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EW Staff Picks by Alan Pittman

Best Way to Replace UO Fields Lost to the New Basketball Arena

The UO's new basketball arena will likely displace scarce UO playing fields for softball and intramural sports. What better place for replacement fields than the riverside property the UO owns? The UO's push to develop the area as a research park for corporations has wasted millions of dollars and been opposed for decades by the majority of

students and faculty who want the river side preserved for open space. Here's a true win-win solution

Best Way for Neighbors to Stop the New Basketball Arena

Form a group, Citizen Rage Against Phil (CRAP) to protest the influence of Nike CEO Phil Knight at the UO. Demonstrate at every home basketball and football game with large banners that can be seen on TV

with anti-sweatshop slogans. Agitate for the UO to join the Workers Rights Consortium. Organize a large anti-sweatshop conference at the UO. Circulate petitions on campus and gather thousands of signatures against Nike sweatshops. Have a swoosh bonfire with shoes and apparel. Phil Knight will become so enraged he'll pull funding for the arena. Problem solved.

Best Fundraiser

In Portland, the annual Bridge Pedal draws tens of thousands of cyclists to enjoy a car-free ride over the city's Willamette River bridges. The \$20 ride raises money for charity and is a fun community event that promotes pollution-free transportation. Eugene could do the same. Visualize thousands biking across the I-105 bridge!

Best Place to Get Sconed

Ruthie B's just across the bridge in Springfield offers enough clotted cream on its scones to seize your heart. Put on a feather boa and frumpy hat from inside the antique store and head out to the lovely garden tables for tea next to Day Island Park. Inside, it's like dining in your grandmother's attic. Better go soon, the old whore-house Ruthie's inhabits is threatened by development of an apartment building.

Best Way to Brighten Eugene

Colorful buildings. Why are buildings in Eugene so drab? Is it to match the eight months of gray skies we have here? The new library sports gun-metal gray highlights, the Hult Center is a gray concrete monolith and

downtown's parking garages and other buildings are mostly monochrome. No wonder there's so much graffiti.

Best Way to Get Stopped by the EPD

Be a young black man driving around Whiteaker in a VW bus with a bunch of Hispanic friends and Oregon Country Fair Stickers in the window.

Best Boondoggle

Eugene Weekly readers picked changing Centennial to MLK Boulevard as their choice for this category. But remember how



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