

Baffo mistaken on feminism; needs to do research on issue

Editor:

I thought the title of Ms. Baffo's editorial in the Oct. 10 Evergreen was appropriately titled "Feminism confusing, pointless." Her arguments certainly were confusing and pointless.

Feminism does not blame men for the state of the world. It does, however, investigate patriarchy and inform us about patriarchy and its detrimental effects on gender relationships and social, political, economic and class systems.

I own a t-shirt that sports the slogan: "Feminism: the radical notion that women are people." I wear it to make a humorous and pointed statement about the nature of patriarchy. I wear it because it reminds me that women are often not considered per-

sons, but often first considered by law and social custom as objects or property.

A good example of this is in a topic Ms. Baffo introduced — women's names. Hyphenation or retention of their original names are two ways women maintain their identity in our society.

It is indeed confusing that Ms. Baffo thinks hyphenation is another man-hating scheme dreamed up by feminists. Women in several cultures have traditionally added their husband's name to their own. It actually makes it easier to find information on women, especially if one is doing historic research.

I dare Ms. Baffo to do research on women and see how far she gets finding any information on the Mrs. George Smiths and Mrs. Tom Jones

of the world.

Finally, Ms. Baffo acknowledges that in her uninformed diatribe of last Thursday she made a mistake about glass ceilings. I hope she will now enroll in a few women studies courses to learn about feminism or perhaps she could do some research like a good investigative reporter and talk to the many feminists in this community.

I think attending a few NOW gatherings, League of Women Voter's meetings, American Association of University Women meetings, etc. would greatly enhance Ms. Baffo's understanding of the nature of feminism.

I wish her luck.

Liza Rognas

Stupid gene: Forgive stupidity

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They are the unfortunate inheritors of the stupid gene.

Do not get angry with stupid people. They cannot help it. Their doctors may not have diagnosed them as having the gene, but you'll know.

They are the ones who think the blinking stoplight will blink green if they wait long enough.

They are the ones who brag to your friends about what they stole from you.

They are the ones who swear at

police officers.

They are the ones who think that by saying, "no offense, but," at the beginning of a sentence, the other person will not be offended.

If you are guilty of any of the above activities, I'm sorry. It is possible that you have inherited the stupid gene. You might be able to counteract its effects if you are willing to admit you have a problem. If you refuse to admit you have the gene, I may have made you angry.

Go hit a wall or something.

Keri Andrews will return your call if you leave a message at 335-1140.

Lecture disappointing

Editor:

As a member of the WSU community, I must express my absolute disappointment with the lecture by environmental scientist Paul Ehrlich Thursday night.

I attended the talk with the expectation of encountering intellectual discourse concerning environmental issues of the caliber one would expect from such a well-known personality in the field.

Rather, I was subjected to sixty minutes of name-calling, hype and unsubstantiated propositions.

Instead of providing solid arguments for what I consider valid concerns, Ehrlich appealed to the lowest common denominator of his audi-

ence.

He entertained the crowd through sophomoric insults of his faceless, and arguably inconsequential, opponents and via pandering praise of anyone who could possibly agree with him.

His argument, if there was such a thing, can be summarized into the following: Environmental scientists good; media stupid; public uninformed.

Consequently, it is my opinion the Environmental Science Department could have saved a lot of green by enlisting one of our distinguished Wazzu coaches to regale the crowd with a rousing pep talk.

Alex Farinas

Caring brings good luck

Editor:

I am responding to the Oct. 4 International Digest story concerning the Spaniard who prayed for a deceased man at a church during his business trip and thus inherited a surprising fortune.

My initial reaction to the news was a so-what and he-is-just-lucky response. These strange things do happen, you know. The Spaniard was at the right place at the right time.

Later, I noticed that the man is a devout Roman Catholic who does pray and, even better, prays for others dead or alive. It suddenly struck me that this man does

care about people and puts other people before himself — at least that lucky day.

He could spend his time, energy and mind praying for a dead stranger. That says a lot.

He was willing to pray for others, and that counts. Yes, this man is indeed lucky. Good things will happen to those who care for others. I am willing to believe that. They may not be millionaires, but they can be happy folks who can affect lives everywhere they go.

So ... what does this strange thing mean?

The message could simply be: caring is good.

Ngang Tiong

Labels: Semantics can justify having an ASWSU recognized Nazi group on campus

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whatever organization you feel is needed on campus, no matter how small or silly sounding. Take it back to ASWSU and you have yourself an organization.

If anyone argues that you are joking or not taking organizations seriously, or that your group is not a valid one, use the same arguments GLBA used. The argument for inclusion of any group can be used to argue inclusion of ANY group.

If the campus Nazis feel like starting a group, according to the

GLBA precedent, they can. There is no difference. A Nazi group would aim to provide a safe haven for Nazis and education to the general campus community, in a setting open to all students who want to stop by.

Now, no rational person on this campus wants the Nazis to receive any money or have any space on this campus. Realize, however, that arguments for inclusion can become irrational in a hurry. The aims of the GLBA may be benevolent enough, but they can be used for other goals, some of which may not be very

tasteful.

Now, I would agree that ASWSU would not allow a Nazi committee for campus diversity, but if they disallowed any petition of any group that followed the same procedure of AAA, GLBA, APASC or MeChA, they would be hypocrites.

This may be just pointing out semantics, but we live in a semantic world. I'd at least like policies to be as universal as possible.

Doug Hughes will return your call if you leave a message at 335-1140.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who do you plan to vote for Dole, Clinton or neither?

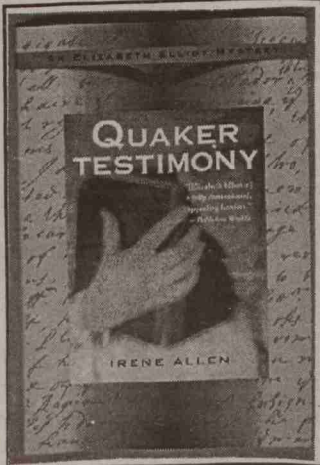
You can call in your response at 335-1140 or e-mail in your response to fkiros@wsuix.wsu.edu with the correct spelling of your name and your phone number. The best responses will be published in the Wednesday edition of The Daily Evergreen along with the question for the week.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The history of an oppressed people is hidden in the lies and the agreed-upon myth of its conquerors.

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