

■ LETTERS

**Dump cops?**

It is fun to drink, get wasted, break things, get loud and obnoxious and set fires! I haven't had so much fun in years! I also find it hilarious to see my tax dollars spent on cleaning up my mess after I've destroyed the city's and other's property. And why do we need police, anyway? They just get in the way of having fun!

Next election I opt we all vote for "no more cops in Eugene!" Yeah! The next time my buddies and I decide to have a good time, I can burn the whole house down if I feel like it. There will be no tear gas to stop my buds and I from throwing bottles at innocent people passing by.

Or maybe I should grow up and get a brain.

J.D. McCarty  
Eugene

**Preaching?**

Walking to my class in Allen Hall last week, I first heard, then saw some kind of disturbance over near the EMU courtyard.

Turns out it was "Bible Jim," that aggressive Bible-thumper that many people love to hate, or at least love to disagree with.

I'm one of the latter.

After class, I walked close to the small and justifiably vocal crowd of people who surrounded Jim, but I didn't stop to listen to his "message." I didn't have to.

Jim's message, one of anger and intolerance, was shouted even before he opened his mouth. His message, plastered in bumper-like stickers all over the sandwich board he wore, preached a gospel of division and hate unlike any "real" Christian message I have ever encountered.

If Jim's "preaching" has any merit at all, it is completely wiped out — voided — by his presentation. In a word, the guy is bogus.

Like hundreds of other people, I went to the Harvest Crusade. The gospel I heard there was one of love and acceptance, not in-your-face labels or mean stereotypes. Nothing was said there that would make anyone

feel like an unwanted outcast.

From what I've heard and read about Jesus Christ, I've learned that the man was very compassionate. He truly cared about and loved all kinds of people. He was as gentle as a lamb, as wise as a fox and as courageous and confident as a lion.

If Jesus still walked the earth today, I don't think he would show up on campus with signs saying "queers" or "sinners" or "premarital sex."

Instead, I bet he'd just walk right up and hug you.

David P. Bartlett  
Pre-Journalism

**Social justice?**

It has been said that a mob has a mind of its own. It is indeed true that when people gather in numbers, the resulting anonymity gives individuals the strength to do things they wouldn't normally do.

As you may have already guessed, I am writing this letter in response to the Friday night scene on 17th Avenue and Hillard Street.

There are very few things more pathetic than what I witnessed that night. I saw a group of high schoolers, childish college students and various other tag-alongs unite in their inebriated state to challenge the Eugene police to a match of wills. Bottles were thrown, street signs were torn out of the ground and various fires were set in a melee of mindless violence.

As I watched this activity, I thought to myself, "Wouldn't it be great if there was an actual social justice that was being protested here? Wouldn't it be great if these people were actually fighting for something they believed in?"

Unfortunately, this was not the situation. The only cause for their behavior was drunken stupidity.

As a college student, I like to pride myself somewhat in the fact that I have matured just a tad bit since I left high school. This, obviously, cannot be said of the "rebels" of the party.

I looked into the crowd and could honestly not tell who was

in high school and who was in college. The crowd had taken on the mentality of a 10th-grader in the throes of puberty as machismo took the place of any intelligence that had previously existed in these people.

I desperately hope that the spectacle Friday night was an exception, rather than a rule, of college life.

Josh Curtis  
History

**Thanks**

I'm writing today to sincerely thank all of the people who organized and participated in the first University Community Involvement Week held May 13-19. Because of your community service efforts, the Eugene community and the University are in the process of renewing faith in our relationship as partners.

An extended thanks goes out to all the student groups that participated, especially Mortar Board, Alpha Phi Omega, Circle K, ASUO Executive, Hillel, Jewish Student Union, Students for Choice and the Building Communities class.

Also, I want to thank members of Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Lambda Phi, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta

Delta, Sigma Kappa and Chi Omega for taking time out of their busy Greek Week schedule to provide much-needed community service.

In addition, I would like to thank the University administration, President Frohnmayer, the Dean of Students Office, the Career Center and the Physical Plant for their continued support of students being active in the community.

With all of us working together, I look forward to next year's Community Involvement Week and on-going interaction between the University and the community around us.

Kevin Easton  
ASUO Community  
Affairs Coordinator

**Thanks again**

The following staff at the Col-

lege of Education would like to thank the many students who participated in University Day and helped to make this year's event better than ever!

It was a pleasure to see so many students all over campus pitching in to make the campus grounds clean and attractive. A number of students came by to help around our building and were eager to do whatever we asked of them.

So often we hear about the negative things that young people are involved in. Many times, all the good and positive things go unnoticed or at least not mentioned. We wanted to take the time to let the students know we appreciate them and the labor they provided to help make University Day such a success!

Leigh Ann Beierling  
School Psychology  
and six co-signers

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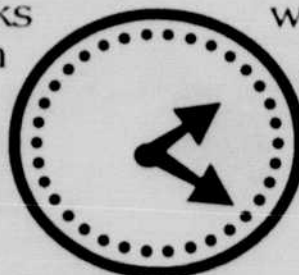
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