

bottom of their hierarchy — the neighborhood schools.

Role reversals illuminate our elusive hierarchies. What if parents of queer youth demanded the curriculum omit reference to heterosexual couples (including presidents and first ladies) because it endangers the morality of their children? What if neighborhood schools offered to help alternative schools improve by adopting unique advantages of neighborhood schools?

No one group has a monopoly on creating hierarchies; we all support them — sometimes we're in "higher" groups and other times in "lower" groups. When we recognize hierarchies, we can stop listening to top-of-the-hierarchy perspectives that produce their signature results: conflict, disruption, and lack of solutions that work for everyone.

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MATTER OF CHOICE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag ends with the words "with freedom and justice for all." The religious right wants to deny that right to people with whom they disagree. Wade Richardson, a candidate of the religious right for the Springfield School Board, is on record as opposing a proposal to include sexual orientation as a protected class in the Springfield School District's harassment statement. Mr. Richardson stated sexual orientation is a matter of choice and that gay, lesbian and transgendered people choose their sexual orientation. Furthermore he stated that "homosexual lifestyle is both a tax burden and a health burden on society." Mr. Richardson has accused the present school board of having a pro-homosexual agenda, views the increased number of Hispanic children in the Springfield as a "challenge" rather than an opportunity and, when asked if he would support the district's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, stated that he would not.

Al King is on record as supporting the board's approach to diversity and stated that the district's final anti-harassment policy must provide protection and dignity for all students, including gays and lesbians.

If you believe as I do that the effort by the religious right to impose their own religious views on all students in the Springfield School District is the wrong course of action, then please vote to re-elect Al King, Bill Medford and Jonathan Light to the Springfield School Board on May 17.

Dennis Shine
Springfield

WE ALL PAY

As a (small "d") developer, let me remind Mr. Pittman ("Subsidized Sprawl" news brief 4/21) that all expenses incurred in the construction process are simply passed on to the end user, the homeowner and consumer.

Developers are in it for the profit, that piece of money left over after all the bills are paid. When fees are raised (SDCs), the price of the product goes up. We really don't make money off the fees. We make it from the goods we produce.

Much of our community's infrastructure (sewer, water etc.) has been in place for many years and will continue to increase in size and expense as long as we as a community grow and consume. We all are part of this expanding organism and share the fiscal responsibility to maintain its burden.

It's really not an "us and them" scenario. We all live here, we all pay.

Chris Stebbins
Eugene designer & builder

REFORM OVERDUE

The UO and the College of Education (COE) have been very irresponsible. The COE has a policy called the Infusion of Diversity into College Courses and Course Documentation Policy. This policy is not being followed because, according to Dean Kaufman, it cannot be "operationally defined" and therefore is not "enforceable." This is unacceptable.

Not only is the COE refusing to follow its own policy, but for years a discriminatory environment has been allowed exist within the COE. I personally know about discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and disability. For years people have been trying to change this, but have so far met with no results.

Within the last two years five different groups have made multiple attempts to address these issues through the university's official channels. This includes an affirmative action grievance filed by a student where it was found that discrimination had occurred, and an Ethnic Diversity Affairs Committee, which is a group within the COE specifically set up to deal with issues of multiculturalism, diversity, and discrimination. To this point nothing significant has been done. The COE and the University have abandoned their duty to provide a safe learning environment for all students.

A coalition of students, faculty, staff, and community members have been working on this issue. They have proposed eight steps that the university needs to take to address these issues. The UO and COE need to remember their duty to their students and community and immediately start work on implementing these reforms.

Alethia Hostetter
Eugene

HOT MAIDEN

That's one hot "Earth Day Maiden" (4/21) on the cover! Into leather, rubber headgear, and sexy red lingerie — you omitted the phone number from the ad.

Lisa Kennedy
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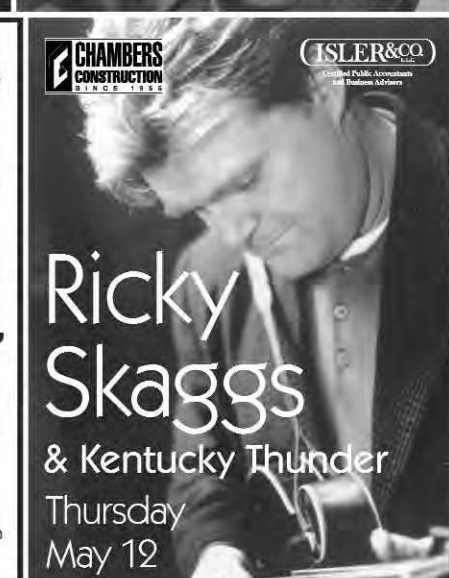
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