

# Killer speaker appalling

Imagine the national outcry that would take place if a conservative college like, say, Bob Jones University invited as its commencement speaker one of the Los Angeles policemen convicted in federal court for beating Rodney King to a bloody pulp in 1991.

Of course, no university, conservative or otherwise, would bestow such an honor on so unpalatable a choice, particularly when responsible educators are trying to persuade younger generations that violence, especially street violence, is incompatible with a civilized society.

Well, that figures when out-of-control cops beat up criminal suspects. But what about out-of-control criminals who kill cops? According to Evergreen State University in Olympia,

Wash., that's different.

That little liberal — and we do mean *liberal* — arts college invited one Mumia Abu-Jamal to give its commencement address last Friday. The ex-Black Panther had to deliver it via taped message, however, because he's confined to death row for murdering a Philadelphia police officer in 1981. Talk about political correctness run amok!

Abu-Jamal is a hero to the anti-capital punishment Left, because he speaks good English and writes readable prose opposing the death penalty. This is why, say Evergreen officials, he should be heard at commencement. Too bad Daniel Faulkner, the officer he killed, couldn't be heard. Also not heard — the anguish felt by Faulkner's widow and children.

I think you are a bunch of poorly headed fools and are raising another crop. Shame!