

# The KAVE is gone but legacy remains

The KAVE is dead, although it lives on in a different body.

JED Broadcasting, owner of the eclectic radio station, has offered program consulting, volunteer training and its 2,500 compact disc library to KRVM, the 4-J School District's public radio station. The move will restore the KAVE's unusual music mix to the airwaves, albeit in a slightly different package.

Of course, no story is complete without some conflict. Friends of the KAVE, an organization comprised of former KAVE staff members, has been trying to raise money to buy the station from JED for the past three months. The group claims it had a prospective buyer set up, and that JED promised to sell the station to the Friends if the buyer was legitimate. JED reneged, and now the Friends are upset.

Although Friends of the KAVE members have a good argument, they should be glad to simply get the music back on the air. After all, Eugene is a relatively small market and can't support many stations. Any alternative programming to the usual rock fare is like a ray of sunlight.

Even if the the KAVE's music wasn't your style, the station offered a refreshing contrast to the glitz-filled pop of KSND (now country), the glam-metal posturing of KLCX (now pop) and the predictably dull Bad Company and Led Zeppelin retreads on KZEL (same old songs).

KRVM will now fill that void and do so capably. The high school students who deejay for the station will have a much greater playlist than before, and because JED is giving them program consulting, the format should be roughly the same as KAVE's used to be, or at least as eclectic.

KRVM could certainly use the help. 1990's Ballot Measure 5 forced the school district to cut expenditures for most of KRVM's programs. Like most other "expendable" services, it faced, and still faces, shutdown. The community shouldn't let that happen. JED's input is essential for saving the station from extinction.

Besides offering a different selection, perhaps KRVM's greatest asset is its status as a vocational training ground for radio junkies. The station is extremely valuable for people interested in radio operations. All DJs are volunteers; they learn the ropes from on-air experience. Their attitude does not lend itself to packaged professionalism, which is unusual for a rock station. And because the volunteers are mostly run-of-the-mill students, they don't have the slick, robotic style of today's DJs.

Friends of the KAVE put in a valiant effort. Members should be credited with doing their best to save the station. But now they should let the old KAVE rest in peace and put their support behind the new kid.

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## LETTERS

### Like she said

In support of Michelle Kuwasaki, I would like to say that I took the message for her at 4 p.m. regarding the ballot counting that had already begun at 3:30 p.m.

As a poll booth worker, I know how stringent the ASUO elections board is with poll booth operations. It seems to me that it could be a little more diplomatic and professional in the ballot counting procedures.

But wait. Will this letter even get printed? I'm a Christian and I forgot to include my views on homosexuality. Maybe next time.

Melanie Greiner  
Psychology

### Mini march

Despite gusty winds and rain, about 2,000 citizens jammed the streets of Springfield in support of human rights at The People's March In Springfield, April 25. A policeman on duty told me later that three city blocks "from 7th Avenue to 10th Avenue" were filled with marchers.

Additionally, we marched the same day as The National March on Washington, D.C., to show our support of the goal of equal rights for gays, lesbians and bisexuals. But we expanded the scope of our local march to focus on human rights for all.

There were marchers representing people of color, religious groups, children's rights, women's rights, homeless issues and much more ... all united in sending a simple message. That despite our unique differences, beliefs, sexual orientation or national origin, we are all people. People deserving equal rights.

Our "20-people group" of volunteers, of which the majority are Springfield home and/or business owners, appreciated the marchers for joining us. The Springfield Human Rights Commission, Springfield Police, Willamalane Parks and the City of Springfield helped us in many ways. We thank them.

Many Springfield citizens joined in the march or posted window signs supporting our event and our goals of equal rights for all. The People's March will march again someday. How does our state capital sound?

Carol Berg  
Eugene

### Choked

Not so many days ago, while walking through our beautiful campus, I drew a deep breath, expecting an energizing and quite gratifying gulp of fresh Oregon air. Instead, my lungs filled with the vile and putrid presence of cigarette smoke. I nearly retched trying to rid myself of the disgusting stuff.

Still walking, I spied the offender, a student, and was struck still with amazement and horror as this poor excuse for a human (much less a college student) crushed out the cancer stick on the side of the Knight Library and merrily went on his way.

The residue of that cigarette casually found its way to the ground among what seemed to be at least 30 others. The sight, after such a demonstration, simply sickened me. Thursday, the same thing happened, this time at Condon Hall.

Something must be done about this. Certainly smokers are angered at having to smoke outside, but as that anger has manifested itself into a benevolent, childish, illegal and very offending rebellion, perhaps they should not be allowed to smoke on campus at all.

John L. Poppin  
English

### Responsibility

Pornography does not cause degradation of women, our attitudes toward it do. Each claim that pornography degrades women encourages society to cast down women who pose in magazines, dance in bars, etc. By inference we diminish women who look or act sexually enticing. Photos make no claim to show intelligence or worth. We alone send the message that these women are inferior, thus perpetrating an age-old double standard.

Historically, oppression of women resulted from the "need" of a patriarchal society to trace male lineage, and therefore to ensure women's sexual obedience. Denial of education maintained female inferiority and dependence. Social stigma attached to sexuality ensured fidelity. Clitorrectomy destroyed desire. Women became son-rearing property.

The message we unconscious-

ly send with our protests is that female nudity is degrading; that women must conceal their bodies and their sexuality to be taken seriously. While the sex industries are not entirely above criticism (any industry will oppress its workers), as long as society makes these jobs a dirty secret, workers will remain isolated. Perhaps when we no longer divide women into classes by sexuality we will not find a Playboy bunny unfit to be Attorney General.

Most importantly, when we stop treating men like children who will rape and abuse if exposed to visual stimuli and begin treating them like adults who are responsible for their actions no matter how short the miniskirt, then we will begin to affect the sexual discrimination and abuse rampant in our society.

Shasta Wilson  
Physics, Math

### Got a problem

I have a problem. You see, I try to do my part to conserve energy. I ride a motorcycle to school instead of driving a car. When I get here, I count on parking in the motorcycle parking behind Lawrence Hall.

There are times when I'm here in studio until 3 or 4 in the morning, and I really don't care to walk across campus at that time of night.

My problem comes in when I arrive on campus only to find a car, this time it was a station wagon, parked in and completely filling the motorcycle parking. On the average Sunday afternoon there are four to eight motorcycles and scooters parked in that spot. And of course last Sunday there were none because of one person in one car. I know because I talked to her.

This situation occurs at other places on and near campus. If you do drive a car to campus, all I ask is that you respect the fact that the space you are filling with one car is meant to accommodate as many as 10 people on two-wheeled vehicles.

Of course, if you insist on parking in our spot, then we will have to go and park one bike each to a car spot. What a waste, don't you think?

Rema Tillitt  
Interior Architecture

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