

## Letter to the Editor

GARVISON, STEP DOWN!!!

Dissent, upheaval, disruption of the status quo, through our history all these have been necessary ingredients in the preservation of human rights, freedom, and democracy. Requiring accountability from our public institutions ensures they remain just that - public institutions. It takes a great deal of courage to stand up and be the one, maybe the only one, to raise the questions and persist until they are adequately answered. It also takes a great deal of intelligence to succeed in uncovering inconsistencies and even more cunning to manipulate constructive results. It also costs.

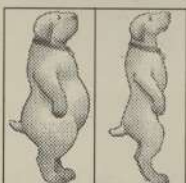
Anyone reading this who knows the personal cost of stepping out in front and voicing dissent also knows the price of those few minutes of being heard. Any organized group trying to accomplish something wisely chooses a spokesman who will make the best use of such costly time. I must go on record to say I did not choose and would never choose John Garvison as a spokes person for the monitoring of fiscal accountability here at Clackamas Community College.

Quite frankly I feel he and the UnderGround have done a great disservice to those who would support more aggressive measures taken toward public review of CCC fiscal policy. Mr. Garvison, I implore you, either get a vocabulary, learn some research skills that will uncover something worthwhile, and demonstrate some respect for the forum you are so foolishly assuming you are qualified to participate in or shut your mouth! The only thing I would listen to from you at this point is a public apology to John Keyser, Gary Dirrim, Jan Anderson, and Joe Uris. Those of us who know anything at all about them, our numbers are many, also know the degree to which you have made an utter fool of yourself.

Members of the underground staff: there is so much worthwhile that you could do to represent truly useful dissent. Please stop wasting such a privilege!

Karyn Hanson

It's time you saw less of your dog.



Before After  
All dogs need exercise and the right diet to stay healthy, happy and fit.

A Message From  
The American Kennel Club

For a free Responsible Dog Ownership Packet write AKC, 5580 Centerville Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606.

He says...

## April should be White, Heterosexual Male Month

Jack Evans  
Staff Writer

I am not a racist, nor am I a chauvinistic pig. I never judge a person by their looks, beliefs, gender, or sexual preference, etc. My whole philosophy on people is, "If you are cool to me, then I'll be cool to you." I believe everyone should be treated equally, and I thought that was what society was turning towards -- equality for all.

Welcome to the 90's, though, where being politically correct is the only rule for society. From what I've figured out from this whole political correctness bit is that everyone is supposedly equal. Almost everyone.

For the past few years, I've noticed that some unknown entity has taken the liberty to declare certain months "(fill in your favorite race or lifestyle here) History Month". For example, February is Black History Month, October is Explore-Your-Sexual-Orientation Month and March is Women's History Month.

Just about every month of the year celebrates somebody's heritage. However, there still must be inequality in the system because I have never had the chance to honor my race, gender, or sexual orientation. Why? Because I am a white, heterosexual male.

It has now become taboo to be white. Society is convinced that whites are the most bigoted, racist people in America. The KKK and extreme conservatives are constantly being exploited all over the talk show and tabloid TV circuit, leading a lot of people to believe that all whites are racists.

I'm sorry to say that, just like gangs make up only a small percentage of the black community, and the majority of Hispanics are not illegal aliens, there are not many whites that fit the neo-nazi stereotype. Every time I hear about Caucasians in society, they are always the oppressors, threatening to destroy the diversity of this nation. Who cares that in a short time, whites will be a minority? In a lot of places, they already are.

In an age where feminism is taking major leaps, it has also become wrong if you are born male. According to certain "groups" in this country, I am a sexist, chauvinistic pig, wanting a female companion to do three things for

me: cook, clean, and fulfill my sexual desires. They consistently contend that men want to repress and degrade women, making them basically our personal slaves.

Oh, yes, there is a strong sense of sexism in this country -- against men. Take, for instance, the female that got into the Citadel. Had that been a male wanting to enter an all female school, the public would have been outraged, shaming the male.

It is also now politically incorrect to be a heterosexual and be openly proud of it. When I was twelve year old I saw a homosexual parade, put on by the homosexual community for the public. To this day, seven and a half years later, I have neither heard about, nor seen a heterosexual parade.

