

**LETTERS**

**Men/boys**

To the men/boys playing football at the South Eugene High School field Tuesday morning:

I am writing to say that my son and I (and probably the seven other families that live in this building) did not appreciate your waking us up at 6:35 a.m. today with your yelling, grunting, cheering and "whoop-whooping" in the field behind our Amazon apartment.

I admit I am not a real morning person. I wake up slowly — usually over a cup of coffee and National Public Radio. When I am rudely awakened by guys yelling and slapping each other "high-fives" outside of my bedroom window at 6:35 a.m., yes, I become cranky!

While I am sure playing football in the rain and the dark with your buddies can be great fun, if you must continue with this early-morning male-bonding ritual, please show some consideration and look for a more appropriate playing field.

Young children and student parents need their sleep. I need a few moments of peace and quiet before my day begins. Whoever you are, guys, give us a break. Find a new field!

**Theresa Lowrie**  
Amazon Resident

**Your way**

As I was browsing through the first edition of this term's *Emerald* (Jan. 3), all things seemed business as usual.

The letters to the editor contained rebuttals to the narrow-minded scope of some budding journalist. One rebuttal in particular discussed the many choices involved with sexuality: gay, lesbian or bisexual. It reminded me of Burger King ... "Have it your way!" Oh yes, heterosexuality was also mentioned as one of life's many selections. A couple of other similar letters on the

subject of sexual orientation rounded out the editorial page.

On the next page I read about a woman who posed as a man because she was a man trapped in a woman's body. Interesting, yes, but what is the point? I mean, who really cares? The story belongs in the tabloids right along side the "Martian baby" story!

Is this narrow-minded editorializing the limit of concern we have for our fellow man? Just this past weekend an eight-year-old boy was wounded in a drive-by shooting, right here in the Eugene-Springfield area! Surely the issue of social violence is as important as sexual orientation. Even the California football team paid tribute to Polly Klaas, by wearing her initials on their helmets during the Alamo Bowl. This 12-year-old girl was kidnapped from the security of her own home during a slumber party and later found dead!

What does that random act of violence say about our society? Better yet, what does that say about our University newspaper, that this social injustice goes unnoticed? Where is the outrage and call for change that so permeates the issue of sexuality? Is this campus community so removed that it cannot see what is going on outside of the ivy walls?

We as students and faculty need to change, all right. We need to get a grip and have the courage to deal with other real world issues. Let's see some meat in this newspaper for a change. I'm tired

of politically correct, Geraldo, attention-grabbing sensationalism. Sexuality is not the only issue on the menu, and this ain't Burger King. Honor diversity!

**Gregg Hayes**  
Undeclared

**Inferior**

When I tell people that I am a journalism major, they ask me why I'm not involved with the *Emerald*. My reply is that I don't want to be affiliated with the *Emerald* because of its editing, reporting and general journalistic inferiority.

My point has been proved in the past and quite emphatically proved with the recent misquote that portrayed Rachel Dueker as "biphobic." As co-director of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance, Dueker has worked hard to establish an understanding, open, "family" environment. The misquote has disrupted Dueker's efforts and caused her to be accused of something which she is innocent of.

People have been quick with their backlash, all because of the *Emerald's* lack of journalistic consideration. The LGBA is a safe haven — and Rachel Dueker has worked hard to make it that way. As a journalism major, I am shocked and upset by the uproar caused by the *Emerald's* misquote, and I hope that in the future, this type of mistake is avoided for the sake of the innocents.

**Desiree K. Jeffrey**  
Journalism

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