

about what the code would truly do, which is very unlikely, it would seem Mr. Taylor's foundation of argument is unfounded.

Renters support this code and the code is for them. We in good conscience cannot hold something back that will promote their rights.

*Litonya Bergstrom  
Walton*

**LACK OF BOUNCE**

I was quite disappointed that there was no "best bouncer" section in the Best of Eugene issue (10/21). Sure, best bartender, best server, even best Yoga instructor. Yet we, the proud, the few, get no mention at all. For shame! We are an integral part to the bar industry.

I hereby request that on the next go around the option be given to the people of Eugene to vote for their favorite burly bar-room character.

And a separate note to the patrons of the Indigo District: Should the lovely people at *Eugene Weekly* fulfill my request, you all had better vote for me. If I don't win, I will personally head-butt every single one of you.

*Jedediah Tunick,  
Indigo District Doorman  
Eugene*

**OH LUSTY LIBRARY!**

You were certainly correct to list the Eugene Public Library as a "cool hangout" in your Best of Eugene issue. However, you said, "OK, so maybe the library isn't all that sexy." I beg to differ!

This library is totally 100 percent sexy at all times. It has that sultry circling staircase, luxurious cushy seating, stained glass windows, mirrored elevators, lots of books with sexy words and pictures, computers with uncensored Internet access, a catalog system that responds to unlimited "requests," and a notably attractive staff.

Last week, the Eugene Public Library even celebrated "Banned Books Week." There's people out there who would love to ban the sexy books — even burn them in big Nazi-style bonfires, but the Library provides them to you. The Eugene Public Library is a glorious bastion of sexiness. But most college kids should be able to figure that out for themselves, even if you managed to miss it all somehow. In righteous indignation, I remain.

*Honey Vizer  
Eugene*

**NO WAY TO RAPTURE**

As a local supporter of Lesbian Jews for Jesus and Traditional Values (LJTV), and co-chairman of the NAACP local chapter for KKK Rights (NKR), I feel that my wide-ranging views and beliefs have a great deal of validity for Eugeneans. Like many of us, I think outside "the box." Mary O'Brien apparently does not. Her column (10/7), "Nuclear Rapture," totally misses the point of Christian Zionism, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and our passionate support of Israel. People should do some research before condemning those of us who have been blessed with a God-given, spiritual guidance!

I can also assure the evil person responsible for the website — [www.freewebs.com/lanecounty/faithlane.htm](http://www.freewebs.com/lanecounty/faithlane.htm) — that lambasting some of our local believers will definitely NOT get you raptured up into heaven like those of us who have been

chosen. But, being the true Christian that I am, I must say: God bless you all anyway!

*Robert Simms  
Eugene*

**WHAT DUCKS KNOW**

Typically it goes without saying that college life focuses on more than parties, alcohol and "finding meaningless sex." Yet I'm responding to the 10/7 "When Booty Calls" because I can't resist such a teachable moment.

First, the University Health Center has conducted student health surveys for the past 12 years, with findings on student habits from bike helmet use to drug and sex practices. From 2004, for example, we learned that by the end of freshman year, 33% of students hadn't engaged in sexual intercourse. Also from the 2004 Health Center Student Health Survey, 70% of students typically drink 4 or fewer drinks when they do go out drinking. This well regarded survey paints a far tamer picture of the "average student."

Second, consider the concept of "social norms." In essence, it says that individuals will adopt practices that they perceive as the norm, even if they are actually misperceptions. For example, when a student misperceives that everyone is having sex or that everyone is drinking to excess, then their own practices tend to "live up to" the level of misperception. Articles such as "Booty," even if intended as tongue-in-cheek, adds to the subtle misperception that meaningless sex should lead to improved GPA and happiness. You don't have to be a puritan to see the red flags, when a *EW* writer indicates the key to paradise is to have sex with strangers after serving good alcohol.

The redeeming part of the article is the reminder to use contraception, (including emergency contraception), along with protection against STD if students do choose to be sexually active. Most UO students already know that these services, along with STD screening and treatment, are available right here on campus at University Health Center. I'd like to encourage your writers to find out what most ducks already know at <http://healthcenter.uoregon.edu>

*Annie Dochnahl  
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**WHY THE CALAMITY?**

At the time of the 9-11 attacks on our country, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson declared that the pagans, abortionists, feminists, gays, lesbians, the ACLU, and the People for the American Way helped it happen because they made God mad. Now that Florida has been hit by four devastating hurricanes in a row these all-knowing men are silent, and we are left to guess at the reasons for this calamity.

Is God angry again? Are Floridians being punished for the 2000 election fraud? Has perhaps the accursed Bermuda Triangle shifted westward? Or is it a master plan by disgruntled sea creatures to divert storms to our southern shores? If the latter, I would put manatees at the top of the list of those subversives; their placid demeanor doesn't fool me one bit. We patiently await the true answer from Jerry and Pat.

*Donald Gudehus  
Retired Astronomy Professor  
Eugene*

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