

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

The Yellin' Rebel ran an article Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1991 about parking fees and parking structures. If university planners had architects design more practical buildings, both conditions might not be necessary.

Recently, a parking lot on the campus northeast side was lost due to poor planning and design. The addition to Alta Ham Fine Arts building consumes the parking area, but had the architect allowed for ground level parking beneath the steel and concrete structure, those parking spaces would not have been lost. The article also mentions another building to be built on parking space. All you have to do is start the first floor about thirteen feet off the ground.

If the University Planners want to make a 21st Century University, then they should ignore traditional campus designs. Grade the quadrangle (between MSU and Judy Bayley) for parking and place an enclosed Mall on top with office space, classrooms, air conditioned corridors and garden atriums and stairwells to join existing buildings. It would make an attractive and unique campus and be cost effective.

Sincerely,
Phil Prentice

Dear editor,

I read a recent article about the organization for pro-choice on campus, and I must say that it left me quite confused, to say the least. I do not understand how an organization with the title "Students For Choice" could advocate other women's issues as well, such as domestic violence and rape, when the organization title is clearly that of pro-choice, a name given to one position on the abortion issue. It is obviously advertising only one choice to the student body and is only masquerading the other two.

I find this not only misinforming to the student body but also detrimental to the efforts in assisting and supporting domestic violence victims and rape victims. Many pro-life supporters and those that "straddle the fence" on the abortion issue, although clearly not agreeing with each other on that one topic, would jump at the chance to give support and aid to victims of domestic violence and rape.

I believe that the pro-choice organization is restraining many potential members from joining because of the misleading name of their organization. I would suggest that the group either totally disjoin themselves by separating the issues of domestic violence and rape inside of the abortion issue, or that they change the name to "Contemporary Women's Issues" and include a pro-life audience within the organization to cover the whole spectrum.

If a pro-choice group is wanted on campus, then by all means, have a pro-choice group on campus.

But let's face it, the victims of domestic violence and rape had no "choice." These victims are being done a great disservice by an organization that uses their issue as a means to increase support for one choice only — pro-choice.

These people deserve as much assistance as we can give them without the obstruction of being tacked onto a controversial subject heading. You do not have to be pro-choice to be concerned with women's issues. Domestic violence and rape issues should be given their own title and organization.

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Dear Editor,

Two weeks ago, I came to the 'Yell' with a concern that I had been discriminated against by the University Department of Public Safety. After talking with several of your writers, I entrusted my story with Victor Ingram.

I thought I made it perfectly clear that this was not a racial matter, but rather a concern of discrimination. After giving Mr. Ingram all of the information that I had up to that date clearly stating discrimination, including a letter from President Maxson discrediting the possibility that any of his staff were racist, Mr. Ingram persisted in focusing on the issue of racism instead of on discrimination.

I was appalled by the heading "Student cries racism." Mr. Ingram argued that the words discrimination and racism are synonymous to him. Although they may be misunderstood, I disagree that the words are synonymous. Allow me to refer to Webster's Dictionary, Copyright 1991:

Discriminate - "to distinguish or differentiate between someone on the basis of race, sex, class, or religion; to act prejudicially."

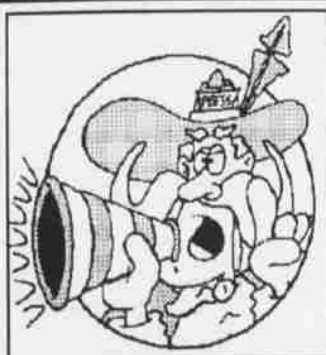
Racism - "a thought or belief that one race is better than the other race."

Although I considered racism as a motive, just as I considered my age and other things, I did not say that Chief Hollenbeck was racist or that the discrimination against me was racially motivated.

Why Mr. Ingram chose to persist on racism instead of discrimination could be the eighth wonder of the world. Personally, it is one of the most disgraceful things that has ever happened to me; to see my name used in falsely accusing someone of racism.

I would like to submit a personal apology to Chief Hollenbeck for any damage this has done to him. Again, I emphasize that this was done without my knowledge and that I feel it was handled with outrageous dissimulation.

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