

■ LETTERS

**Incorrect**

We are responding to the commentary of Samuel Gechter, the president of Hillel (ODE, May 15). We found his statements to be incorrect about the lectures of Imam Mohammed Al-Asi last year, including those portraying him to be a "bigot."

If what you stated is correct, why did you not write about it last year? All he did was quote Guide Calabrese's statements about bigotry, which may or may not apply to this situation. It is very dangerous to take quotes out of context and apply them to a situation. He provided no evidence in support of his claim about the speaker.

On the contrary, [Al-Asi] provided a true insight into the terrible situation of Palestinians in the occupied Palestine and information about why the peace process is stalled. One main reason that the peace process is not moving forward is because of the domination of United States government by the Jewish lobby and the U.S.'s blind governmental policy toward Israel (the Jewish lobby is the largest PAC group in the U.S. and when money is changing hands, policy changes with it).

He just hurts his own cause by labeling people as "anti-Semitic." We heard he was at the lecture that Al-Asi presented May 15. All of Al-Asi's arguments were supported by facts. We would like everyone to know that many other Jews were in the audience and could not say anything to refute these facts.

In fact, many of the Jews there went to talk to Al-Asi after the presentation to tell him they appreciated the information given. So please do not accuse as being "anti-Semitic," because many Muslims are also a Semite like you (Semitic people founded the monotheistic religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam). We are sick and tired of

their kind of attitude [being presented] without any supportive evidence, accusations of being "anti-Semitic" and being put in on the defensive.

He should learn as a student that he needs to make statements backed by supportive data. Also, if he was so distraught after the lecture last year, why didn't he write then, instead of one year later?

The Muslim Student Association has tried hard to bring knowledgeable scholars to our campus who can enlighten the audience and bring a different point of view. This is exactly what is needed to encourage the diversity he kept touting in his article.

The Jewish community is well-represented on this campus, but the Muslims are still trying to develop a strong foundation. For him to put our speaker down the day of his visit in the hope of invalidating him shows that he didn't want people to go to his lecture. We do not believe that he encourages the diversity or the celebration of cultures on this campus.

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**Favorite**

Despite disagreeing with almost everything Brian Womack believes in, I have to admit that he's my favorite *Emerald* columnist. He almost always displays the delicious (though scary) irony of conservative logic. Brian's gift of irony is particularly well-displayed in his column titled "Conservatism has different meanings" (ODE, May 16).

Brian explains that conservatives believe "government needs to get off the backs of Americans — be they property owners, business owners or parents." Then he goes on to admit that "government has a place in

keeping a sort of normalcy and values in place to help retain order in society." Yet "normal" is incredibly hard to define and values are extremely hard to legislate (and shouldn't be subject to legislation anyway).

Brian believes that government should restrict personal choices ranging from euthanasia for the terminally ill who are ready to die, through what kind of tobacco one can smoke or what values one wishes to live by. But, apparently, it should not restrict a property owner's right to clearcut his local watershed or a business' right to discharge industrial waste into the Columbia River (as in Hanford).

This is Irony #1 — that government intrusion into personal choices [which affect no one but the person(s) concerned] is somehow less intrusive than government intrusion into business choices — which may affect entire ecosystems disastrously, damaging the quality of life for normal people.

Irony #2 (I love this one): "Orwell is a favorite of mine." George Orwell, the author of 1984, created the government, sometimes known as "Big Brother," which treated its people to slogans such as "War is peace. Love is hate," etc. This is especially delicious since it sets up the last part of the article, or Irony #3.

"Being truly conservative means embracing social conservatism. For only upon those great ideals will our country truly progress in liberty." Hmmm... so restricting freedom leads to "progress in liberty?" Sounds a lot like Big Brother, doesn't it?

The title, of course, is Irony #4. And we could probably consider Irony #5 to be "I proudly classify myself as a conservative."

Don't worry, Brian. No one will ever mistake you for a libertarian.

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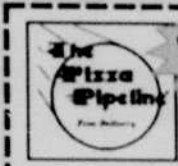
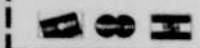
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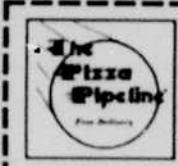
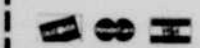
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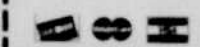
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