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faith or religion — Nazar's not really sure what brings out her dedication.

When she was living in Mozambique, a woman — who many know today as Winnie Mandela, Nelson Mandela's wife — asked Nazar, "Why are you doing this?"

"This" referred to her efforts at a nearby school. The building, devoid of working toilets and so crowded that classes were held during five different shifts, needed serious work. So Nazar rounded up support in the community, and with some help, saw to it that changes were made.

Why was she doing this?

"To feel useful," she said.

Nazar's oldest child, Nazish Abbas, has her mother's traits.

Not only is the 27-year-old interested in media production, but she's also learned the value of helping others.

"What she really taught us, more than anything else, is to give back," Abbas said of her mother.

Knowing that their mother — with all her philanthropic efforts — is best known for "Gogi," Nazar's children followed suit. Recently, Abbas and her brother gave the world more "Gogi." Nazar's son helped transform "Gogi" into animation, and Abbas produced the television program.

"We're all on the same wavelength, we're all cracking up on the same jokes," Abbas said. "So we thought it was a good idea to work together."

Since Nazar's arrival to the University in April, she has lent her artwork to a number of publications.



Nazar

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A cartoon by Nigar Nazar is available online.

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"I think to have somebody like Nigar — not a standard academic researcher — it's a boom for us," said Todd Lundgren, assistant to the associate vice president of international programs.

Nazar, on the other hand, likes to think of the experience as a "professional upgrade."

Tonight, Nazar hopes to enlighten others during her two-hour workshop. More than anything, she plans to explain her comic in order to help people find their way.

"It's my thoughts," Nazar said of her cartoon. "She's like my mouthpiece, Gogi."

Because for Nazar, culture finds its way from tongue to sleeve.

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Community

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unsettling for him because it's normal for parties to get out of control occasionally.

"I think you're going to get that kind of thing every couple of years," Smith said. "It's just a college town and when alcohol is involved at these parties it can sometimes get kind of crazy."

Rennie's Landing bar manager Dan Geyer said there is a possibility of another riot occurring, but the likelihood of it happening again in the near future is slim. Geyer said September's riot didn't tarnish his perception of University students either. Even if he had the opportunity to move Rennie's to a different location, he said he would want the bar to stay near campus.

"We rely on students year in and

year out," Geyer said. "We're more than happy to be where we are."

J.J. Colwell, manager of Philly Grill, also said that he wouldn't relocate his business. He said he learned about the riot on the news the morning after it happened, and it didn't really change his opinion of students.

Colwell said he was not worried about the possibility of more rioting. The partygoers just got a little out of control, and now that they have it out of their systems, the community should not have to worry about any future disturbances, he said.

Delphina store manager Jewel, who declined to give her last name, said she learned about the September riot in a newspaper.

Even though partygoers were not representative of the whole student population, Jewel said her notion of University students was definitely changed by the September riot.

"I don't see (the rioters) as a group of people who have respect for anybody or anything," Jewel said.

Terry Connolly, director of government affairs at the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, said that it's unfair of people to say that all of the partygoers were University students.

"I don't think those who participated in the riot are reflective of the student body population overall," Connolly said.

Despite all the controversy that resulted from the riot, Connolly said the community still believes students are beneficial to the area.

"I think the community as a whole still has a favorable opinion of University students," Connolly said. "They appreciate the dynamics of the student body and what it contributes to our community."

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ural resources, I understand the need for people to have jobs."

Both candidates said they have role models that have inspired them politically.

VanLeeuwen looks up to Margaret Thatcher and Elizabeth Dole, but remembers Abraham Lincoln's words most of all.

"I've quoted him time and time again that 'You do not strengthen the weak by weakening the strong,'" she said.

DeFazio, who holds the late U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon in highest regard, said he has always admired how Morse stood up for his beliefs and cast an unpopular vote against the Vietnam War.

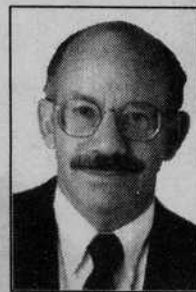
"In essence, it says in making his decisions, he'll listen to everybody and keep an open mind, but he'll make decisions free of threats of loss of political support," he said. "And

that's how I always try to represent my district in the same way he represented our state."

The two opponents disagree on almost every issue. The Republican supports President George W. Bush's policies in the Middle East, while the Democrat joined a congressional minority in voting against Bush's resolutions on Iraq last week. VanLeeuwen said she thinks almost anyone can go to college if they try, while DeFazio said more support is needed to stop the University from turning into something resembling a corporate entity.

DeFazio outlined specific policies he'd enact to restore funding to Oregon universities, while VanLeeuwen said she'd allow logging on 20 percent of what Oregon has harvested of its forests in the past 20 years to fund state programs such as higher education.

DeFazio said some students need state help.



DeFazio



VanLeeuwen

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The full transcripts of the interviews with the two candidates are available online.

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"We should be looking at some targeted taxes on the business community that would fund higher education more adequately at the state level," DeFazio said. "I'm a big supporter of always funding Pell Grants and otherwise increasing the education fund."

VanLeeuwen said she thinks that money earmarked for education often doesn't end up in the school system, and she added that funding could be secured by enacting forest-thinning plans.

"If we had even that 20 percent (logging) going now, the Oregon Legislature would not have had to go back into session ... you'd have the additional money of the direct sale of the forest land into funds to schools and the roads and the other services we have come to expect government to provide for us," she said.

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