Stinky

Well, well, well. Finally some coverage of the side that's forcing the pornography issue. Disappointment at the bookstore's decision? Try fury; try rage. But my rage is directed not so much a the bookstore's board as at the *Emerald*'s editor(s).

Long ago this term, the *Emerald* printed one editorial and one opinion piece saying the same thing: censorship and the abridgement of the First Amendment. But what everyone's been missing is that this right is denied to most classes of people.

Here's a case in point: I responded to these pieces of journalism with a commentary of my own. Looking to get some balance of opinion on the issue printed in the paper, I wrote that this is not censorship; this is requesting the bookstore to stop selling porn out of respect for a large portion of its patrons. But you didn't get to read this piece, submitted weeks ago. The editor told me they would run it "as space became available."

Week after week went by; other issues were raised and debated in guest editorials. An excellent commentary finally appeared by David Peterson of Men Against Rape, the group on campus spearheading the issue. Yet the very same day that ran, the bookstore's board was said to have decided against the request. This decision was published by the *Emerald* a few days later.

In effect, the editor(s) of the *Emerald* acted in complicity with this decision by suppressing timely debate through the paper's position. I smell the stench of censorship right in "our" University's daily.

Jenny Root
Women's Resource, Referral

Not responsible

Don't ask me, because I don't know. Don't blame me because it's not my fault. As a conservative, I'm tired of having to take questions and accusations about the College Republicans.

I don't know why they think they are the self-appointed watchdogs of student government. They claim they are protecting student interests, but by clogging up student government from working on things like dealing with Measure 5, wheelchair accessibility and campus safety, these Republicans are actually doing a disservice to students.

It greatly concerns me to be grouped in with conservatives like Abe Hepner who have also attempted to eliminate Saferide, which several of my friends use.

The final straw was when a friend of mine was told to leave a College Republicans meeting because it was to be a "closed meeting." This was for a meeting advertised in the Ellads.

I believe student government should exist to help the students, not become a political arena. But the Republicans have done everything in their power to make it that way.

Don King feels he needs to make student government accountable, but I want to know who is watching the watchdogs?

Jason Sprague
Student

Well done

The purpose of this letter is to give a belated thank you to officer Scarborough of OPS. I know that it is unconventional to use this forum to thank someone, but in light of recent letters questioning Scarborough's ability to do his job, I felt this was appropriate.

One morning last November a thief came into our lab and stole a wallet and a lighter from a co-worker's jacket. A few minutes later we noticed an unrecognized young man walking quickly on his way out of the building. We followed him outside and confronted him. He explained that he had been in the building to meet someone.

The victim, who had just lost $70, didn't believe him.

"Show us what is in your pockets." The young man politely refused and turned to walk away. What else could we do? Step in front of him? Fortunately, we didn't have to because someone else did.

Officer Scarborough arrived on the scene and although this was a relatively tense, confrontational situation, proceeded to act in nothing less than a completely polite and professional manner with the accused. I was hoping to see the guy searched, but Scarborough handled the situation in a low key manner, without resorting to such dramatics. Of course, I should also mention that the accused was cooperative and did nothing to provoke the officer. Finally, after several hours, we found out that the young man did have my friend's lighter on him — he was the thief.

Once again, thank you for a job well done.

Adam Whiting
Chemistry

Two for one

What would happen if we were to allow both pedestrians and bicyclists to use the campus sidewalks — with the proviso that any bicyclists who ride in such a manner as to endanger any pedestrian will be subject to legal penalty?

Do we really need to restrict all bicyclists because of the actions of a few?

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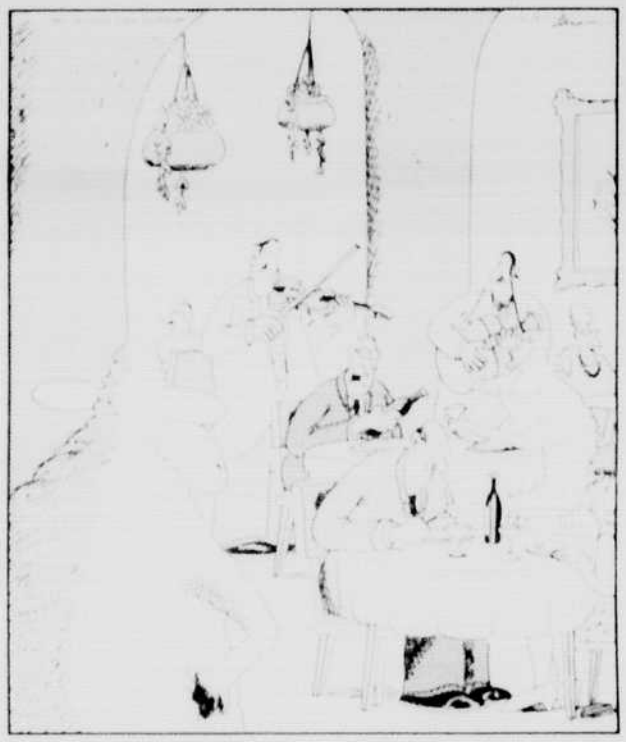

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