

LETTERS

Cobain lives

It was Halloween night and pouring rain. All I felt like doing that night was relaxing and enjoying Nirvana's *Unplugged in New York* on MTV. Being one of the greatest Kurt Cobain fans in the universe, I was anxiously awaiting the newly released CD in the stores the next day.

Some of the people, who I didn't even know, were watching this with me. Not only were they watching it, they were criticizing Nirvana. It felt like a stab in the heart. I guess Nirvana is just too mainstream for their oh-so-alternative tastes in music.

I would really like to find their nose-pierced faces and shove Chris Metz's well-written, finely-worded, right, *superb* review of Nirvana's *Unplugged in New York* in them (*ODE*, Nov. 4). All I could say was "wow." Thank you, Chris. You really put it all into perspective.

I could go on about the reasons behind Nirvana's immeasurable success, talent and for lack of a better word, "coolness." But again, it has pretty much all been perfectly stated by Chris Metz.

Nirvana lives forever. Thanks Chris, your review hangs on my wall with pride.

Lindsey Lewis
Journalism

More housing

Last month, the Eugene City Council declined by a narrow margin to take legislative action

to block the University's plan to demolish the Amazon housing complex. I personally favored exploring actions that the council might take to impede the tearing down of more than 200 units of very affordable housing. However, even had the city council elected to act, it is doubtful that we have the legal authority to block demolition plans.

The issue underlying this controversy is not the demolition plan, but the plan to erect replacement housing at more than double the rent of the existing units. The official line is that the University's plans will not negatively impact Eugene's critical shortage of very-low-income housing because the University is building a greater number of new units of "affordable housing." However, as long as the University continues to serve low-income and single parent families, in the absence of truly affordable student housing, low-income students will compete with other low-income Eugeneans for our scarce affordable housing.

The saddest thing about the administration's housing plans is that they fit a larger pattern of abdication of responsibility to provide educational opportunities for ordinary working class Oregonians. The ever more inadequate level of graduate stipends, escalating tuition, the diminishing proportion of in-state students, and increasing reliance on fees are other examples of this lamentable direction.

I do not lessen the Eugene City Council's responsibility for failing to address this issue by urging University faculty and students to protest and oppose your administration's increasingly exclusionary vision of its educational mission.

Paul Nicholson
Eugene City Councillor,
Ward 4

Delta popsilon

I would like to know who I need to call to reserve sections of student seating for future home football games. Apparently this can be arranged, because Delta Upsilon fraternity supposedly does it.

For the past several games, my friends and I (usually around 15 or 20 of us) have been told that the front several rows of student seating at the 5-yard-line have been saved for the DU's.

What I find especially interesting is that none of the DU's are there an hour before game time saving seats for their buddies — it's their girlfriends. So when my group of friends arrive at Autzen and hour or so prior to kick-off (to get the prime seats), we are blessed with dirty looks and snotty girls "warning" us not to sit down because, heaven forbid, "these seats are for the DU's."

When the young men finally arrive, several are rude and try to crowd us out, claiming that we've "taken up too much space already."

Yes, Autzen does get packed, due to the stellar performances

of our team. Well, too bad. The DU's can say whatever they like, but my theory is this: If you are too hung over or if you just can't get your lazy butts out of bed on a Saturday morning to get the seats you want, then sit down and shut up!

We'll see you at Stanford, OSU and the Rose Bowl — we'll be the ones in front!

Manda E. Bednarczyk
Journalism

Dirty deeds

Rather than blindly accept a "party line" of dogmatic beliefs, please consider the following facts:

1. Anal sex is, medically speaking, very destructive. The intestinal wall is often torn, introducing viruses, bacteria, parasites and semen into the blood-stream, causing disease and weakening the immune system. Seventy-five to 80 percent of homosexual men test positive for hepatitis B (spread by oral-fecal contact), at least 75 percent of all AIDS sufferers are homosexual men, and in large cities like San Francisco and New York cautious estimates are that 50 percent of male homo-

sexuals are HIV positive.

2. We have been told for years that "one in 10 is gay." Recent surveys place the actual figure to be one to two percent. Although homosexuals make up such a small percentage of the total population, "at least one third of all children molestations involve homosexual activity" (*Psychological Reports*, 1986).

3. In 1972 during the Democratic Convention at a meeting of many homosexual rights groups, the Gay Rights Platform included the following: "The repeal of all laws governing the age of consent" (demand number seven). At the 1993 Gay March on Washington, this had softened to the demand to enact "graduated age of consent laws."

4. In addition to the Old and New Testaments, the Koran and the Vedas (Bhagavad Gita, etc.) state that homosexual acts are against the laws of nature and the laws of God. Additionally, experts in the fields of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Ayurveda agree that homosexual activity is unhealthy physically and psychologically.

Priscilla Dirlam
Eugene

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