say something to the little boy who wanted to ride in the women-only Saferide vans: walk!

Glen Ketron  
Student

### No smoke

In response to Don Peters' opinion piece (ODE, Jan. 17), Peters: I would like you to be aware of a few things. There is something people our age take for granted, and that is health.

If you ever have been truly sick (hospitalized), you would understand. So when you smokers pipe up about your rights, I get a little militant.

Apparently you haven't sat in a cancer ward waiting for radiation treatment: I have. For reasons unknown I was diagnosed with lymphoma. So when I see you choosing this future, all I feel is disgust. I had no choice. I don't want your sympathy, I want you to think.

I have friends that smoke; to them I give the same argument. When they leave to go smoke, I say to them, "Enjoy your last cancer-filled years of life."

The last and most important point is, if or when socialized medicine occurs, I don't want to pay for your hospitalization because you chose to smoke in the past.

Sorry that you're addicted to this legal drug.

Eliza Wickham  
Biochemistry

### Survival

This is in response to Jordan Lund's opinion regarding the justifications Saferide stated in

their recent upholding of the "women only" rule.

Lund, you have no idea what you are talking about. You are upset because for once in your life you are told of a service you cannot participate in, thus you rack your brain to come up with irrelevant "arguments" for men to respond with.

You have absolutely no idea what it feels like to be a female in today's society. You cannot even start to comprehend the fear we have of the possibility of being raped.

This isn't just something that happens to "someone" else, it could and may easily happen to your girlfriend, sister, mother or daughter. I can only pray that the reality of this problem never reaches a close female in your life, but if it does, I can make a pretty sure bet that your "ideas" will change very quickly.

To a large majority of you, this is an issue of equal rights. To us females, it is an issue of survival. So please, if you feel the need to make waves, just for the sake of being heard, do it on an issue with less importance.

Kristie Schumacher  
PPPM

### Give support

In response to the fear of rapists and robbers on campus and in the dorms, I would like to remind all that there is a history of "Cons on Campus."

When I was an undergrad here in 1969, living in Morton Hall of the Earl Complex, Straub was the dorm used by inmates from the Oregon State Penitentiary, who were ready to graduate.

They had a dorm resident/counselor, but we all had a friendly and supportive attitude. Some had been locked up for a long time, and this freedom and responsibility were difficult.

Sexual abuse and stealing are social problems, needing social solutions, not scapegoating a minority who are trying to conform. Please practice love, understanding and forgiveness and give convicts support, not more rules.

Kim Martin  
Comm. Health Ed.

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By GARY LARSON



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