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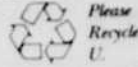
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CAMPUS COMMENTS

STUDENT RESPONSES FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Tree huggers vs. the capitalists

I think that if anything, environmental concerns are undervoiced. Humans have wreaked havoc on almost every natural habitat on our planet. The only way to solve what we still have is to focus a great deal of our attention to overcome our environmental crisis. That means sacrifice on our part. **Eric Tanza, graduate student, Virginia Tech U.**

Of course [past administrations] want us to believe environmental concerns are blown out of proportion because environmental concerns make us question capitalist ways of thinking. **Michelle Sinnott, junior, U. of North Carolina**

I think environmental concerns are definitely blown out of proportion. We do need to be concerned about our environment and we need to be good stewards of our environment.

But we don't need it to take precedence over people. **Noell Heikkenin, senior, Michigan State U.**

Give up the drug war

I find it amazing that police are spending hundreds of hours and thousands of tax dollars to bust small-time dealers. The "big" bust at U. of Virginia turned up \$500 worth of drugs ["Drug Usage Drops..." March Issue].

It seems to me that their time and money would be better spent helping to lower the staggering amount of rape and violence on our campuses.

They should open their eyes and see the real problems of alcoholism, rape, AIDS and racism instead of passing judgment on a group of students not hurting anyone. **David Title, sophomore, Hampshire College**



Mixed messages?

When I received the March Issue of U, I was glad to see that you were going to tackle the tough subject of drug use on our campuses with your cover story. This is certainly a topic that has to be dealt with because it hurts us all. My feelings turned to disappointment when I turned the magazine over and saw the back cover.

On the front you have a picture that is meant to give an anti-drug message, but on the back there is a full-page advertisement for beer, the most frequently abused drug in our schools. It would seem that you are promoting the very thing that you are trying to stop. **Andrew M. Smith, freshman, U. of California, Davis**

The truth about cruel generalizations

In "The Truth about Grades" [March Issue] Bernard Feldman stated: "I have

seen students who were not very bright and put in a lot of effort and done phenomenally well."

This is a cruel statement in several respects. How does Bernard Feldman, or anyone for that matter, reserve the right to call someone who has entered college "not very bright?"

If someone does put in the effort and learns the material for a course, that person will gain a certain knowledge. Doesn't the desire to learn count as potential? Maybe we're all a bit brighter than Bernard Feldman thinks. **Kathleen J. Daily, senior, U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee**

McJob better than no job

Congratulations on your article on "A Degree Isn't Enough." [March Issue] Well done!

Your analysis of the situation was very accurate and contained excellent suggestions for new college graduates. Keep in mind, though, that some new college graduates will need to accept a "McJob" rather than no job at all because the individual who stays unemployed is absolutely not attractive to employers. **L. Patrick Scheetz, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute, Michigan State U.**

U. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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U. VIEWS

RESULTS FROM "THE U. STUDENT OPINION POLL"

Do you think environmental concerns are blown out of proportion?

yes
39%

no
61%

Of the first 280 calls received from March 22 through April 7, from more than 119 campuses, 109 callers said environmental concerns are blown out of proportion and 171 said the Earth's problems are not overblown. Respondents on all sides said the press distorts the issue, while one caller intellectually argued: "I think environmental issues are stupid."

"Environmental concerns are blown out of proportion by a bunch of activists who know nothing about science."

—John Statter, sophomore, Illinois State U.

"I feel that environmental concerns are taken lightly. I don't feel they are blown out of proportion. I simply feel more people need to listen to the concerns."

—Tonja Christian, junior, U. of Mississippi

"The environmental concerns are not blown out of proportion. In the world we live in, if we don't take care of it we won't have any world to live in."

—Brian Williams, graduate student, U. of Missouri, Kansas City

*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.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION

Do you plan to watch David Letterman or Jay Leno?



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