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# Seahawk Viewpoints

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## Letters to the Editor

### Are we learning the right things?

Yes, we're funding both sides of the war on terror. Global warming is real. Our economy and society are experiencing socioeconomic decline. Our court systems are overfilled with domestic violence cases.

But are there realistic solutions to these problems? Is there something we might be learning, discussing, or "God Forbid," actually doing to solve these problems? The answer to all of these questions is yes. But why aren't we, as students, being taught about these solutions?

The renowned philosopher and psychologist Jean Piaget once noted, "...the process of education should compel individuals to create new futures, not merely reproduce the past." Ask yourself, after all of this supposed education you're receiving, "Do I feel compelled to create anew? Am I being taught how?"

I would argue that the answer to both is "no." First: because of what must be taught. In order to receive accreditation and keep Seahawks on par with other students nation-

ally, "chapters 1-12 must be covered," leaving almost no time to discuss creative solutions. Sorry, that's just the way it goes.

But the second reason why the answer is "no" is something you can address. It involves parental/intuitional/Fox News political correctness, and the desire to shield and protect you from dangerous people - broadly defined as anyone who might challenge the status quo, or blind reproduction of the past.

In today's PC world, these people exist as the pair of antithesis, the ends of the bell curve. The anti-get-along types who look at the world as it is and say, "We can do better." Dangerous people yes, but why? Is it because they seek to teach you how to create anew? Diversity means DI-VERS-ITY. We should be wary of those who seek only to protect us, by really asking ourselves "From what?"

**Christopher Faust  
Wilmington**

### Immoral ideas dominate talk of tolerance, diversity

Proponents of diversity have to be the most intolerant people on this earth. "Accept our views about every issue or be punished." The use of Jesus in your article, "Alpha Iota Omega forgets central tenets of Christianity," was downright low. Yes, he did walk among the immoral, but he stated clearly that unless they changed their ways, they would be no part of his kingdom. Nice of you to leave that important part out.

Clearly you are pushing your agenda of no morality. Maybe they should be required to also allow people who believe in molesting children, people who believe that rape is perfectly normal, and Nazi lovers who still want all Jewish people dead, and those people should be able to vote and hold office in the organization and determine its direction. Diversity has blinded you and makes you seem like an idiot.

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### Varsity athletics should trump IM

I am an avid reader of *the Seahawk* and have never really had a problem with what you choose to publish until now. The question I want to ask is this: when was the last time you published anything about the swimming and diving team that didn't involve the hazing incident? I know it has been at least three issues.

Did you publish anything about the swim team when both the men's and women's team beat ACC team Duke University, which was also the senior meet? Did you publish anything about their tough loss to ECU? No, nothing was published for either meet. What was published in its place? Intramural basketball.

I would have dismissed this as a minor problem; however, you again failed to publish anything on the teams' largest meet of the year, the CAA championships. Nothing was published about the men's team winning its fourth consecutive CAA title. More importantly, despite everything they went through this year, the women's team missed winning

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## SEAHAWK STAFF OPINION

### Discrimination still not okay

Last week, we printed an editorial about UNC-CH's controversial Christian fraternity, Alpha Iota Omega. It might seem that we just wanted to fill our editorial inbox with hate mail, but that's not the case.

The letter printed to the lower left echoes the opinion of UNCW's own Dr. Mike Adams. Adams regularly publishes a column on townhall.com.

Last week, Adams took issue with our staff editorial. This is nothing new. (In fact, it might make good policy that if we haven't drawn Adams' ire with our Op/Ed page at least once per semester, we're not doing our job. He kind of throws his ire around.)

Adams asserts that we believe that "students who believe that rape and pedophilia are good must be allowed to join, vote, and hold office in a Christian fraternity."

Our earth-shaking answer: They should.

The one incontrovertible legal point at the center of the Alpha Iota Omega debate is that AIO is an official student organization, funded by student fees. And, thank God - no pun intended - it's University policy that organizations funded by student fees should be open to all students, without discrimination of any kind. End of story.

But more importantly, why bar non-Christians? What are Christians doing in this fraternity that others shouldn't be privy to?

The bigger question: How paranoid do you have to be to believe that a group of neo-Nazis is going to take over your Christian fraternity? Clearly, if the university allows any student to join AIO, it will soon be overrun by baby-eating street thugs who vote out the Christian leadership.

It's this kind of us-versus-them mentality that polarizes so much of the nation into quibbling idiots, certain that their "side" is right and is the target of a vast conspiracy (see townhall.com). The fact of the matter is that the overwhelming number of students who might want to join a Christian fraternity would likely want to do so for noble reasons.

And the use of Jesus' example in our previous editorial was hardly low. Nobody asserts that said baby-eating street thugs would be a "part of [Jesus'] kingdom." But Christians are called to spread the Word and reach out to non-Christians. AIO forgets that when they close their doors to non-Christians.