

U VIEWS

The Campus Dialogue

U-Mail

A closer look

I am writing about the article "Student races to find donor for miracle match" in the December 1993 issue. In this article, there is the statement that a bone marrow transplant is the only chance a leukemia patient has to survive. This is not true. Many victims of leukemia survive without the need of a transplant. I commend *U Magazine* for addressing this issue, but make sure all your facts are straight before making such broad statements about a complex issue. Sharon R. Boyle, graduate student, East Carolina U. ♦♦

Egg on their faces

After reading the article about the sorority sisters at U. of North Texas [*U Magazine*, December 1993], I was dumbfounded. THAT'S what they call hazing? OK, so maybe the paddling part was a bit rough, but eggs? Eggs are even good for your hair, for Christ's sake! And forcing them to eat hot peppers? SO WHAT??? IT'S FOOD!!! Please, just because these sisters wanted to have a little clean fun is no reason to give them \$500 fines, much less a jail sentence! I sincerely feel bad for the five sisters convicted, but I truly pity the court members who sentenced them. They deserve rotten eggs in my book. Lis Barbiero, freshman, Dartmouth College ♦♦

Criminal record check

I was nearly dismayed after having read your article in December's issue concerning St. Augustine's College's policy of conducting criminal background checks of its applicants. St. Augustine's is, I would assume, a private school, and by all means has the right to conduct said checks with little fear of legal intervention. However, I would like to think that if a government-funded school were to adopt such a policy, it would be shot down with great expedience by the courts. Would it not serve a great



Jon Nilsen, *The Minnesota Daily*, U. of Minnesota

injustice to the principles of the university itself to disallow an individual the opportunity to make something better of him/herself? Is this not what the intent of education is? Brian Patrick, sophomore, Eastern Illinois U. ♦♦

Cyberreaction

I appreciate the fact that you are enlightening the college masses by covering subjects such as cyberspace and the cyberculture [*U Magazine*, November 1993]. However, those of us who have known about cyberspace and have used it for many years find that many of the media seem to have "jumped on the bandwagon." All we — the cyber-enthusiasts — ask is that the media back off for once. If everybody were to find out about cyberspace, it would be choked. John Patrick, junior, U. of Oklahoma ♦♦

We're not losers

In regards to "Surfing the Information Superhighway" [*U Magazine*, November 1993], I must say that I am disappointed and offended by the negative way you depicted

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Northwest Missouri State U. I cannot deny that many students have failed classes because of the Electronic Campus, but that would be inherent to any university that offered a similar service. Of all the references to schools in that article, only the one referring to Northwest was negative in context. I truly hope that the size of our university had nothing to do with the decision to portray us as losers. I do hope it was just ignorance on the part of the author of the piece and the editor who presumably proofread it. In the future, please take care to understand what you are talking about before your rag goes to print. (Aside from that offense, I did enjoy the article, though.) J. Phillip Koebbe, junior, Northwest Missouri State U. ♦♦

PC has not gone too far

I am writing in response to the October 1993 edition's opinion poll ["Has political correctness gone too far?"], with regards to Conja Summerlin of the U. of Missouri.

You say that you find it offensive that you have to call your neighbor African-American. Well, I find it offensive that you wouldn't want to call him just that. For a brief bit of history, you must remember that your ancestors robbed Africans of their land, history, name and religion. They were brought to America to be slaves and nothing else. Now that we know our history, it is politically correct to call a black person African-American. We are African because Africa is where our ancestors were stolen from, and we are American because we choose to live and pay taxes here.

Furthermore, if you desire to be called European-American, fine, no one says you cannot. However, please do not take hostility toward people who have chosen to find what was lost. Vianesa Penn, freshman, Grambling State U.

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Opinion Poll

PREVIOUS POLL RESULTS

Do you think Clinton is doing a good job?

NO

70%

YES

30%

Calls: 931 From: 210 campuses
Yes: 282 No: 649

"No, I do not feel that Mr. Clinton is doing a good job. I think that he's trying hard, but he's trying to please every single person who lives in the United States and he needs to just consider trying to please the majority and also try to limit the number of topics he wants to cover at one time." Larry Minton, sophomore, U. of Tennessee

"Yes. He conveys a sense of authority, knowledge and passionate concern. Finally, after 12 years of neglect, a president who will listen to the American people and try to the best of his ability to meet their needs." Shane Merrill, junior, U. of Alabama, Birmingham

"I think it's impossible for him to do a good job only because his staff is way too young. What he needs is experience." Kevin Morra, freshman, George Washington U.

"No. Most of the ideas he supported during his campaign, he's come out against or denies he ever supported them. He should be sued for violating a contract that was signed and sealed when those confused people out there voted him into office." Brittany Naujok, junior, U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

"No. I think it's one thing to compromise on issues and completely different to flip your position on the issues to please people." Warren Cheets, senior, Wichita State U.

"Definitely. He has promised to help students with the National Service Plan and he has kept to that promise. He's also guaranteed civil rights not only for the majority groups but also minority groups who deserve just as much consideration as anyone else." Heather McCarthy, freshman, U. of California, Riverside

"Thumbs down to the most powerful man in the world, who will not use that power to get anything done here at home. I'm not expecting miracles, but I am expecting a decent effort and maybe a little progress on the domestic side of the fence." Simon Bouie, junior, U. of LaVerne

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION



Do you feel safe on campus?

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