

Specifically, when; how and why, did Lariviere's Oct. 25 "community of students" expire at the feet of Chip Kelly's Nov. 9 arrogant dismissal of public opinion's role vis-à-vis Oregon's football program? Although there may still be time for President Lariviere to start doing the job that he, as the only candidate under consideration was hired to do, the clock is ticking.

Jose Ortal
Blue River

REGURGITATED BEST OF

Is the *EW* ever going to look into expanding or redefining what exactly the *EW* is trying to accomplish with its Best of Eugene edition (10/29)?

Probably not the first to notice, but it seems like its issue mostly is an advertisement for the larger, well established and well recognized in Eugene. In a transient town such as ours I see value in regurgitating to the masses all that is swell, great and good about Eugene. I also know there isn't a ton of choices for people. There isn't a ton of turnover or recreating the wheel like one may see in Portland.

That being said, after working in almost every industry of note in Eugene (sans B&E or mass cultivation of "medicine"), I have a recommendation:

Give people more choices on which or what to pick. Everyone knows that the top three nonprofits in Eugene are FOOD For Lane County, Womenspace and White Bird Clinic. But I know for certain there are smaller nonprofits that no one knows about and aren't being shed light on because the sheer number of votes that give the nod to the FFLCs of the world. Two categories for nonprofits like big ones and small ones would stimulate more interest and attention for those who kill themselves for their nonprofits.

Spread this notion to several other categories, because I swear the Best of Eugene issue is a freaking broken record. Go deeper and see what you find. We all know that Ninkasi rules this town. What

about Joe Schmo's IPA Light homebrew down on 4th and Washington? Pretty hardy freaking brew but you would never know it from this "alternative rag" known as the Best of Eugene from *EW*.

Jeff Sutton
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Each year, we try to mix up some of the Best of Eugene categories and we usually include an open category for readers to fill in. We also welcome suggestions. Email molly@eugeneweekly.com with your feedback and thoughts about Best of Eugene.

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

Please don't put leaves in the bike lane.

If you're not a biker you may wonder why you should care about bike lanes. You may think they don't affect you and wonder why there has been so much news lately about Eugene's new policy forbidding the placing of leaves in any bike lane.

However, this is an issue that should matter to you. Bicyclists can legally ride on any road in Oregon other than the interstate. Bicyclists can also leave any bike lane and ride in the "car" lane "when reasonably necessary to avoid hazardous conditions" (ORS 814.430). A wet layer of leaves is like riding on ice, and often hides potholes and other debris. Large piles of leaves make the lane completely impassible.

Bike lanes are put on busy Eugene streets partially for the safety of the bicyclists but also by the city to move bicyclists out of the way of cars. If the bicyclist is unable to ride in the bike lane they have no choice than to ride in the "car" lane on these roads — which is not only dangerous to the bicyclist but also may impede car traffic.

This is why you should care about the new rules. Remember, every bicyclist you see is one fewer car in front of you at a red light and one fewer parking spot taken up at the store. Keeping bike lanes clear helps bicyclists stay safe and out of your way.

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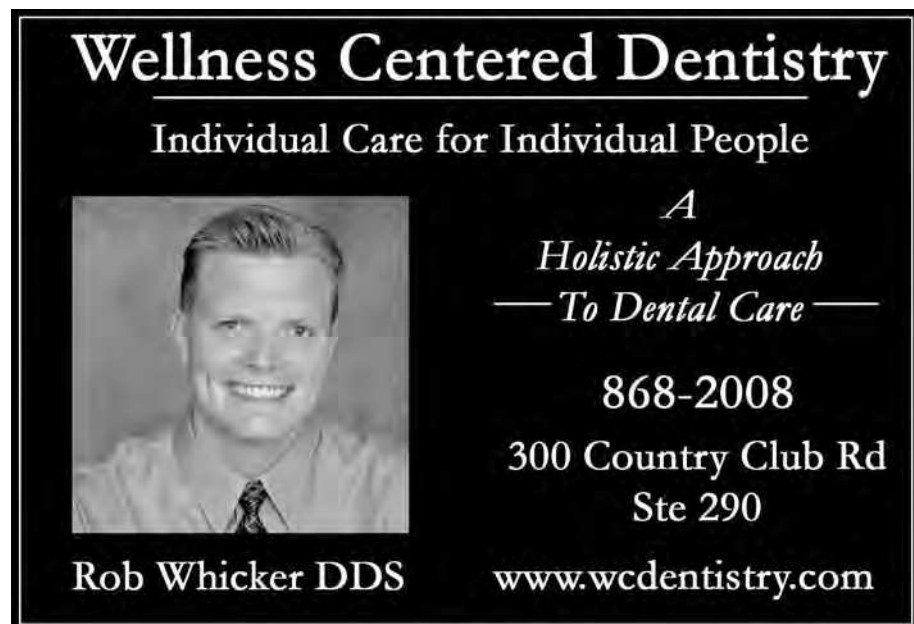
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