LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poem for Shin Yasui

On a street, so far from war, a casualty, among the best of my generation:

killed in a car crash. He was a peacemaker, he fought so hard to make us listen.

A lot of people liked Shin people all over the world shook his hand and wished him well.

The idea of the noble fallen—
of death linked up with
death—

is wrong

We die, and no one is gratified.

but it makes me break to think

of Shin's work undone. What will not follow because he is not here to take it on.

And I cry for myself, for death linked up with death.

There is a limit to our time here but that we find it—

but that we find it in the work, in the love, at the hollow of life we contain our own fires

too often like stars seldom seen in the sky.

Shin pulled on us, and in the distance

his absence pulls us in. Let's now at least break from our private wars

make peace in the names of the peacemakers,

make of our own hollows a place to live.

Vincent Reynolds Journalism

Message is a concern

Womenspace has some concerns about the message of the Promise Keepers. We in no way condemn the good intentions or the needs of the individual men who attend Promise Keepers rallies, but we do disagree strongly with the implications of the Promise Keepers' message.

Womenspace's mission is to end domestic violence. Domestic violence happens when one partner, who is statistically likely to be male (95 percent reported), uses tactics such as sexual, physical, emotional or financial abuse to maintain dominance, or power and control, in a relationship.

Promise Keepers leader Rev. Tony Evans underscores the authoritarian nature of the organization when he tells Promise Keepers to "take back their role as head of household. I'm not suggesting you ask for your role back, I'm urging you to take it back." The assumption of roles in this statement is in direct support of a relationship with one partner dominant and one submissive.

The Promise Keepers seem to be filing a void for many men, but at what cost to society? There are alternatives to defining one's place in the world through domination of another person. We encourage men to not only seek egalitarian rela-tionships with their partners, but to also seek out those places where they can find acceptance, emotional awareness, belonging and spirituality. And we hope that those places include room for women, people of color, homosexuals, children, people with disabilities and all other marginal members of society.

Evelyn Anderton and three co-signers Womenspace

Respond to violence

With all of the events going on recently, I'm curious to know what the responses of University students, faculty and staff are to the continuous stream of accidents our papers and television news programs are reporting. As educated college students who will have to enter the work world in the future, what do we make of some of the occurrences that have gone on?

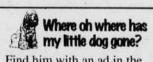
For example, an elderly war veteran was recently murdered in his home by a robber. A rural young man stands accused of killing both of his parents and burying them a few miles away. Then there was the Thurston High School tragedy, where someone opened fire and killed and maimed many people. Up in Seattle, a driveby shooting killed several members of the Vietnamese community.

I am writing this letter because I am concerned. A terrific pattern of violence is ensuing, and many concerned citizens have written letters addressing the problem. However, on campus and in the community, a tremendous feeling of apathy exists.

So, what is it people think of these events? How can we, as a culture, turn the problem around? Perhaps we need to realize that everything is connected and that until we honor that connection, violence will continue to occur. Just as the news media is fond of using terms like "economic indicators," these perhaps are solid accounts of "social indicators" that everything is not A-OK.

David Schlessinger Environmental Studies



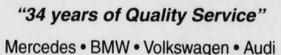


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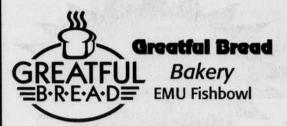


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