

LETTERS

Hate thing

I think the idea of anyone circulating hate posters is terrible. There's no reason for this. It kind of reminds me of Gay Pride Week, when so many people were giving out material that said, "Smash the OCA." The word smash means to "break in pieces by violence ... to drive or throw violently, especially with a shattering or battering effect."

Now, the OCA being made up of people, consider the words, "Smash these people." Seems like Queer Nation and the other people involved would take a lesson. Who is really doing the hate thing? Let's get real.

Ron Williams
Eugene

Stoke the fire

Thank you for publishing the inspiring story about diversity-enforcement in action. I have been conducting my own research in the Knight Library, and I have discovered a number of books there that I find objectionable, mainly due to the convex genital structure and/or melanin deficiency of the authors.

I'm "all for free speech," but a preponderance of such books in a school that claims to be committed to diversity is simply inappropriate. I am calling on all students who are committed to diversity and who are not afraid of taking direct action to begin destroying whatever volumes are offensive to their progressive values as soon and efficiently as possible.

Spraying brown paint across the faces of Plato and Jane Austen is fine, but it doesn't begin to explore the full potential of diversity-enforcement as a force for meaningful social change. Besides, what college kid doesn't love a bonfire?

Sam Deese
History

Evil males

I demand justice! The banner vandals should be arrested. Vandalizing property is against the law. Don't get me wrong, there is a handful of banners that I would love to vandalize. Imagine how your "diversified" attitudes would react if I were to tear down and vandalize a Queer Nation banner.

Just because I don't despise all gays gives me no right to

break the law. I would almost certainly be arrested because the "diversified" students would scream for my lynching.

Why didn't the vandals write a letter to the *Emerald* or complain to the person in charge of the banner? Violence, whether spontaneous or not, is no solution. If I were to react (with no regard for the law) to everything I saw and didn't agree with, there would be far less diversity on campus. But the law is there for a reason and should be abided by, regardless of your prejudices — even if they are toward those evil heterosexual males.

Norm Kuehl
Biochemistry

Whose rights?

In the late 1960s, during the Vietnam War, I joined the U.S. Marine Corps. An integral part of our training and indoctrination during boot camp and beyond was a systematic desensitization toward the humanity and worth of the Vietnamese people.

We were encouraged to see them as less significant than "real" humans such as ourselves. This campaign of dehumanization was intended to allow us to set aside our moral objectives of killing fellow human beings (by making them seem sub-human) so that we could more effectively wage war against them.

A similar pattern of dehumanization, followed by oppression and/or destruction can be seen in many other settings: slavery and racism, the Jewish Holocaust during World War II, and practices such as rape and child abuse. Abortion on demand must surely be added to this list.

Biologically, there is simply no question that the fetus is alive and human. Advocates of abortion, however, dance around this basic fact of medical science through the use of euphemistic language (fetal tissue, pregnancy termination, etc.), through outright rejection of truth, or simply through ignoring the entire issue, focusing instead on "choice," "women's rights to control their own bodies," and most pathetic of all, the "wanted child" argument.

The next time you hear big people from the "pro-choice" movement focus their argument on these issues, be aware of what it is they are really saying — this small (yet living) unborn child is somehow less human than ourselves, and therefore, disposable.

William Moore
History/English

No stones

The *Emerald's* shrill editorial (April 22) castigating a South Carolina jury for acquitting a man of raping his wife was typical of empty-headed narcissism masquerading as open-minded liberalism at the University. As a black South Carolinian, I found the *Emerald's* words hypocritically offensive.

Clearly a husband can rape his wife, but because we have not seen the evidence, none of us knows if this particular woman was raped.

However, the *Emerald* suggests South Carolina is so backward, a jury of its citizens is incapable of delivering justice by saying "it's time to update these good folk." This self-righteous attitude has the same thoughtless origin as much of the drivel coming from the incessantly moving lips of this campus' blindly enlightened.

The South has been an easy scapegoat for too long. By referring to South Carolina as "a state where men are men and women are wives," you attack a region you are obviously ignorant of. Is Hillary Clinton's marriage to Bill her greatest accomplishment?

Still, the subject here is not sexism, but bigotry — the root of sexism, racism and other evils. South Carolina has hardly cornered the market on bigotry. What about the OCA? Do the names Mulugeta Seraw and Jacob Johnson mean anything to you? Did it not take a white Southerner to bankrupt Tom Metzger?

The South has its problems, but progress continues, such as Virginia having America's only black governor. Those who live in glass houses ...

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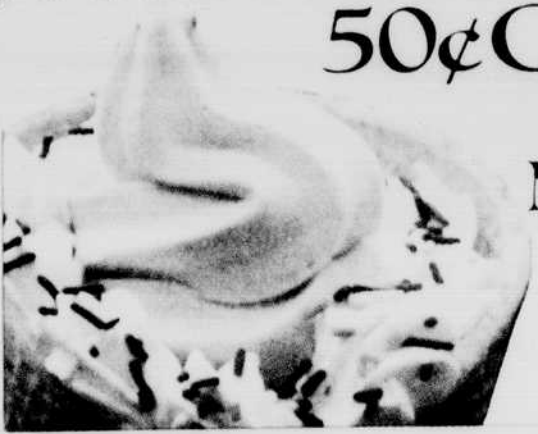


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