

means keeping my level of income so low that I do not have to pay federal taxes, so that I do not contribute to the killing of innocent Afghans and wasting money on repaving highways, to name just a few of the abhorrent choices the government is making with people's tax dollars.

Perhaps my choices will increase the suffering for people in this economic downturn, but for the long term it is the only solution. The sooner we get rid of this destructive system, the better it is for all of us. I don't think it is fair to consider me irresponsible because I feel morally obligated to not be a hardworking and tax-paying citizen.

Arjen Hoekstra
Eugene

WHICH DOG, WHICH TAIL?

Reading this as an anti-Blount/UO or conversely a pro-Hout or necessarily an anti-college athletics letter would be

a modest read indeed. A May 14, 2007, UO press release (updated July 1, 2008) categorized Coach Bellotti's promotion to the athletic director position as speaking volumes to his "intuitive administrative sense and leadership skills."

By all reports, Dr. Lariviere's leadership is a ray of sunlight when compared to his predecessor's autocratic regime. This reader awaits Lariviere's thoughts on this latest twist as he pines for a time when the Academy's research, teaching and community service, rather than the NFL's minor leagues necessity, will once again wag the dog's tail.

Jose Ortal
Blue River

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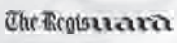
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