



I will

— quit using clichés,
but for now ...

— use every experience
at the UO to enhance
my education

— find the beauty in
everybody and
everything

— be the queen of the
world before I die

and

I will

encourage my friends
and other UO students
to drink responsibly
... or not at all.



Mitra Anoushiravani
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gered.

"People say this is a big blow. What is it going to be a blow to?" he said. "Our academics will stay the same. It's sad that people are focusing attention at one person's money on campus."

HRA member Sarah Jacobson agreed and said that while the protesters deserve the credit for the University decision to join the WRC, they are not responsible for Knight's decision. She added that the decision fuels accusations that Nike abuses its workers who make University licensed products.

"For Nike to be so anti-WRC, it begs the question: What do they have to hide?" Jacobson said. She had only been in Eugene for a few hours before hearing the news. Soon after she helped pack up the tents at the administration building she went to Washington, D.C., to the International Monetary Fund meeting protests and a workers' rights meeting in Mexico.

Those who participated in the protest, including members of student government, had been critical during the protest of Frohnmayer's reluctance to sign the WRC without hearing from a variety of University committees. But on Monday night, the general consensus was one of support for administrators for holding their ground as rumors of Knight's decision circulated last week.

"This is a victory if Frohnmayer and the University stand by the decision they made and not succumb to corrupt corporate influence," Sullivan said.

Mostly, they were critical of Knight's reluctance to use the many opportunities he had to discuss the matter with University administrators.

"He has turned it into a lose-lose situation," ASUO Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani said.

ASUO President elect Jay Breslow said Knight's decision was fueled by student activism but the administration ultimately decided its fate, one that should remain despite the amount of money lost.

"Is it tragic? No. Will it cripple the University? No. We'll still be a great school," Breslow said.

But freshman English major Derek Bell, who walked by the protest each day on his way to class, said he thinks the situation is more severe than Breslow and other protesters make it sound.

The WRC decision "was a slap in the face to Phil Knight. It's a privilege, not a right, to accept his money," Bell said.

Senior Caleb Smith, a former Oregon defensive lineman, called Knight "a great guy to talk to" who has been very dedicated to both athletes and students as a whole.

"To have something as drastic as this come about is disappointing because he always had every intention of operating in good faith with the University and doing everything he could to help us," Smith said.

Senior geology major Greg Miller said he suspected Knight might pull money out of the University even before rumors began last week. He said that although he agrees that worker rights overseas are important, the University should have taken into consideration those students who will be affected without Knight's monetary contributions.

But Breslow said that, ultimately, the right decision was made despite losing the multi-millions the Nike CEO could have provided the University in the future.

"We don't know what has changed," he said. The administration "made the right decision, and they'll have to deal with it."

74% UO students drink 4 or fewer days a week or not at all.

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