

## Letters to the editor

Olsen is his claim to being a good downtown citizen. His bar, Doc's Pad, could be a place that generates rowdy, drunken behavior. Olsen ought to clean up his own business before trying to run the city.

I'd like to see more hard-hitting journalism about who this candidate really is.

**Joy Marshall**  
Eugene resident

### Genocide Project kills itself

So, Justice for All is planning on bringing back the Genocide Project to campus next year — I thought that they would have learned from their mistakes the first time.

If there is one thing that I learned from last fall, it is that freedom of speech comes with responsibility. There's a difference between showing one's pro-life views "to encourage discussion" and organizing a horrifying show of gruesome photographs, which it can't be denied, had the goal of making people sick and angry. Obviously, abortion is a serious subject and one that should not be taken lightly on both sides.

As a devout vegetarian and animal rights activist, I have many options when trying to get my ideas across, and I have learned that the more productive ones always involve respect for other people. If I choose to stand on a street corner and show photographs of animal cruelty and encourage people to talk, that is different from showing photographs of dead animals in people's face. But this is what GAP does. Shock value has its place in getting one's views across, but it infringes on the possibility of actual learning and dialogue.

So let JFA express its views. But if it can't do it in a mature, responsible and productive way that shows the campus community that it has something important to say, then it should rethink its purpose. I hope that JFA and the campus community realize this and make sure that GAP is not brought back next year.

**Boris Dolin**  
linguistics

### Freud analyses protests

Freud would have a field day with the current protests.

A high court ruled that students can be charged incidental fees to support groups they do not approve of. Some in the "I agree with Ryan" crowd may disapprove of homosexuality, yet those students must pay to support one such group.

The "I agree with Phil" crowd realizes that Nike CEO Phil Knight does not have to donate to a University that supports a group he

disapproves of. Knight's disapproval seems to stem from there being no industry representation in that group. Knight seems to support "heterorepresentation."

Everybody recognizes that gifts of \$30 million benefit the University, and the product of heterosexuality, children, benefits society. There is also a growing realization that both heterosexual relationships and hetero-represented sweatshops include some degree of oppression that needs to be worked out and may drive some to homo-whatever.

The interesting point, I believe, is where Knight said the fabric of trust was shredded by the University. There is a certain fabric of trust of sexuality when boy chasing girl will eventually produce children in a stable relationship, but boy chasing boy does not produce that benefit and does not engender the same degree of trust.

Of course, Freud said that sometimes a cigar is just a cigar, so maybe there is no underlying motivation behind recent controversies, and shoes are just shoes. On the other hand, we are seeing a lot of "Thank you Phil" shirts and on the appropriate day a lot of Mother's Day cards.

**Earl Gosnell**  
Eugene resident

### Knight's right

It appears that the staff at the Emerald still does not have a clue of what is going on. You are buying into a bunch of crap that the union and a bunch of left wing college professors are trying to sell. How about helping the people in this country? It seems that this would be a better cause. Going to southeast Asia to "help" the workers there who are clambering for jobs to feed themselves and their families could only mean a loss of work if unrealistic wages were imposed. Now at least they are in a better position than they were before they had a job.

By the way, Nike CEO Phil Knight's money is his to give or not to give. He does not have to consult you or anyone else if he wants to stop donating to the University. Did anyone at the University give him the courtesy of a call? Knight is a person who has done a great deal for the University. He got short shrift from the University, and now everyone is crying because he pulled out his money.

As much as the loss hurts, I understand Knight's reasoning completely. If I had been in his position I would have done the same thing.

**Richard Katz**  
reader

### Alumnus backing students

As an alumnus (honors college, 1971), I would like to commend the University for joining the

Worker Rights Consortium. The recent furor over this decision painfully reminds us that we alumni sometimes get to thinking that our contributions to the University should confer upon us some special privilege or influence on how the place is run.

In fact, the purpose of our contributions is not to promote our own interests or egos but to help provide students a liberal education. Such an education necessarily involves challenging the status quo, not blindly endorsing it.

Students at the University have a fine history of challenging the power structure of the larger culture and aligning with those segments of society that have not been treated justly by the powers that be. Stick with your principles and don't be intimidated by the millionaires or corporate America. They don't need the endorsements of students and universities to make money. Workers on the other hand need all the help they can get.

**Terrel Templeman, Ph.D.**  
alumnus

### Good riddance to Phil

So Nike CEO Phil Knight says he's going to take his millions and go home if we don't keep in step behind his agenda. Good riddance to him!

Knight's donations to the University — if they were freely given gestures of philanthropy — have been welcome. If, however, they were given with the expectation that we would sacrifice our freedom of thought and our sense of right and wrong in exchange for some pretty buildings, then his "donations" have no place at an institution of higher learning. In today's money-driven society, the academic world justifies its existence by living and teaching that knowledge, virtue and courage have higher value than the desire for money.

The Bible teaches that it profits a man nothing to gain the world and lose his soul. The University may have given up \$30 million of the devil's money, but it has kept its integrity. In my book, that means we've come out way ahead.

**Andrew Ross**  
alumnus, law class of 1994


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