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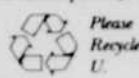
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# CAMPUS COMMENTS

STUDENT RESPONSES FROM ACROSS THE NATION

## Giving marijuana a bad name

I am disturbed by the cover of the March 1993 edition of U. It was headlined "A Higher Education" and pictured a woman in a college graduation cap and gown, snorting cocaine. Placed next to the cocaine was a cup with pills spilling out of it. On the other side, there is a bong and a bag of marijuana.

I do not feel that marijuana and cocaine should be placed in the same category. Society must stop looking at marijuana as an evil. The picture you ran reinforces the stereotype of marijuana as an evil and makes the job of the proponents for the decriminalizing of marijuana even harder. **Shannon O'Reilly, sophomore, State U. of New York, College at Cortland**

## Not all gays are radical

In regards to [The Last Civil Rights Fight?] article in your January/February issue: Your readers may be shocked to realize that the majority of gay people feel the same way about a "Suck Dick..." flyer as nongays. Most consider it vulgar, childish and offensive. Fortunately, most gays realize that being gay is not about drag, leather or wearing rude shirts. It is about falling in love. The majority of the gay community is trying hard to legitimize itself in the public eye and is getting tired of having to clean up after the actions of a fringe few. **Dennis R. Partington, senior, California State U., Chico**

I felt deeply compelled to write regarding the article, "The Last Civil Rights Fight?" I think the point should be made that not all gays/lesbians condone or even feel comfortable with such radical, militant actions. As a lesbian myself, I feel



these tactics to be quite offensive. This definitely does not represent the entire gay/lesbian community. I just hope society can recognize the fact that a great deal of diversity exists among homosexuals as well as heterosexuals. And while some of us would condone the things found in "The Last Civil Rights Fight?" article, some of us would not. **Kimberly Chambers, senior, U. of South Alabama**

## It's not nice to pee on Mother Nature

My reaction about your column "The perfect spring break for pee-nuts" [January/February 1993] is that you are not interested in ecology at all. The article had no news value at all - "No, the beauty of the beach is that you can piss in the ocean whenever you feel like it..." Nice line.

Help us be better citizens in our world.

Don't encourage us to do what is wrong for our environment or our society. What if everyone urinated on the beach? **Grady Peters, junior, U. of Wyoming**

## Phish a fine catch

I recently read your music review of the music group, Phish, in the January/February 1993 issue and was horribly appalled. The reviewer has totally crushed the very essence of Phish. Her review seems to me like a Friday afternoon "beat the clock" mish-mosh of comparisons and criticisms. She compares Phish to the likes of Olivia Newton-John, Simon and Garfunkel and Sesame Street Live. Nothing could be farther from the truth! I would not be surprised if she had not bothered to listen to any other of Phish's music.

It's true that Phish is unlike any other band - this is the very point. They escalate jazz, blues and rock to a new innovative level. It provides their "phans" with unique sound and style. They are, no doubt, the most creative band since The Beatles. I hope readers re-evaluate any opinions your crapshoot music reviewers give. **Mason C. Johnson, junior, Georgia Tech U.**

## U. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Address your correspondence to Letters Editor, U. The National College Magazine, 1800 Century Park East, Suite 820, Los Angeles, CA, 90067, or fax it to (310) 551-1659. Include your name, year, school and phone number for verification. Letters should be 200 words or less. U. reserves the right to edit submissions for length and clarity.

# U. VIEWS

RESULTS FROM THE U. STUDENT OPINION POLL\*

**Do you believe drugs are a problem on your campus?**

yes  
**46%**

no  
**54%**

Of the first 241 calls received from Feb. 13 through March 3, from more than 92 campuses, 111 callers said drugs were a problem on their campus and 130 did not see drug use as a problem. Many students said alcohol abuse was the biggest drug problem, while some recreational users lamented that illicit drugs were not accessible enough.

"Drugs are definitely a problem on my campus. When I first moved into the dorms, over 75 percent of the people just on my floor were doing drugs. I'm from New York City, and I've never seen such widespread drug use as on this campus."  
-Chris Solari, senior, State U. of New York, Buffalo

"Are illegal drugs a problem on campus? No. Is alcohol a problem? Definitely."

-Jay Bowen, graduate student, Ohio State U.

"No. I don't think drugs are a problem. I think drugs should be legalized, especially marijuana."

-Steven Becker, senior, Iowa State U.

\*The U. Student Opinion Poll is a sampling of comments from college students across the country. The toll-free number accepts responses to a question posed to students each month in the pages of U. The National College Magazine. The poll is not scientific, and percentages are figured based on verbal responses received each month.

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