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Perhaps the reason pot hasn't been endorsed by a major medical organization yet, because of negative, blind, knee-jerk reactions that are so common in American media today.

And while pot contains over 600 cancer-causing agents, no one has ever been diagnosed with cancer caused by smoking marijuana.

No one has ever overdosed on marijuana in its 10,000 year existence. Untold millions develop cancer from cigarettes and liver disease from alcohol every year, but these dangerous products are readily available to anyone who really wants them. Ferguson's claim that pro-pot groups such as NORML want to legalize all dangerous and harmful drugs is as paranoid as it is unfounded and untrue.

Comparing marijuana to drugs such as crack cocaine and heroin is like comparing baby aspirin to methadone and morphine. The people benefitting most from proposition 215 are people afflicted with terminal illnesses like cancer and AIDS.

If smoking pot eases these unfortunate people in their dying days, I for one will not condemn them.

Perhaps if Ferguson relaxed a little, ditched the dogma attached to marijuana, and helped himself to a healthy toke, he would see things in a more positive light.

Cary Allen
Class of '01

Beliefs not just social pressure

Move over Tom Short, someone else has taken your place as the most ignorant and obnoxious guest speaker at Texas A&M. Let us all bow to the new champion, Dr. Paul Vitz. The sheer ludicrousness of Vitz's theory is completely astounding, and if this was not coming from a supposedly educated man I would actually find his theory rather humorous.

Vitz claims he only converted to atheism because of matters of

personal convenience and need to fit in, correct? Would religious-minded persons someone who only believe religion, or would you view as a weak-minded person wasn't personally strong enough to have his own beliefs? Yes, going to be atheists that are atheists because they are fit in (just as there are Christians who are only Christians because everyone else around them what that represents is fundamental failing of the belief in question (be it atheism or religion), but a fundamental of the person.

Unlike Dr. Vitz, I will not attempt to speak for the atheist community, but just speak for myself, I think my parents (both my father and my mother) did a pretty good job raising me. They taught me to learn from a wide variety of sources and things from different viewpoints and ultimately think for myself and yes in my case that led to me becoming an atheist.

If someone else chooses to come a Christian, a Muslim, Hindu or any other religion will not bother me (and I won't claim they are psychologically defective or have bad parents long as they are making their own choices for themselves).

The only thing I find people that are just going along with the prevailing beliefs of them, people who are incapable of thinking for themselves that follow a belief system of personal convenience and need to fit in instead of actually believe in it.

So as a final message to Vitz, I would just like to say just because something is true you doesn't mean it's true for the rest of us, so please stop speaking for the rest of us. You may be capable of resisting social pressure and making up your own mind about religion, but we are out here are capable of taking for ourselves and we do appreciate getting accused of personal failings.

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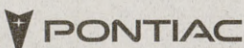
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