

City needs Lee

I recently found out Bobby Lee is running for the Eugene City Council's Ward 3, the area including the University community, Eugene downtown and parts of Coburg Road. I cannot express how enthusiastic I am to see someone with such capability run for this seat.

Lee may be a young candidate, but he eclipses many of us with his energy, drive and experience in managing governmental agencies. Lee is visionary in his policy-making. He has been on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, the YMCA board of directors and the Planned Parenthood board of directors. On each he was well-known for his forward-thinking and inclusive approach.

Lee's life has been devoted to public service, and he knows both the theoretical and practical implications of public policy-making. He's familiar with Eugene's unique characteristics and problems and has been studying them for years.

Let's give Lee a chance to bring his superb skills to the Eugene City Council. Vote Lee for Eugene City Council Ward 3 on May 12.

Chad Cowan
Planning, Public Policy
and Management

Vote for Kliever

I would like to express the reasons why I support H. Aloena Kliever for Seat 1 on the Student Senate, an ASUO programs finance committee position.

As my resident assistant, Kliever does a wonderful job running the show. She is always eager to help out those who need it. Even when I feel guilty for asking her to do something, she never seems to mind and always reassures me that it is her job. She is a really nice person and is easy to get along

with. She doesn't have this attitude like "because I am an RA I am better than you" or anything. Once this girl in my dorm had a fit because some people were talking during our hall movie, and she left and slammed her door to alert the floor that she was angry. Kliever didn't say anything such as, "I wonder what her problem is?" Instead, she very calmly went over and talked to her. I know it is part of her job, but even if she wasn't my RA she might have checked on her as well. I hold her in high esteem because of her maturity and care in dealing with others.

She is also very responsible. She comes up with great ways to spend our hall funds to make sure that everyone is going to get something out of it. She would be able to carry a lot of energy and excitement to her position as student senator and member of the programs finance committee.

Molly Wampler
Pre-Business Administration

Baffled

As the author of "a letter so vicious and mean" (sic) that you couldn't print it (ODE, March 18), I am baffled by Emerald editorial policies. You cheerfully print a spiteful column by Sonja Sherwood containing lies (bicycling on the sidewalks in Eugene is illegal), distortions (bike commuters tend to ride \$1,000 machines), unfair generalizations (bicycles belong on bike paths, not on the street), and misplaced idealism (let's just build more bike paths) ostensibly as humor. However, when I respond in kind, I get censored quicker than Holocaust-revisionist propaganda.

The Emerald editorial staff complains of lack of response to some Emerald columnists' opinion pieces and fervent response to others. Could it be that the serious opinion pieces are generally so trite as to warrant no response?

It's generally unimportant topics such as bicycles and *The Commentator* that produce insupportable positions, perhaps because there aren't sufficient opinions out there to parrot.

If Sonja Sherwood's piece is satirical, she may wish to place a warning label on future satirical pieces such as, "Although I have omitted the requisite ironic reversal in this piece, rest assured that it is satire." If her column was intended as wry, exaggerated commentary on the intricate ballet between cars and bicycles, she needs to recognize the difference between tongue in cheek and head between cheeks.

Steve Close
English

EDITOR'S NOTE: Did we allow you to be vicious and mean enough this time, Mr. Close?

Thanks

The Lane County Chapter of the American Red Cross would like to thank the University staff, students and faculty for their generous assistance in the weeks following the devastating flood of 1996. The support shown by local volunteers, community members and businesses during one of the worst disasters in 30 years exemplifies the spirit of the Red Cross relief effort.

Contributions from people across Oregon enabled the Red Cross to set up emergency shelters and service centers within the affected areas, which helped more than 6,000 people. The Red Cross served more than 92,000 meals to flood victims, and used emergency response vehicles to provide mobile feeding to those who were stranded. More than 1,500 trained Red Cross workers donated their time and knowledge to the relief effort.

Thank you, University. Your community spirit and personal generosity was vital to the Red Cross relief effort.

Susan Simmons
American Red Cross

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