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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

that has the lineup on it, which makes me wonder how you could fuck up by saying we are going on first? Do you really think *EW* uses totally non-toxic ink? I just felt a need to defend ourselves, because all you 400 people at the show last night is proof enough that together we can create our own fucking music scene. Without the help of some hypocritical local magazine that wants to slanderize the very bands that support every bar/venue/club that puts an ad in their magazine every week.

Aaron Tunnell
The Athiarchists (guitar/vocals)
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: Both the editor and writer interpreted the *WOW* Hall's press info as implying the Athiarchists would play first. No negative judgment was intended.

STRIPPERS & STUDENTS

A strip club doesn't belong next to a high school no matter what city you live in. Oregon has the most lax laws regarding strip clubs of any state in the union and as a result has the most. Allow it, and they will come.

Yet, on the other hand Oregon has the strictest sex offender laws on the books. Does that make sense? Stripping is protected by the constitution as a form of freedom of expression. Crazy! The only message stripping expresses is: I'm a woman who is desperate, and this is the best I can do.

Under that same protection, I'm free to say that my daughter should be able to get a good education free from the influences and

the sleaze factors that come with a strip club. Springfield has the second most strip clubs in the nation. That is something they are struggling to change with the revitalization of the downtown that residents voted for and are paying for.

The Academy of Arts and Academics High School is a vital part of that redevelopment. Shakers strip club is a step in the wrong direction. Please write to both the OLCC at 927 Country Club Rd. Eugene 97405 and the City of Springfield Planning Department/Dave Puent 225 5th St. Springfield 97477. Tell them both you are opposed to granting the liquor license to Shakers at the proposed location next to the high school. Express yourself now, and attend the Chamber hearing on June 16!

Lori Eichelberger
Eugene

CUBA & OBAMA

I listened with sadness to part of a recent speech of Obama about our policies towards Cuba. I had hoped that a Democratic administration would bring a fresh approach to Cuba. Now I wonder.

In that speech he proclaimed vigorously that he would maintain our embargo as long as people there are imprisoned for their political views. I would like to ask him: What about all the people of Muslim faith and heritage whom we have gathered secretly into prisons and/or sent to countries that torture, depriving them of the rights that we say we hold so dear, for a lawyer, for a trial?

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