

Why can't we all just get along?

Editor:

Why must we be so separated? As I see it, the students on this campus have made it one of two groups: the Greeks and the non-Greeks.

Why do we insist on judging people by this simple factor? We generalize.

For some reason we can't get past the stereotypical views, and as a result, we refuse to see each other as individuals.

I myself have chosen not to be part of the Greek system, yet I have an equal amount of friends who are Greek and non-Greek.

You may be surprised at how alike we actually are.

I'm so tired of witnessing the endless attacks on the way people choose to live.

Both groups are guilty of this, and unless we quit acting so naive and arrogant, it will be a never-ending feud.

We are all adults, and therefore must act like them. We can begin doing this by looking past the Greek letters and seeing each other as people.

Let's not forget, we are all here for the same purpose.

We see each other so differently, But yet we are so much the same.

Why are we so separate?

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We both should take the blame. I walk by you, you walk by me, Without a glance in the other's way.

Your face I know is familiar, But we become more of strangers every day.

If I lived in your world, Or maybe if you lived in mine, We'd look into each other's heart,

And a lifelong friendship we might find.

I know you like the same things I like,

And you do the same things I do,

But that outside shell that blinds us,

Is invisible, yet so hard to see through.

We see each other so differently, But yet we are so much the same.

Why are we so separate?

I think "judgment" is its name.

Stacie Harris

Greeks not oppressed; belong in 'ruling class'

Editor:

You have no idea, Mr. Wymer, how you have succeeded only in setting back, not forwarding, the "cause" that you foolishly seek to champion.

In your attempt to align the Greek system with other oppressed groups such as the GLBA, you show yourself to be nothing but a spoiled, whining person with little conceptualization of the world outside of your own sphere of Greek life.

You have failed to notice, while the GLBA is a group that many would consider oppressed, yourself and the rest of the Greek system are comprised primarily of straight, upper-middle-class, White Americans. The same group, incidentally, that comprises much of the "ruling class" in our world.

The Greek system is not oppressed, the Greek system is the oppressor.

In failing to realize this distinction and take responsibility for it, you have succeeded only in furthering the gap between equality and alienating those whom you were attempting to persuade.

Your attitude is symptomatic of greater issues. Instead of realizing you are not the oppressed but instead the oppressor, you draw a distinct line in the sand you almost dare other groups to cross.

You stand on the other side of the line with your arms crossed, pouting over the condition of your life, never bothering to look up long enough to know how well you have it.

Never bothering to open your eyes wide enough to see the rest of

the world toils below you, carrying the weight you refuse to carry.

Much of the rest of the world is ready for equality, but this can never happen until the "ruling class," as exemplified by the Greek system, takes responsibility for the righting of wrongs in the form of social equality.

You, of course, will most likely never understand this. But to help you out, think of it this way: Two people are running a marathon, though for some reason one of them has a weight on his or her back.

So, halfway through the race, someone says, "This isn't fair." The weight is removed and the two runners continue on equal footing.

You, Steve, would be left wondering why the runner who had run half the race with a weight on his back was complaining after losing.

You are not happy simply having won the race, but must gloatingly shove the fact down the throats of the rest of the world.

You mope about the finish line, pointing fingers and declaring how unfair it was the race was stopped and started over on equal ground, never giving second thought to the condition of the other runner.

Your column, Steve, reeks of the arrogance of the oppressor. Why do people "waste space" writing about violent hazing? Because it's wrong. Is this some sort of wake up call to you?

Are you so blinded by your own self-pity that you have the audacity to tell others "what you think doesn't matter"? Are you really this ignorant, or were you simply trying to be inflammatory?

To those if us who have ripped off the blinders you so arrogantly flaunt, it serves only to increase our dislike for the Greek system.

I hope you did it for the shock value, for if not, it speaks volumes about people in the Greek system, people you say have gone on to become presidents and CEOs.

Call me crazy, but politicians are not generally the most respected of people. And as for CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, you are talking about people, such as yourself, motivated solely by money.

People who are too concerned about being wealthy to even consider the cares of the rest of the world.

You point to these people as prime examples of what Greek life can produce, but to those of us who have cast aside such a shallow view of the world, this means nothing.

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I shall end with some advice for you, Steve.

Live happily in your ignorance, for in your ignorance, you will never know how you are hated all the more for what you have said.

Sam Schauer

Senate shouldn't take credit for holiday

Editor:

I think it's funny how the Faculty Senate seems to be taking the credit for keeping our Monday holidays.

They voted to keep them only because they knew the students would throw the proposal right back in their faces if they tried to keep us from enjoying the holidays we deserve as Americans.

They also knew if they even messed with Martin Luther King Jr.

Day, they would probably have Louis Farakkhan marching through French Ad with his 100 men and every WSU student behind him.

They speak as if they had a choice in the matter by saying the idea needs to be thought through more carefully.

At least they know who the boss is outside of the classroom.

Chris Gonzales
Wildlife management

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I've never had a humble opinion in my life. If you're going to have one, why bother to be humble about it?"

— Joan Baez

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In light of Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit against President Clinton, do you think the president should be subject to civil lawsuits while in office?

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