

didn't even go anywhere. Sure there were times of unemployment, nearly every winter. Those were the days when timber paid the bills.

In 1966 there was a big fire southwest of Eugene. Salvage began that winter. The myriad jobs produced might boggle the mind of some UO paper producer. The number and types of mills are too many to list, not to mention the logging companies and trucking firms involved; jobs were available. Not to mention the related service industries (note: *service*, not *servant* industries).

The burn was replanted. In about 10 years' time there was a beaver colony on nearly every wet seep in the Oxbow. Deer swarmed the hills, elk moved in. The creeks had native fish along with the migration of those from the ocean. And the trees grew.

Today, the beaver are all but gone: The new conifer forest has shaded out their food supply. This has a less than positive effect on fish habitat. Where beaver ponds stood you have skunk cabbage flats. But the forest sustained. I note some thinning and even some harvest. Green jobs as it were.

I look around the valley. I see private lands southeast of Eugene logged for the second time in my life. Soon, you will see similar private holdings in the Coburg Hills logged for the third time in Eugene's history. Timber has your "green sustainability," but some can't see the forest for the trees — their lips are in the way.

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QUESTIONING OUTCOMES

Re: Marshall Kirkpatrick's letter (11/13). Less than a hundred years ago, here in the U.S., womyn were legal property of their husbands, or they were "spinsters" and "whores," etc. It wasn't until the '70s that womyn gained legal choice over their own bodies (Roe v. Wade).

Considering the amount of sexual assault worldwide, one cannot overlook the probability that men still feel entitled to our bodies. Many agree that although slavery was "abolished" long ago (not long enough) it was merely 40 years ago that the civil rights movement commenced and racism *still* exists.

With this in mind, yes, it is good that Marshall has "come out" to the community. But will the community be willing to apply this admittance to other scenarios and occurrences — will we still question the call of rape as a false accusation or will we question the denial on the part of the perpetrator? Will we continue to ask whether she said no, or will we find out if he even asked?

Denial of sexual assault has devastating effects, for the survivor as well as for the community. I certainly hope that this letter will create some clarity in the minds of anyone who has ever attempted to deal with rape in their community. I also hope that this letter will inspire men to "come out" to themselves *at least*. 'Cause there's a whole lotta hostility that comes toward those who break the silence and refuse to shut up.

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