

LETTERS

What if

If I was the student body president and had omnipotent powers, I would:

- Time travel back to 1946 and make Argentinean immigration laws more restrictive toward former high-ranking officials of the Third Reich. While I was there, I would also change the name of the U.S. Department of War to "Zippy's Public Relations Service for Sub-Fascist Right-Wing Military Dictators."
- Time travel back to pre-colonial days and change the name of the Mayflower to "Das Boat."
- Rearrange whatever historical circumstances gave birth to the wholesomely ambitious ASUO presidential candidates so that those people would become writers of romance fiction. Then I would arrest them, charge them with Crimes Against Humanity, have them tried in a World Court, and sentence them to working graveyard janitorial shifts in triple-X movie theaters.
- Make dogs bigger than people.
- Change the English spelling of "women" to "nice ones!"
- After deciding to put the "You" back into the ASUO, appoint a commission to look into whether it would be better to have the ASUO be the "ASyouO" or the "ASOyou."
- Let a polar bear roam campus during Parent's Week.

I would also campaign to make higher education more accessible, complain about student apathy, discuss reforming the budgeting process and move the ASUO offices into a van that would perpetually drive around campus blaring the message, "Everyone's opinion really matters," from a loudspeaker attached to its hood.

Jason Keuter
Audio-visual operator, IMC

Indecent

I am concerned by your reporting in the Police Beat (ODE, April 23). Since when is "she" began screaming and the suspect grabbed her left breast and squeezed it hard? A "public indecency"? When a man "lunged at" and "grabbed" a

woman, he has assaulted her, and you should name it as such.

Furthermore, I would like to know why this news wasn't printed until six days after the event. Is it that your staff does not have access to this information, or is an attacker on this campus less newsworthy than the other issues you have been covering lately?

We will never be safe as long as we are ignorant, and I think that you, our main source of campus news, have the responsibility to keep us informed. In the future, please don't handicap us by publishing attacks against women in fine print nearly a week after they have occurred. And another pointer — cut the euphemisms.

Caitlin Twain
ASUO events coordinator

Nirvana

When the University cut back the School of Education last year, my future was put on hold. My lifelong goal suddenly had no means to an end; ever since then, I have been searching for a degree I can pursue while I remain here.

Just when I thought all hope was lost, my good friend Shep Adler came to me and said, "Great news! You may now earn an academic certificate in Women's Studies." I was saved! Hallelujah!

I now have complete faith in this university's decisions where to allocate its funds and its attention. Now, a certificate in Women's Studies is my aspiration, my hopeful nirvana. I can just dismiss that silly notion of education, teaching and the betterment of youth and inspiration of maturity. Alas, the portal of endless career opportunities have been opened by this new certificate. Thank you.

Jerod Hume
Ex-education major

Johnny Cat

In the article about the dance department becoming part of the School of Music (ODE, April 23), I was extensively quoted as an authority on this union. This comes as quite a surprise to me.

Perhaps the reporter should have quoted more of our informal chat, especially the section where I stated that I did not know anything about the event, and that other people, such as the head of the department, should be approached.

I assumed that what we spoke about would not be in the article, and although I gave her permission to take notes, I did not agree to be quoted. So much for trust.

If this is an average example of the Emerald's source material, the best use of my daily copy would be to line my cat's litter pan.

Elizabeth Wartluft
Dance

Obnoxious

Monday's Emerald (April 27) featured a front-page photo of a rollerblader "catching some air" in front of the EMU. Last year I was harassed by another rollerblader whom I observed "catching some parked bicycle" in front of PLC. Upon calling OPS, I was informed that rollerblading, like bicycling and skateboarding, is not legal on campus pedestrian walkways.

Hence my surprise at your photo that glorifies a mentality more suitable to a Mountain Dew ad than a college campus. The rollerblader in question is not wearing proper safety equipment and is pulling a stunt that will eventually result in his cracking his little noggin on the EMU steps and filing a lawsuit because the University is built with an unreasonably hard variety of concrete.

I won't go too deeply into my theory concerning certain insecure adolescent males who need to call attention to themselves by strapping on three-inch height prostheses, forming packs, and choosing densely populated sections of campus to display their aptitude for making people scurry out of their way, but I think you get the picture. Surely you can find something better for the front page.

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