

■ LETTERS

One-sided

I am writing in response to the articles on student athletes and violence that have appeared in the *Emerald* and the *Commentator*. These articles are totally one-sided reports on the events that supposedly happened. Some of the facts are true, but many are false. I know because I am a student and a member of the football team and my name was used many times throughout these articles.

What people do or have been accused of doing in the past doesn't have to be what they are doing now or will do in the future. Seeing how myself and the other people who have been slandered in these articles are in college working to get a degree, should give a clue that we are here to take care of business like the rest of the college students.

Unfortunately, there are many violent acts that happen on this campus, but they are never under the same scrutiny as when an athlete is alleged to be involved. Why, after three years, does this incident have to be brought up again? If injustices had occurred, they would have been prosecuted.

I believe that student athletes are prosecuted with much more effort than other people on this campus. Since we are so visible as athletes, we know that mistakes will cost us a great deal. We have a lot to lose in terms of athletics, school and community respect. None of us want to take a chance on messing that up.

Joe Harwood's descriptions of us are demeaning in all senses of the word — "a group of fellow thugs," "terrorizing trio," "gang members," etc. All paint a picture of frightening, angry people. I don't feel that describes me. I play football, but I don't carry the mentality I have on the football field with me at other times.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinions, but they are also entitled to the truth. I would like

this so-called reporter, who has so many images and stereotypes of football players, to come and talk with us. I can promise him that he doesn't have to fear any retaliation because we are intelligent and respectful human beings.

Paul Wiggins
Sociology

Welcomed

We greatly appreciated Ben Mobius' article about our breakfast for Eugene's homeless youth. It has already brought a wonderful response from the University community. We certainly welcome the participation of others as we seek to befriend these kids while meeting some of their immediate needs.

Thus far, this has been a joint endeavor of two churches. The First Christian Church has very graciously provided the use of its kitchen and dining facilities and the members and friends of Cascade Presbyterian Church have been there weekly providing the food, smiles and personal service to these kids and families.

Again, thank you for your interest. The breakfast is served Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. Anyone wanting to help in any way can please call and leave a message at 343-5538.

Mike Langley
Cascade Presbyterian Church

Reefer-heads

I'm so glad Brian Womack put those liberal reefer-heads in place (*ODE*, May 2). Brian

touches on the gravity of the horrors of drug use when he mentions the 1960s.

The marijuana plague of the 1960s spawned the decade of the most rampant disregard for the laws of our country. Subversives staged marches and rallies questioning our government's ability to rule. Many anti-American leftists even openly opposed our government's position on Vietnam and civil rights.

Legalizing marijuana will most likely lead to a repeat of this cultural collapse.

To allow a person to decide for themselves whether or not to use marijuana would only encourage them not to follow our government's decisions about other important issues.

It is clear to any decent, God-fearing person that this country already has too little respect for authority, we cannot afford to undermine the ability of our great leaders to shepherd us by encouraging such radicalism.

If we are serious about eradicating the drug problem, we need to lock up all 30 million pot smokers in this country. We can't afford to send the message that drug use is tolerable.

To legalize marijuana, that would be like saying that I am able to think for myself and decide what is best for me. Who should make decisions about my life?

I, for one, say these important choices should be made by the proper authorities in Salem and Washington. It is much easier than expecting me to think for myself. Just say no!

Jeff Michael
Business

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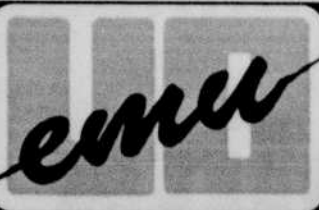
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Pretrip Clinic: Thursday May 11th, 5:30 p.m.
Outdoor Program Barn
Pre-registration required

River Trip: Saturday May 13, 8:00 a.m.
Outdoor Program Barn
Pre-registration required

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Sunday, May 14 9am-4pm

Learn how to deal with the various challenges that the river throws at you! In this intensive one-day clinic, you will learn the basic knots, the most useful rope systems, and general rescue strategy. This is a hands-on clinic that will be of value to both rafters and kayakers. Fee: \$15 for students and co-op members, \$20 others. Register by May 11th! UO Outdoor Program 346-4364

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In the event of a strike, the Photo I.D. Office Hours will be shortened to noon to 2pm. Thank you.

Outdoor Resources on the Internet

May 9 • 7:30 p.m. • 112 Willamette Hall FREE!!

Don't be roadkill on the info superhighway! The Internet is loaded with great resources for the outdoor enthusiast. This workshop will cover some of the basics of the Internet, and then explore more specific outdoor information and internet navigation using the OP's World Wide Web ages. Please call ahead if you'd like to join as there is limited terminal space. For more information contact the U of O Outdoor Program at 346-4365 or e-mail opwww@gladstone.uoregon.edu

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