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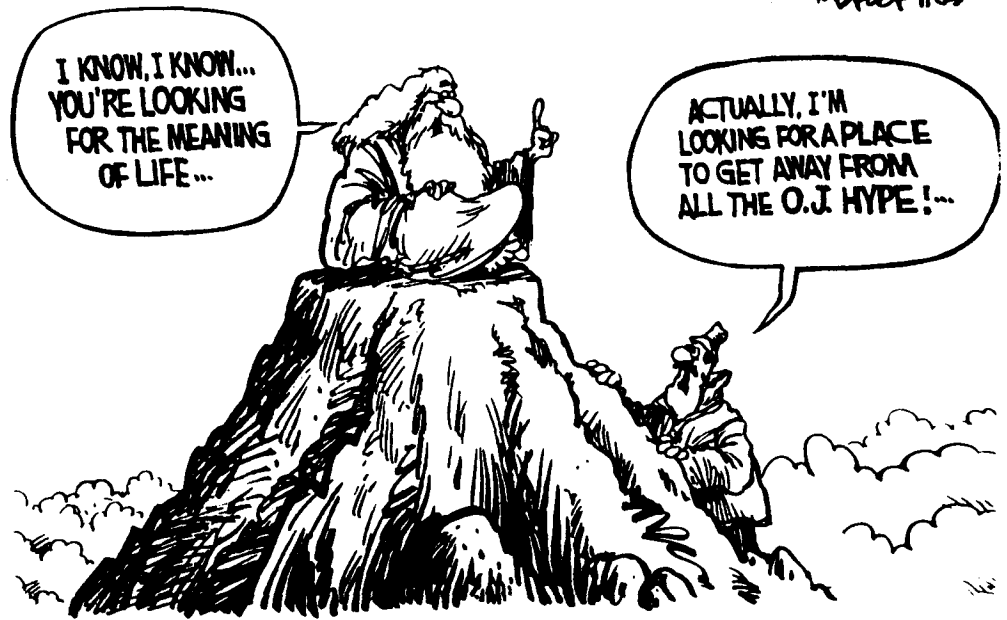
Misrepresentation

As the Head of the Division that sponsors the Feminist Scholars Speakers Series, I suppose I should be glad Dr. Cindy Patton's speech was reported in the newspaper. As a person who attended the lecture, I am horrified to read a gross distortion of Dr. Patton's talk. The misrepresentation is almost litigious. J. Henry states "Patton believes, 'the media doesn't have a direct effect on the public,' although the representation of teens and AIDS is highly accepted by the readers."

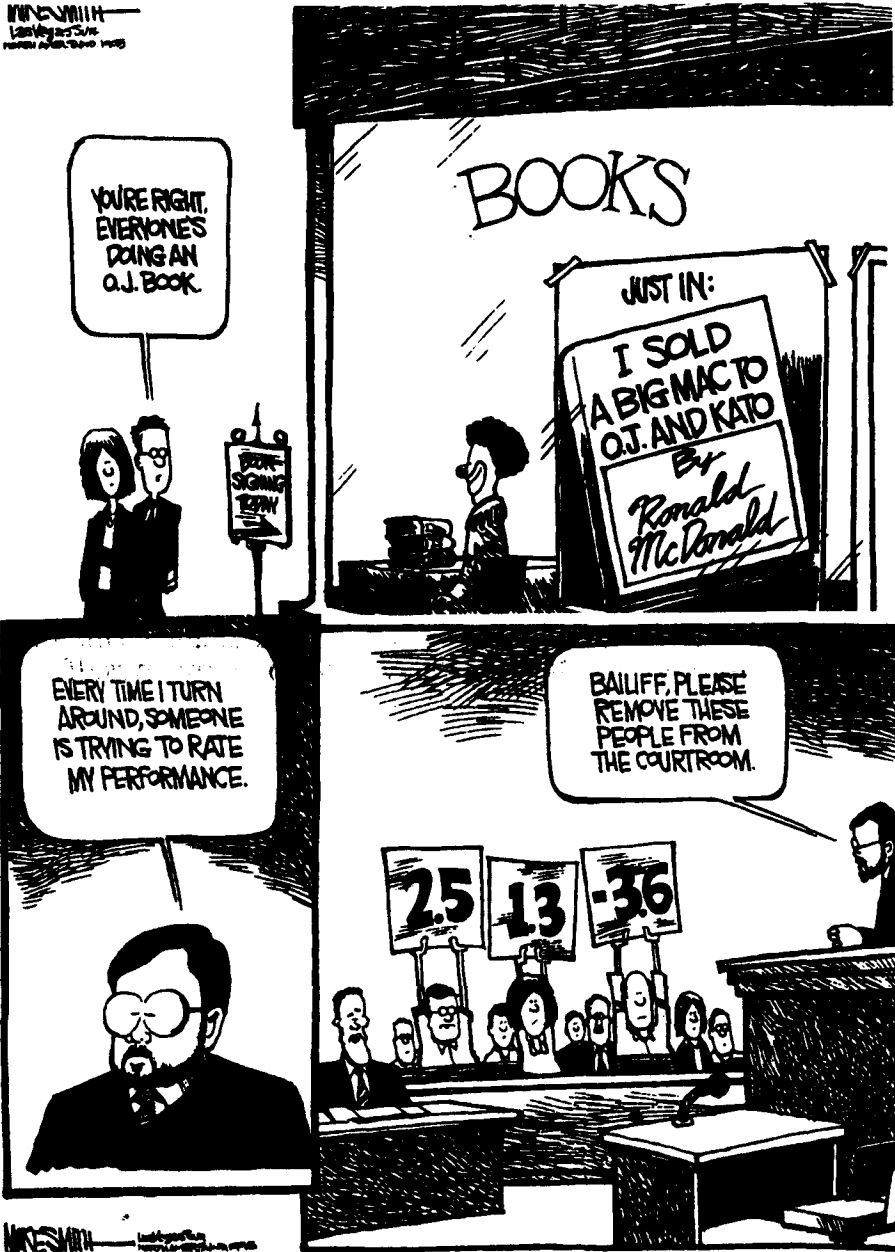
paragraph, the fundamental point of Dr. Patton's lecture was how the media categorizes teenagers into certain groups and subtly blames some teens (gay and of color) while portraying another group--white middle class heterosexual teens as "victims" of these other two "diseased" segments of the population. I do hope that in the future the "Collegian's" reporters will make a more serious attempt to understand what they are reporting!

In addition to the somewhat challenging logic of this

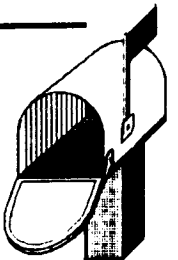
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