

LETTERS

People of stupid

Although the University has finally begun to embrace the issue of multiculturalism on this campus, multi-intellectualism has remained sadly forgotten.

The University has propagated a trend toward more stringent admission requirements, and it has been increasingly active in seeking out new faculty with doctoral degrees and advanced research.

The alarming path the leadership of our University has undertaken has resulted in the oppression of an oft-ignored, but extremely prevalent, segment of our community. We are the oppressed. We are the unappreciated. We are the exploited. We are those who consistently spell potato with an "e." We cannot speak, for few of us know how, and none will listen to our cause.

It is not only the University officials but the students who have discriminated against us.

Except for the *Insurgent*, which has been exceptional in recruiting from our numbers, we remain underrepresented in nearly every other student organization on campus.

But we will no longer take this lying down.

I call upon every denizen of Springfield, all the campaign contributors of H. Ross Perot and every bureaucrat in Oregon Hall to join hands. The OCA and the IFC must unite in a common cause.

Grab your crayons and construction paper and write, if you are literacy empowered, to news-

papers and people everywhere. If you cannot, get others to. Or just scream and kick your feet a lot.

Do what you can, and rest assured that we will win, for our cause is just.

We, the people of stupid, are not going to take it anymore.

Ted Miller
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Women's hoops

I would like to apologize to the women's basketball team for the Associated Press. When I woke up this morning, I opened the sports section and looked directly at the AP poll expecting to find Oregon in the top 25, but instead I received a shock.

Oregon had barely moved up in total number of votes from the week before, and this after beating 15th-ranked Washington, who dropped to 20th with 21 points. The Ducks also beat Washington up in Seattle earlier in the season by only a couple of points, but that was when Oregon was just starting to improve under head coach Jody Runge.

The AP should take another look at Oregon and see that earlier in the season the Ducks kept up with and almost beat sixth-ranked USC. Oregon has improved greatly since the early part of the season and are now at an all-time high. In my opinion, Oregon is the best team in the Pacific-10 Conference. And as long as there are no serious injuries, Oregon should win the rest of its games this season.

I would like to ask the team for a favor for myself and all of its other fans. Tell the AP where it can stick its voting system by winning the rest of your Pac-10 games and go all the way to the national championship in the NCAA Tournament. I believe you can do it, and I don't think that I'm alone. For the remaining two home games I will be in my usual spot watching the women's team continue its winning ways, on the north end of the west bleachers in the second row and in about three to four seats.

Brian Scott
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Landlord Brand

This is in response to Myrrh Sagrada's letter (*ODE*, Feb. 23). I agree that some form of rent control action should be taken in Eugene. Rents are rising quickly and in some areas are out of control. What we cannot do is blame University President Myles Brand for the problem of higher rents (unless, of course, he is your landlord). Trying to bring more students to the University will not only help the University by bringing in more money to help fund different projects, but will also help Eugene.

You say that 1,500 new students will be too many people for the area. Well, if we added 1,500 students to the University right now, we would still have about 17,400 students. This is less than the total number of students between the years 1987 and 1990,

with the high in 1988 with 18,530 students. Rents will continue to go up no matter how many students live in Eugene. We need to start rent control now and not wait for the University to take action for us.

Bill Morrill
Spanish

Russia

Thank you for putting the literature article (*ODE*, Feb. 21, "World famous Russian author...") about Mr. Sinyavsky on the front cover. I would have never picked up the *Emerald* if it was not. I normally read the *Commentator*, and so I was quite impressed to find Mr. Buckhalter's article above the usual quality put out by the *Emerald*.

The only strident note I found in this well-orchestrated piece was a misuse of terms in the penultimate paragraph. Russian Orthodox Christianity is the original Christian faith, in the Russian tradition. Every Christian sect can trace its roots to Orthodox Christianity.

Although only a minor mistake of a capital letter ("o"), I find it offensive to have such an important heritage minimized.

Ted Assur
Russian

China Blue

I believe China Blue still segregates non-white customers from the whites. It still amazes me and others to see the servers always "tug" people of color into the

smoking section, as they kindly guide whites to the non-smoking section.

Although many people on campus have talked about the racism at China Blue, real actions that would stop the segregation have been lacking. Indeed, most of the victims are international students from Southeast Asia, Japan and Korea who often do not come to grips with how racism works in the United States.

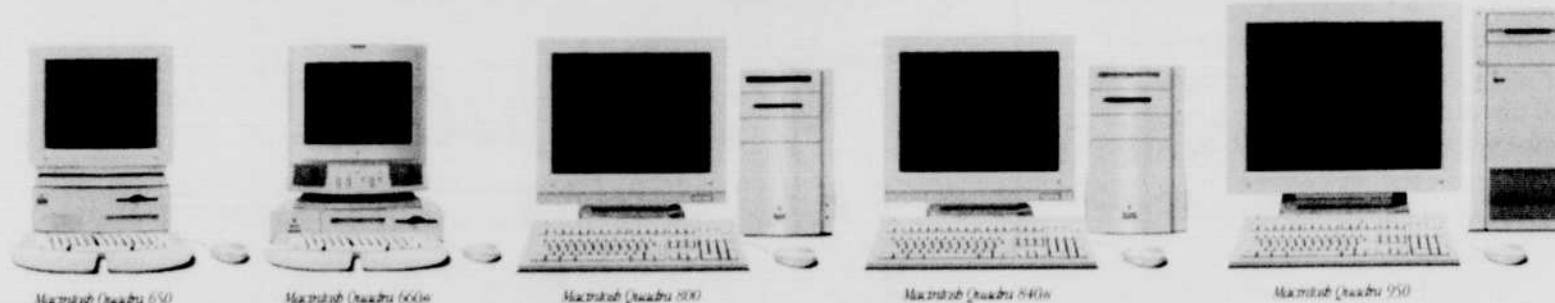
Segregation that has been going on at China Blue is a classic case. I even experimented. A couple of times I attempted to sit in the non-smoking section, though I look Asian. The Asian waitress who served the area rushed to me and said, "You go there (the smoking section). This (the non-smoking section) is already full." The area was *not* full, and when a white woman came as I was about to leave, the waitress helped her sit in the non-smoking section.

All of us on campus, if we are not biased, prejudiced, or going to entertain such a racist commercial tactic, have to boycott the restaurant. I know some of you like Chinese food, but you can have it anytime at a nicer place where there is not the segregation I believe is taking place at China Blue.

We need to demand a public apology from the owner and have him stop the racism I believe exists at this restaurant. Otherwise, the boycott should continue.

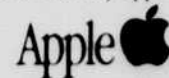
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