

**LETTERS**

**Impotent**

As we wade our way through what passes for life in this suckhole age, we have come to expect certain inconveniences: the disintegration of the democratic process, skin cancer and public restrooms to name but a few examples.

Along these same lines, any self-respecting student at this institution of lower-learning can't have too high expectations of the journalistic rag the *Emerald* has become.

The list of the *Emerald's* offenses against the Fourth Estate could go on for pages, but in the interest of time and precious column inches, I would like to vent my frustrations for the time being on the opinion espoused by Pat Malach on April 30.

Where does this bespectacled, jeep-driving granola wannabe get off criticizing the radical activities of some of the campus' more radical organizations? I say when Malach set eyes on the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance photo montage of couples engaged in "fellatio" and other sexual activities that he found "inappropriate," he found himself searching frantically for that ever-elusive dime in his pocket, and in a state of heated self-denial, went and pounded on his word processor in frustration like the impotent modern-day journalists that so typifies the *Emerald* staff these days.

Steven Hawley  
Eugene

**Justice**

I do not condone the violence that has taken place, but I am angry at the Rodney King trial decision. However, I should not have been surprised. The suburban non-black jury did not understand the realities of the inner city.

While growing up in Southern California, I saw the police as my protectors. This is the experience of most white Americans. But when I took my family to join a Christian ministry in the inner city of LA, I got a different perspective. I saw the police through the eyes of my

African-American fellow workers and neighbors. Sometimes the police were helpful. But too often they were racist and brutal.

Too frequently black people in America do not experience equal protection under the law. Tests have shown black persons are more likely to be stopped by police than white persons driving the same cars with the same care. More frequent convictions and harsher sentences tend to come to blacks when victims are white. The reverse is true for whites when victims are black.

What can we do? We must insist on equality before the law. We must support well-trained, racially sensitive police forces. We must listen to leaders of the black and Hispanic communities who seek to break the cycle of grinding poverty and the counterproductive welfare system. Above all, we must reach out in humble, respectful friendship to those different from us. Are we willing to celebrate our diversity as a people? Only then can we hope to know unity, justice and peace.

Howard Killion  
Eugene

**Dreamin'**

I had a dream last night; that my freedom to open discussion with my peers in an effort to seek wisdom and know truth was being violated by the very people who are supposed to protect that right. A nightmare? Or a reality?

Darren Flugge  
Eugene

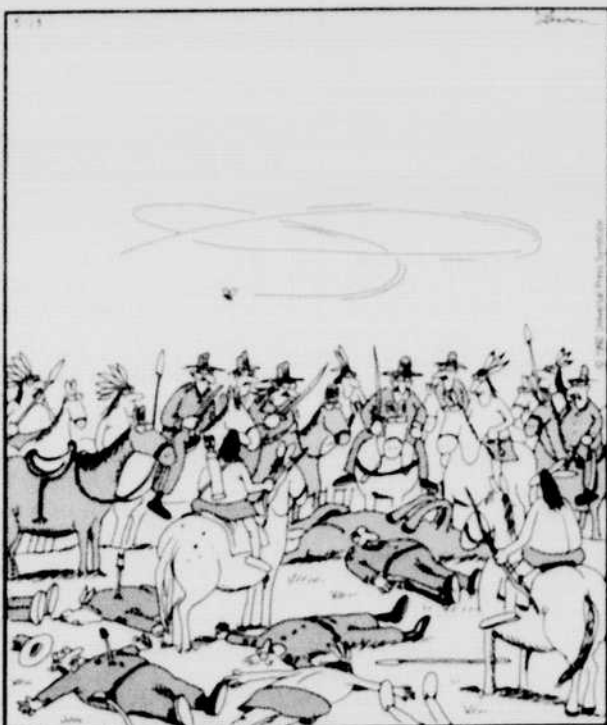
**Subsidy**

I am thinking of providing an inner child day care facility for those University students who feel hindered from attending grad school because of their responsibilities to their inner child. Will the IFC consider allocating funds for inner child care subsidies?

Lee Green  
Student

**THE FAR SIDE**

By GARY LARSON



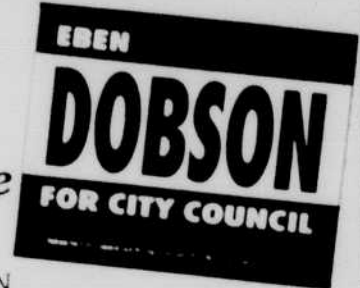
The action suddenly stopped while both sides waited patiently for the hornet to calm down.



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