

# Opinion

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## The bug hits

If you woke up this morning with a headache, sore throat, shakes and stomach pains, look out—you may be joining hundreds of other students who already have Russian flu symptoms.

What is quickly becoming a household word across campus is literally knocking down students right and left. What started out to be that "awful cold" your roommate had may be the flu you have tomorrow.

The life of a Russian flu-er isn't an easy one. Even trying to find out if you have the dreaded disease can prove to be trying. Waiting in line with dozens of other coughing, wheezing students at the health center makes you feel like you just visited the city morgue. And if you didn't have it when you went in there, chances are you will by the time you get out—two hours later. At least it gives you the chance to catch up on the gossip with old friends: "Oh, hi. Not you, too!"

Then you are shuffled into a room, told to breathe deeply, have your throat looked into and in less than five minutes it's announced that you've got it. But if you're hoping for some miracle cure or medicine, forget it. Instead you're handed a dittoed sheet of paper giving you the "three plenties:" take plenty of aspirin, drink plenty of fluids, and get plenty of rest.

Sound like fun? Well, the first two aren't so bad. You can buy a new bottle of aspirin (jumbo size) and three cartons of orange juice, but how are you supposed to get plenty of rest with a test the next day, one two days later and a paper due in three? It's not that you've put the work off, it's just that you've counted on the time to finish studying.

Well, you can always hand in the paper late—for a late grade, but what about the test? Of course the prof says he trusts you, and he knows you're sick, but no make-up test will be given. You'll have to drop this one.

And how about your P.E. class where you can only have one absence? Try jogging or playing volley ball with a 102-degree temperature. No fun.

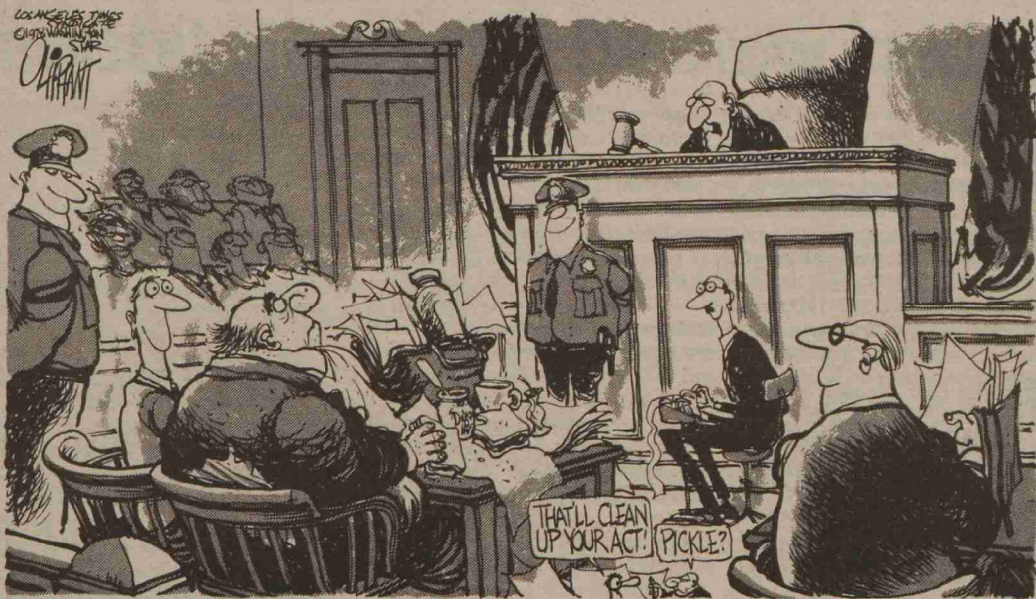
But you survive your four days with Russian flu symptoms and start back into the old routine. As you go back to your political science class you find out today you have a pop quiz over the reading assignments and in your speech class you have to give a 5 minute impromptu speech on the death penalty. You're five assignments behind in every class; all from one little flu bug.

