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any one who has any interest in this issue to be present as well. That way you can find out for yourself what GPSA is or isn't doing, what we have or haven't decided, and what reasoning lies behind our decision.

Amber L. Dewey
GPSA Vice President and Senate Chair

Imaginary friend

Editor:

Three years ago I found my best friend in Jesus Christ. As I was growing up, I felt detached from the world and had only a few close friends. I was part of a close and fairly religious family, but personal problems kept me from being happy. Instead of reaching out to others I sank into myself and soon was in over my head.

Several people noticed my situation and I got help. It wasn't until my senior year in high school that I began to feel happy, but something was still missing. When I began attending a community college, one of the instructors led me to Christ and I accepted.

Now, a lot of people are probably sick of hearing the name Jesus Christ. WHY? Because in their struggle to find meaning they forget their Creator. Many don't know what they are living for and think nothing will happen to them after they die.

God proved that he exists when he sent Christ to die for us. So you can't say that God doesn't exist, because he came to earth. History books record that Christ lived on earth, and the Bible records what he did for mankind. He can give you eternal freedom and happiness if you follow him.

Christianity is the only religion that portrays God coming to us. All other religions have man trying to reach God through his own efforts. Christianity is more a relationship than a religion. It is having Christ on your side, people are not always there for you. Christ is always there for you, no matter what your problem or situation.

Life is a matter of choices. God continues to knock, and I finally answered. He made my life a lot happier and will do the same for you.

Jim Berwick

Among us

Editor:

In reference to Dean Davis' letter about homosexuals in the military, I answer: We are on campus, fighting the DOD policy of discrimination against homosexuals. This branch of the government is very powerful and has an excellent history of silencing what it does not want heard. Our opposition is careful and must be protected. You see, many who oppose the policy strongest are people already in the service. For them to come forth alone has severe consequences. I am a woman dating a female officer in the Armed Forces. She could easily be dishonorably discharged, asked to repay student loans, or even be sent to Leavenworth (being gay in the military can be punishable by prison sentence). And you wonder why we're not protesting outside of the CUB west entrance?

Kari Johnson

Misinformation

Editor:

In response to Ms. Liza Rognas' April 15 letter-to-the-editor on inaccurate information in Pro-Life letters to the editor, I would like to correct her misinformation. For example, for every one woman who is provided prenatal care at Planned Parenthood, more than 32 others receive abortions, according to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America 1989 Services Report

(PPFA). About 49% of women obtaining abortions have said in past surveys that they used no method to prevent pregnancy during the month they became pregnant (Henshaw, Silverman, "The Characteristics and Prior Contraceptive Use of U.S. Abortion Patients," *Family Planning Perspectives*, vol. 20). Since the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy is indeed legal in the U.S., and for no other reason than that a child be of the wrong sex (what would my friends in Feminists for Life think of that?); or the child have birth "defects" (what might Disabled People for Life think?); or that the child was conceived in the less than 1% of pregnancies that result each year from rape and incest combined: Julie Makimma and her mother (who was raped) might like to inform you about this-- they together formed Fortress International, an organization defending both victims of sexual assault pregnancy.

As far as learning about women's lives, and about Planned Parenthood's being "dedicated to bettering the lives of women and men in our communities," you should perhaps listen to the experiences of members of American Victims of Abortion, made up of the fathers, grandparents, sisters, brothers, and especially *mothers* of aborted infants who learned in the cruelest way just what abortion is really about (and now must live with such "betterment" as PAS-- Post-Abortion Syndrome). And of course the ones best fit to tell us about "women's choices" are those more than 4,300 per day in the U.S. who experience abortion themselves. But we're "terminating" them. I join you then, Ms. Rognas, in encouraging everyone to "learn about women's lives," for there is far more to being "informed" than you might think. (Note: I do not wish to criticize Planned Parenthood's activities other than abortion).

Denise Ortiz
Pullman Human Life

Frightening

Editor:

In the midst of an otherwise wonderful Mom's Weekend, we attended the Step Show on Saturday night at the Bryan Hall Auditorium. The show itself was fine, but waiting to buy tickets was a frightening experience. We were the first people in the lobby, getting there early, since we knew it would be crowded. While waiting to buy tickets, a group of 6 or 8 guys arrived and proceeded to hoot and be obnoxiously loud and boisterous for over an hour. At one point, they taunted one of our daughters, and put a choke hold on a friend. They harassed us and eventually pushed their way to the front of the line.

During the show, they continued this behavior, at times with total disruption. They were obviously drunk, and were allowed to enter the Auditorium with plastic water bottles in which they said they had Kool-Aid.

The ticket sales were delayed until 7:15 for a supposedly 7:30 show. The show did not begin until after 8:00 p.m. because of the total lack of organized ticket sales.

Where was security at this event? Why not advanced ticket sales, or at least available an hour before the show? Why were drunken kids allowed in? Why was the alcohol allowed in? We believe the obnoxious group was from another school and just came for the show. In any case, it would be prudent to make sure the event is organized and security is arranged when giving permission to use any University facility. It was a frightening experience for many of us, and also an injustice to the performers and staff of the Step Show. We hope future productions will be more organized and controlled.

M. Wilson

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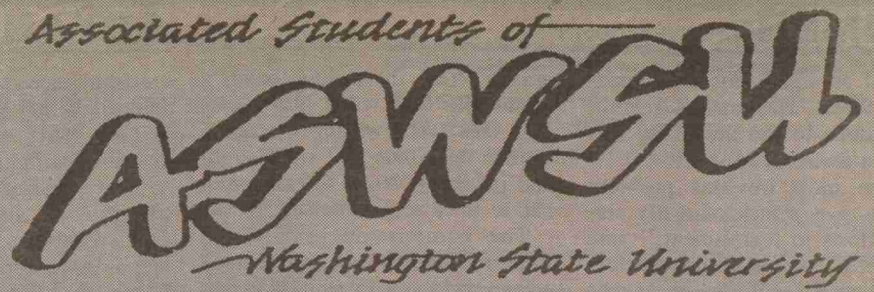
UCMJ, when was it created, and why do line commanders hate the stupid thing? African Americans make up 30 percent of the Army's enlisted ranks, but only 15 percent of the general population, why do so many disadvantaged youths join up?

If the average student wants to learn about this important aspect of American society it should be no problem. Surely this institution of higher learning recognizes the unique part that national security plays in our society, and provides some instruction on the subject. Not in the History Department; they offer a class on Diplomatic History, but nothing on the military. Not in the Political Science Department; they offer an 'upper division

seminar on arms control, but nothing on the military. Where then?

Only in the two ROTC departments. Unfortunately, a few people have decided that it is 'politically correct' to disapprove of the military. For example, in the GPSA a movement is under way to remove ROTC departments from campus. Perhaps they believe that they can make the problem just go away. However, the absence of ROTC on campus will not make the military go away, it will only make it harder for students to learn about this major element of our society.

This 'out of sight, out of mind' attitude solves nothing. Instead, it is a lot like an ostrich sticking his head in the sand.



-ETF meets every Thursday at 5:30 pm CUB B 7-9.

-John Lough-photographer at Valdez Oil spill.

-April 22, 7:30pm CUB AUD.

-Slide show and lecture.

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-Holland Lawn, April 22 and 23, 11am-3pm

-Environmental

Awareness Fair

-Hand Craft Bazaar

-Blue Spruce Give away

-Dan Maher-Noon music

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