

Kucinich is a man of integrity whose record proves him unafraid to remain himself and speak his convictions in the face of a crowd of look-alike, talk-alike, and commit-to-as-little-as-possible Democratic politicians. If there were no other reason to support him in the primaries, we should do so to prevent Dean and the other front-runners from moving further to the right. Dean is correct when he says Democrats have to stand for something in order to be elected.

Kucinich does.

*Ellen Spear
Eugene*

LIB WITH IT

What makes living in Eugene really enjoyable is anticipating the letters to the editor each week in this rag. The libsympathizers who show up there never disappointment me for their naivete and ignorance of history.

Take two samples in the 9/25 issue — Jim Johnson's and Bevin Gilmore's lame efforts at attacking our president's laudatory efforts to bring Pax America to the world. Johnson's is the more sophomoric of the two and can be dismissed simply by encouraging him to continue his divisiveness among the local, so-called "progressive" community. Jim is a true "right thinker," serving our great conservative movement.

Gilmore's reflects a more mature example of the claptrap thinking of the 1960s. He whines about how "massive citizen support is critical" at a time when two of best conservative flacks — Solomon and Corn — are doing their best to muddy the waters. They don't provide any answers, Bevin, because that's not their function!

What these two sorry losers fail to understand is that President Bush has to destroy the Constitution, along with the Bill of Rights. Historically, these two documents have only encouraged hoi polloi to think it's their country and their government.

And as far as the president's "double dealing" with Bechtel and Halliburton is concerned, that's always part of our great American tradition. Besides, to the victor belong the spoils. So if a few of our soldiers have to die in Iraq, their true, red-blooded American families will be comforted know-

ing that their son or daughter's loss is done at the altar of preserving our great capitalist system.

*Peter Ferris
Eugene*

MEMO TO THE GUARD

I would like to thank *Eugene Weekly's* visual arts writer Sylvie Pederson for her exceptional coverage of the Mayor's Art Show and the Salon des Refusés. Her well crafted reviews were a refreshing perspective of our local visual art scene, which has been lacking for quite some time. Hopefully *The Register-Guard* is taking notes.

*Steve LaRicca
Coordinator, Salon des Refusés
Eugene*

MORE TREES, LESS BUSH

While I was at the Eugene Celebration, I was approached about signing a post card. When they explained what it was about I was more than a little disturbed. They told me the Bush administration is currently working to repeal the roadless rule which would protect 60 million acres of our national forests, about half of what we have left, from new roads for logging or mining. Right now we already have some 490,000 miles of roads in our national forests and I don't feel we need any more of them.

The reason this bothers me so is I, like many others, moved to Oregon for my love of nature. Everyone who loves our national forests as I do should join me in letting Sen. Wyden know just how you feel. We need to get him to take a stand and fight the repeal of the roadless rule. I plead for Oregonians to join me and help protect our national forests before they are gone.

*Eric Van Heuklon
Eugene*

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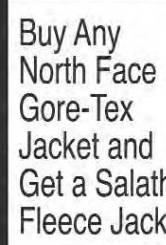


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