LETTERS

Not surprised

In response to Tammy Batey's Dec. 7 column, and the response to it:

I saw Batey's work as either very credible or an outright lie. I doubt the latter very seriously. Therefore, I think there are some lessons to learn from it.

What is prejudice, folks? Discrimination? No! Prejudice is the act of judging without a complete set of facts. Discrimination is setting one apart from another, very possibly as a result of having a complete set of facts. (Right, physics people?) As 1 walk down the side-

walks, I see people 1 don't know. I say, "Hi," because I always want to extend a greeting. an invitation to become my friend. If anyone is making a judgment about what that means, they too are prejudiced along with the people who turn away from my greeting each day

So why should it surprise us that Batey experienced it?

> **Bob Weigel** Eugene

Misconceptions

I am very appreciative of the story about Aaron Johnson-(ODE, Nov. 30). However, some misconceptions flowing directly or indirectly from the text should be corrected.

We believe God named his church The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by direct revelation in 1838. We proclaim the Book of Mormon to be the word of God, hence our nickname. However, there is no Mormon Church.

While Johnson served his mission (which consists of seeking the humble to teach and baptizing them into the church) in Salt Lake, others in the campus ward (a geographically defined body of LDS worshippers) served in Germany, Japan, Ireland, Las Vegas, Chicago, the Philippines and Texas, among other places.

We have congregations on all continents, save Antarctica, and leaders are drawn from

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these fellow saints. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not a Utah church or an American church. It is our Heavenly Father's earthly kingdom that teaches his truth and performs his work that all who have, do now, or will live upon the earth might be saved and dwell with him.

Thank you again for shining the spotlight on brother Johnson and for your policy of sensitivity that assures against future replication of the imprecisions herein pointed out and made right.

> William Gaskill Latter-day Saint Student Association council

Dig deeper

This is in regard to the "Write Angles" opinion section of the Dec. 7 Emerald, and the article covering the African/Asian-American forum on Page 6A of the Dec. 3 Emerald.

First, I find it extremely interesting that the opinion piece that criticizes the forum was at least three times as long as the article actually covering the forum. The opinion also appeared on Page 3, whereas the forum coverage lay quietly with the classifieds.

Secondly, I ask of Tammy Batey, in reference to the woman who said "Whiteys," did you not empathize with her life experience and perhaps understand why she really uses the term "whitey"?

Finally, I was at the forum, and I, among others, abstained from voting. I didn't vote at the time because I couldn't decide. I knew that to have the media coverage would be good, but I

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knew that it wouldn't fully embrace what was being brought up. I now look at the Race on Campus series in the Emerald and appreciate it but simultaneously urge it to dig deeper. There is much, much more than you think.

Stephen Muraoka **APASU Co-Director**

Live and learn

"In those days we never heard of passing up a chance to kill a wolf. In a second we were pumping lead into the pack. but with more excitement than accuracy: how to aim a steep downhill shot is always confusing. When our rifles were empty, the old wolf was down, and a pup was dragging a leg into impassable slide-rock

We reached the old wolf in time to watch a fierce green fire dying in her eyes - something known only to her and the mountain. I was young then, and full of trigger-itch; 1 thought that because fewer wolves meant more deer, that no wolves would mean hunter's paradise. But after seeing the green fire die, I sensed that neither wolf nor mountain agreed with such a view" (from "Thinking like a mountain," Sand County Almanac, by Aldo Leopold).

Nuff said.

Rai Murschall Eugene

Trigger pulled

I commend Tammy Batey for being a good example of how much ignorance still persists in the media as well as in our society. Some of us believed her

presence would help bring out the positive aspects of the situation, yet she portrays everything negatively and sarcastically, focusing only on one word used by one individual. Some of us spoke on educa-

tion, knowledge, and cultural pride and awareness. Even the title was manipulative. Let us remember the word at the top: "Opinion." It's too bad she came with such a closed mind.

Your printed words should have been expressed within the forum. We would have considered them. Ironically, you did shoot the un-quoted person down. The pen was the trigger, the paper the bullet, and you pulled it. Gasoline does not put out a growing fire. Education is the water - open your mind and stop looking in one direction.

We must all increase the peace with education of each other, not blatant ignorance.

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