Granted, there are no miracle cures for the flu, but there are things that could be done to make life a little easier for the sick student—especially when such a large number on campus have the flu—for example, posting the health center's suggestions instead of making students come in or wait just to get a sheet of instructions.

Also, profs could give make up tests and if they are in doubt about a student's health, the health center will confirm or repudiate a student's illness if called upon to do so.

Instead of staring at empty seats in class, profs could consider putting off an assignment or giving a little extra time, such as the weekend, because of sick students. Also, being more open to accepting late papers, considering the circumstances. Who knows, you may be the next to get Russian flu symptoms.

—M.A.S.



DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS, AND IN LIGHT OF JUSTICE BURGER'S REMARKS ABOUT INCOMPETENT TRIAL LAWYERS, DEFENSE COUNSEL IS SENTENCED TO TWENTY FIVE YEARS!

## Your views

### Terrorists

Criticism against Libya has been persistent since Sept. 1, 1969. This is mainly due to the new government's support of the Palestinian's right to go back to their homeland. It is considered, by many, that Libyan and Arab support to the Palestinian cause is an act of terrorism. But it is essential to realize, at this point, that "terrorism" is a relative term.

Arabs consider their support to the Palestinians as being support for the rights of a people to go back to their homeland. This support, in Arab terminology, is support for freedom fighters and support for a just cause—a just cause because Palestinians were existing in Palestine before 1948 and were unjustly evacuated from their homeland.

Before proceeding any further, it is necessary to emphasize that Arabs consider Israelis to be the real terrorists, since it was the Israelis who exploited the anti-semitic feelings in Europe, since it was the Israelis who exploited the West's need to establish an economic base in the Arab world, and finally, since it was the Israelis who came and invaded Palestine, a land that had a people and not a land with no people as they have claimed.

Israelis are further considered to be the leaders in terrorism. In

1967, while claiming to "defend" themselves against Arab attack, they occupied the Golan Heights (in Syria), the West Bank (in Jordan) and Sinai (in Egypt).

Israelis and their supporters are the first to mention some incidents of Arab "terrorism." But what is unfair to the public is that no reason is ever given as to why these acts were done. No one should try to justify terrorism but reaction to terrorism is a right that the international community has sympathized with and justified. Arab "terrorist" acts have to be put in the right perspective. They are a reaction to the terrorizing of Arab people in Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Libya and Jordan.

Here are some acts of Israeli terrorism:

- July 1967: The Israeli forces attacked the U.N. peace-keeping force and killed 11 people and wounded 24.

- Dec. 12, 1968: The Israeli commandos attacked the Lebanese International Airport and exploded 13 planes. The cost to the Lebanese government was \$44 million.

- Oct. 4, 1972: The Massad movement declared that it was responsible for the explosion on the Palestine Library in Paris.

- Feb. 21, 1973: The Israeli Air Force attacked a civilian Libyan airplane and killed 106 passengers with the entire crew.

- April 10, 1973: The Israeli commandos attacked and killed 3 of the Palestinian leaders in their homes in Beirut, Lebanon. They were: Yusuf Najjar and his wife, Kamal Idwan and Kamal Nassir.

- May 2, 1973: Nada Yashruti, a leader of the Union of Palestinian Women, was machine gunned by Israeli terrorists.

NUMEROUS JOURNALISTS, Numerous journalists, ambassadors and students all over the world have been killed by Israelis. Civilians in south Lebanon, Egypt and Syria have been killed by the regular Israeli raids against the Arabs.

We have not even begun to exhaust the topic.

I wonder now who are the real terrorists?

—Samih Staitieh

### Response

In response to the letter printed on March 1 by the Gay Awareness/Gay People's Alliance (GA/GPA), I would like to say the following:

1. I'm glad the GA/GPA condemns sexual abuse "in all its forms." It seems paradoxical and even ironic, though, for the GA/GPA to say that. The issue considered "gayness" itself is an

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