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## Hate elsewhere

*Report alerts students to silent bigotry*

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Columbia, Mo. (U-Wire) — "What you are about to read may shock you" is the slogan for this year's "Hate Report."

No phrase could sum it up better.

The "Hate Report" not only shocks its readers, but it leaves them wondering how students could write words toward one another for no reason other than discrimination.

Collection-team members documented 428 hate speech terms scrawled on various walls and desks throughout campus.

It is absolutely pitiful that in an institution of higher learning, people resort to fourth-grade antics of writing on bathroom walls instead of discussing these stereotypes outright.

Many of the documented slurs and insults focus on sexual orientation, but the graffiti goes deeper than that.

It targets greek students, independent students, all races, genders, religions and even political ideologies.

The hate is not selective. No matter who students are or what groups they might belong to, someone on this campus has scrawled a derogatory term about them on a campus wall or desk.

People who contribute to the hate on campus might not realize the effect their words have on the people they name. The "Hate Report" takes care of that.

While the main part of the report is the hate log, the graffiti digs deeper than the desktop.

Unfortunately, campuswide efforts to increase awareness and decrease bigotry cannot eradicate the problem completely.

It seems that no matter how many diversity panels the campus sponsors or how many months or weeks are dedicated to different cultures or groups, closed-minded bigots will still roam the campus.

A river of hate runs through this campus, sure as the "Big Muddy" cuts through the state. It's time to end the hate.

The "Hate Report" staff members have succeeded in showing the amount of discrimination students have toward one another — but that's all they can do.

It is essential that students take it upon themselves to stop communicating through desktops and start talking to one another.

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**DN LETTERS**

**A planned response**

I feel I must address Mr. Moenning on his blatant attack on Planned Parenthood and its founder, Margaret Sanger.

To make such an attack on a community organization that helps more than 11,000 women and men in our area each year is a disgrace, but to make that slander while unsubtle ignorance flows from your pen to your paper is a stigma upon your very own character.

Your article was obviously done from a narrow, parochial perspective.

According to your article, Sanger was paraphrased as saying "More children from the fit, less from the unfit — that is the chief issue in birth control."

Here, your facts are distorted by your article from Human Life International. (You) attribute your quote to the editors of American Medicine, who only interpreted an article by Sanger and then later chugged out a distorted review of her work.

Women and men, legislators and homemakers, look up to Margaret Sanger not because she was a KKK cronie or a Nazi sympathizer, but because she was a champion for women's rights.

Some of the principal beliefs Sanger upheld in her time were a woman's right to have control over her own body and the belief that women should be able to decide when or whether to have a child.

Among other convictions that live on to this day, she believed that every child should be a wanted child and that women are entitled to sexual pleasure and fulfillment, just as men are.

Sanger also helped to overturn the so-called "Comstock laws" that prohibited publication and distribution of information about sex, sexuality, contraception and human reproduction.

If Sanger's ideology had not been kept alive, women would still be dying from medically unsafe "back-alley abortions." If the "Comstock laws" had not been reversed, this country would be in reproductive chaos.

In regards to your comments about Planned Parenthood being racist because they provide abortions to a substantial amount of African-Americans and minorities: You're wrong again.

It's not that Planned Parenthood is racist or that it is working to eliminate minority populations. It's that we as a society have ignored the needs, educational and otherwise, of the minority communities in this country for decades.

If anything, Planned Parenthood is heading up the effort to combat surgical abortions by providing free or low-cost birth control and emergency contraception options.

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**Mixed message for America**

The other day, my wife and I were returning from dinner at the local cheap eats when we were passed by a car loaded with young, black males and females.

One of the occupants leans out of the window and says to us, "Minorities should be with minorities."

At first I was angry and confused. Was it true that a black man was telling me that segregation is OK? Segregation, white-only dinners, blacks need not apply, blacks to the back of the bus — sorry Rosa Parks you don't count anymore.

Maybe I was wrong. Maybe he didn't mean that at all. Maybe he was expressing the need to keep the race line pure — you know like that German guy with the funny little mustache. Gee, I hope I don't have to start herding small yellow people into cattle trucks.

So what did this young man mean when he told a white man and an Asian woman that "Minorities should be with minorities"?

If this young man believes in what he has said, then our society has done a great injustice to him, and in doing so he has done a great injustice to his culture and those who have fought and died for a colorblind America.

For those of you who think that a nation made up of one race or ethnic origin is great, you are sadly mistaken. I lived in such a culture in Thailand, and they found plenty of difference to discriminate against each other even among a single racial culture.

We should stop being black, white, brown, gay, straight, left-wing, right-wing or whatever and remember that we are all Americans and be damn glad about it.

Otherwise, we will never move on to those things that are really important. You know education, health care, poverty — the little things we often forget.

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