

Blazing Anger

OK Andrea DeYoung, give it up! You're neither an environmentalist nor a smelly person, and you hate the rain. What in the world made you move to Oregon anyway? So, just who do you think you are moving here from California and dogging a good team like the Portland Trailblazers? I am a native Oregonian who happens to enjoy watching the Blazers play on both television and in person, regardless of their record. I guess I'm a loser in your book. Either you're a Blazer fan or you're not. There is no "jumping on the bandwagon during winning streaks" like you're able to do in a state like California with as many sports teams as they have.

Oregon does need a basketball team and the citizens of this state happen to take pride in seeing "their team" make it this far in the play-offs. We Oregonians don't need people like you to move to our state and tell us what we do and don't need. If you don't like it, leave!

Michelle Reyna
Accounting

Street Scuzz

We are shocked and profoundly disturbed at Kelly Andersson's polemic against the "street scuzz" who congregate around the West University area (April 1, ODE). While we sympathize with her apparent discomfort in purchasing her "double mocha breves" at Coffee People, we ask Andersson to closely consider her use of language when she marginalizes people who consciously choose not to live according to her standards of tolerance.

We identify a basic dichotomy at work when Andersson divides the world into two poles: "law-abiding people," like herself, and the "law breakers," whose very existence is in need of "sterilization." By refer-

ring to and identifying herself with the law and the social hierarchy it serves to uphold, Andersson positions those "dirtbags" as an invalid other relative to her rung on the social ladder that happens to enjoy a close proximity to power in our society. We believe that Andersson's polemic exposes the social rung that she occupies when she asks, "How dare these people slouch around in our midst?" In short, she renders her own lifestyle uniquely legitimate.

Further, we are amazed that Andersson's only expressed motive for helping people is guilt or merited compassion. We understand, however, that it is difficult to muster compassion for someone whom we consider to be less than human or at least less than ourselves.

Bart Alexander
Political Science
Jay Lininger
History and Political Science

Vote Sorenson

I support Peter Sorenson, who is running for a position as Lane County Commissioner.

Pete is unusually qualified. He has served in the Oregon State Senate, been a volunteer member of the Lane Community College Education Board and worked as a staff person in the U.S. Congress. In the private sector, he has run his own law business, litigating environmental cases and gaining the respect of his peers. As a many year resident of Lane County, he has raised two children, actively participated at his church and volunteered with after-school Kidsparts activities.

Most importantly, Pete is a caring, thoughtful person who will listen to both sides of an issue and make decisions without concern for special interests. I'm voting for Pete. I hope you will too.

George W. Kelly
Attorney at Law

Take Responsibility

As one who has worked as an adjunct professor in the University's School of Journalism and Communication while maintaining a full-time job in the real world at the Eugene Water & Electric Board for the past 11 years, I believe I have some perspective on Sonja Sherwood's article "Professionalism 101" (April 26, ODE).

I think she misses the point of the professor who encourages a student to "dress for success." As it was with Shakespeare, "the play is the thing." Students should understand that, as a general rule, you dress for the occasion. If "all the world's a stage," then you need to wear the appropriate costume at the appropriate moment.

In other words, if you are applying for a position at a top-flight public relations agency in a big city, you damn well better have a three-piece suit in your repertoire. On the other hand, your choice of apparel is more flexible.

Concerning the lament that real life economic realities make a better guidebook than the classroom, I can only speculate that Sonja missed a class assignment because of more "real life responsibilities" that impinged on her study time. Or perhaps she just had a bad hair day.

John C. Mitchell
Eugene

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