They claim they do not have the same status as heterosexuals, yet they have their own month, even a nationally recognized day, exploiting their behavior/beliefs. When was the last time you saw a group of heterosexuals marching around and making out, in the streets, crying out, "We are straight, and proud of it!"?

There is not enough time, nor enough room, though, to fully defend my statuses in one measly column of a college newspaper, which is why I am proposing that the month of April be declared National White, Heterosexual Male Month.

This month would be divided into three 10 day sections. The first 10 days would focus on white history, and all the wonderful contributions whites (both male and female) have made to society.

The second part would concentrate on the celebrating the male gender, all races of it, and what great contributions men have given to society.

The final portion would cover the joys of heterosexuality, a time when straight people would have the opportunity to come out of the closet with their homosexual friends. Every race and gender would be included for those 10 days.

I don't think that's asking too terribly much. After all, females, homosexuals, and all the other races of the world each get a whole month for each category they fall under; we would be cramming three classifications into one month. If society has a problem with this proposal, then I suggest we get rid of all the heritage months. I was born this way. I can't change how I was born.



She says...

## It's your turn to sit in the back of the bus

Laney Fouse  
Copy Editor

Whenever a writer starts an article with a disclaimer such as "I am not a racist, nor am I a chauvinistic pig," I become suspicious. Why do you feel a need to justify your position?

Perhaps you don't judge others by their looks, beliefs, gender or sexual preferences. Although you do set your standards of acceptance or tolerance based on coolness. Just exactly what is your definition of coolness?

You say this is the basis of your philosophy. But isn't philosophy a critical study of fundamental beliefs and the grounds for them? Critical in this sense means careful judgment not criticizing. What does coolness have to do with fundamental values?

Like you, I believe everyone should be treated equally. Unfortunately, this has not been the case. But, then again, we wouldn't have had anything to fill the pages of our history books. It appears from your article that history is not your forte. Perhaps I can help.

Multiculturalism is nothing new. Long before the arrival of the first European explorers, the native Indian peoples were diverse in their languages, beliefs and ways of life.

Later the importation of African slaves, Asian laborers and Mexican migrants brought further variety to the already European dominated society.

Some theorists believed that by the early 1900's the great American melting pot would lose its differences and become one national identity. However, given the nature of humans, most prefer to preserve their cultural identities while participating in the mainstream of American society.

Over the course of the twentieth century, Americans' views on diversity were transformed by the Holocaust during World War II, the Civil Rights and Women's movements in the 1960's, and the sharp rise in Asian and Latin American immigration after 1965.

By the mid 1980's "multiculturalism" created profound implications on educational and public policy. Boundaries formally set by the white, heterosexual male dominated society were forced to broaden beyond racial, ethnic and religious

groups. These include minorities, women, people with disabilities, homosexuals and others previously marginalized.

I don't agree that being white is "taboo." I have a lot of white friends who happen to be nice people. I didn't choose them because of their skin color. The true spirit of friendship is identified by what we give to one another as humans.

The nationally recognized months you speak of are celebrations of people previously ignored. What you have witnessed for all of your nineteen and a half years are people like myself who

have tired of being suppressed. People who are tired of the prejudice and the discrimination. These are people who have for several years struggled for equality. People who want to end the challenge of assimilation. People who for too many years undergone what you must be feeling now.

I agree that one day the white majority will probably become a minority, perhaps even as early as the mid-2000's. This is a good thing. Maybe we could then achieve a better balance in our society where no particular group dominates. Maybe this would eliminate the need for equal opportunity programs and politically correct terms.

Furthermore, if females are making such major leaps, how come we get paid less to do the same job as a man? Why are we still the ones to do the majority of the housework and raising children?

If you truly believed everyone should be treated equally, then you shouldn't feel put upon because you've been asked to sit in the back of the bus for a while. If you want to be really offended, wait until the time comes when you have to prove your heritage.

I grew up on the Pinoleville Indian Reservation in Northern California in what is a federally recognized tribe. Yet, I get insulted every time that I must prove my heritage by providing a birth record, a Bureau of Indian Affairs enrollment number or some Tribal affiliation.

Unfortunately, there isn't enough room in this newspaper to fully explain what happened all those years before you were born. Let's just suffice to say that you have nothing to whine about. Besides...it's not cool.

**Multi-culturalism is nothing new.**

