

to the list should be added Derrick Bell, Rennard Strickland, and Dave Frohnmayer. Deans Bell, Strickland, and Frohnmayer allowed the school to attract a much higher quality faculty, and therefore student body, because each of these later deans were nationally recognized legal educators.

*David Jensen  
Eugene*

**DEFENDING KLCC**

In response to David Kennedy's letter Oct. 27 "On the New KLCC," I think the public radio station deserves a few words in defense. I love KLCC and am a proud member. I appreciate the research and thought they put into their local stories, and I rely on them for national coverage as well. Of course their programming has changed over the years — so has the world.

I don't love 100 percent of the programs, but that's not really their goal. KLCC broadcasts something for everyone. (Personally, I prefer the talk programs over the music.) Urging people to withdraw support from their public radio station isn't the way to improve anything, and is only likely to harm a valuable local resource. Don't like the new KLCC? Turn off your radio. Or better yet, pledge your support to them, along with some suggestions for how to improve their programs. But don't think that you speak for everyone. And don't expect others to sit idly by while you attack a beloved public radio station because it doesn't cater to your personal taste!

*Elizabeth Figueroa  
Eugene*

**DOWNRIGHT LAZY**

I am disappointed in you, *EW*! In The Best Of Eugene category of Person of the Year you completely slapped a nominee in the face. Jacqui Willey, who placed third in the voting, is owner and president of the Glenwood Restaurants. I cannot believe you didn't take the time to look her up before publishing something so rude and downright lazy as "whoever that is."

Jacqui was nominated by her employees because of her dedication to them and this community. If you had done just the slightest bit of journalism you would have found out that she donates money to organizations all over this town (including to your own publication) and also sends donations across the world. Did you know that on her 32nd anniversary of owning The Glenwood she bought a family in Haiti a home in the restaurant's name? No? That's right, you didn't bother to find out who she is!

Next time do some research before you sound ignorant.

*Nicole Golf  
Eugene*

EDITOR'S NOTE: We love the Glenwood, but she was Jacqui Moninger when she advertised with us some years ago, and she didn't appear in Google searches as Jacqui Willey. She appears now as Jacqui Willey in new web postings. Sorry, Jacqui.

**SUPPORT GRRRLZ ROCK**

There seem to be so many letters complaining about everything going on in our world. Not many solutions, but lots of complaints. Here is a letter about a woman who rather than complain is part of the solution for so many young girls and women in our community.

Matrisha Armitage is a local business owner, musician and a huge advocate for female artists in our area. She heads up GRRRLZ Rock. Our daughter is a young musician and thanks to Matrisha and Cindy Ingram, the originator of GRRRLZ Rock, she has many opportunities to perform in and around Lane County. Matrisha and her husband, Austin, both very talented musicians in their own right, put their heart and souls into GRRRLZ Rock.

Please check out the GRRRLZ Rock website and head over to an art show or musical performance this month. You will be amazed at the talent, and your heart will be warm knowing we have women like Matrisha living in our midst. She truly makes our world better; and artists like our daughter will never be able to thank her enough.

*Greta and Randy Sangder  
Eugene*

**BERES THE BASHER**

George Beres has been bashing the UO Athletic Department about every other month for the last many years. Why does he get published here? Having had the privilege of closely observing many of the teams at the university for the past year, I have a different story. The athletes I encounter are gracious, kind and completely sober. I have met football players, volleyball players, track stars, scholarship players and walk-ons, head coaches and assistants, along with support staff. They are responsive to both their fans and their community with credentials and honors to prove it. I consider them to be stellar people and fine role models.

*EW* shoots itself in the foot every time it prints anti-athletic diatribes like this, thinking you just poked Phil Knight in the eye. George is well known in this community for stirring it up. Are you again going to put the Ducks football team on your cover come January if we win?

*Burton Johnson  
Eugene*

**HIGH CONSPICUITY, PLEASE**

Dear UO students, welcome to Eugene! It is good to see you riding your bikes around town. I know you are young, strong and have quick reflexes, but you are not immortal!

Please, please, please — if you are riding at night — wear light-colored (fluorescent is best) clothing and have a headlight and a blinking taillight. Spoke reflectors are nice too. Take it from a baby-boomer: Our night vision drops off a lot with age. At night, especially if it is raining or drizzling (hard to believe here in sunny Eugene), you are invisible to an older driver. We can't see you at all.

I often encounter a biker clad in dark clothing zooming across my path without any lights. I usually don't notice them until they are exiting the area. This is not a good situation, if they expect me to swerve or brake to avoid running them over.

Don't become a statistic. Become a visible biker.

*Duncan Rhodes  
Eugene*

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