

problem here. The DSM is converting nearly all of life's stresses and bad habits into mental disorder.

Worse, the psychiatrists are

paper report said: "In about half of these cases, doctors had failed to diagnose the problems on a

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TO THE EDITOR

Why does it cost so much? My head was hurting so bad that they didn't even turn on the lights (that should have saved me a couple of dollars—ha, ha, ha). To top it off they want the bill paid in full in 30 days or it goes to a collection agency. How can I come up with that kind of money that fast? I only make \$600 a month! And I still have to pay for rent and food.

The state won't help me because I make too much money. I'm over 21 years old, and have no children.

Why can't doctors charge on a sliding scale?

No wonder my generation is credit card crazy. No matter what we do we're always in debt!

We need to elect someone into office that can help us figure out what to do about medical costs.

I don't want a hand out—I just want some help!

Darfa Gregg
North Pole

Set example

Oct. 23, 1997

To the editor:

Fairbanks needs to take the tragic death of John Hartman as a wake-up call in the middle of a recurring nightmare. For too many years now the number of violent crimes against young people by young people has been growing. In the 1950s that "gosh darn younger generation" was

unmanageable, parents hung their heads in shame as their children shook to rock 'n' roll. If only this were the gap between our generations!

Wake up! Our younger generation is not "rockin' out," they are stealing, beating, raping, and murdering. When I was 18 I left upstate New York to get away from the senseless, random acts of violence occurring around the state. I saw it as completely insane and unacceptable behavior, so I tried to escape. I've learned it wasn't the state or the size of the population contributing to this plague of violence; it is simply becoming the nature of our society.

This is also completely insane and unacceptable to me but I love Fairbanks and I have nowhere else to run. Teachers and schools have been chastised for attempting to include a moral fabric in their lessons. True, it is neither their right nor their responsibility, but I believe it is the lack of this moral fabric that has brought us to where we are.

As a recent graduate of UAF in the human services field, I intend to stop running. I will dig my heels in and help find a way to return this fabric to our youths in hopes they can end their war against each other. This is not a job for one person, a group of people, or even an organization—this is a job for humanity. I pray that everyone who

reads this letter takes the time to pass on an example-setting lesson of right from wrong to a person in need. Remember, if they don't learn it from you, are they learning it?

Please help,
Karen L. Kreiser
Fairbanks

Cut off

Oct. 22, 1997

To the editor:

Hank Hove's statements prior to the Oct. 7 election (and since) deserve illumination. Hove claims his unusual refusal to allow further comment at an April assembly meeting affected just a "Salcha farmer," he said was late. Yet I, too, drove 30 miles to speak that evening, was there on time with a few dozen others, several of whom also signed up to speak. Why were we all shut out? Because, as indicated on the sign-up sheets, we wished to support an issue Hove vehemently disagrees with: a smaller budget.

The audiotapes and sheets for that meeting support the fact that, in a deliberate move to prevent our comments, Hove ignored the order in which people signed up, instead bouncing between two sheets to allow those who were there to "pat his back" to use most of the time, leaving very little for two "token" dissenters (smaller budget advocates).

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