

sinking have to answer to future generations for the folly they are creating by shirking our primary responsibility of getting rid of this oppressive regime in the White House.

*Ellen Hyman  
Eugene*

**NAUGHTY AND NICE**

I've got a question for Ben Fogelson regarding his "O Girls" calendar commentary in your 10/9 issue. Hey Ben: Isn't it just a little hypocritical for an *EW* reporter to be critical of a calendar featuring "UO students in suggestive outfits" when every week the *EW* runs a half page full of ads featuring women in suggestive outfits for (wink wink, nudge nudge) "Escort Services"? I'll bet those "naughty and nice girls" in your paper's ads could show you an even bigger wad of cash than the one Zach Patterson is carrying around on 13th Avenue. Better start digging.

*Steve Buck  
Glenwood*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: We're all individuals down here and we have widely varying ideas about where to draw the line on what's acceptable.*

**POLITICAL COURAGE**

Political cynicism is cheap and plentiful, and keeps citizens from voting. The intent of the current plutocracy is to keep people cynical and not voting, so they can stay in office. When Jim Johnson (9/25) categorically states that Kucinich is not electable, he

is indulging in cynicism. Typically, such statements about Kucinich are not supported by any evidence. It is a belief, and as such, has the power to become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Kucinich beat a Republican incumbent for mayor in 1977, for state senator in 1994 (overcoming the national right-wing tide) and for Congress in 1996, in a district of conservative Democrats. Kucinich has been a winner in a swing district in the swing state of Ohio. And Ohio has 20 electoral votes, the state that is key to national victory. Only two candidates in the 20th century won the presidency without carrying Ohio.

Political courage, like that of Wayne Morse and Peter DeFazio, is rare and extremely attractive to the anti-big business, green, progressive voters who have deserted left-right politics. Kucinich has the courage to walk his talk and to bring cynical voters like Jim Johnson, who admire Kucinich but fear Bush more, back into the democratic process.

If Kucinich can simply get his issues on the table at the Democratic convention, he will help the Democrats defeat Bush, whoever is nominated.

*David Hazen  
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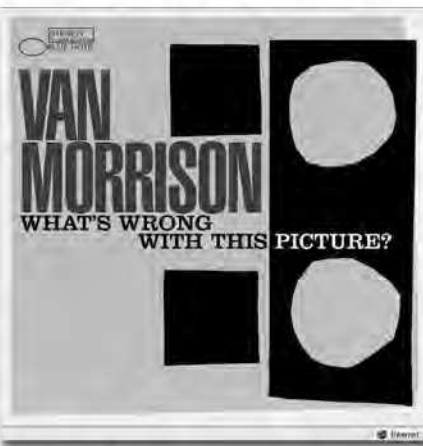
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