

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Football is not just a violent game. It also can be confusing and embarrassing.

*George Beres
Eugene*

JUST A LITTLE RESPECT

I have the pleasure of living within walking distance to Autzen Stadium. Is it really a pleasure? Every home game my street is lined with cars and people standing in the street drinking. This I don't mind. What I do mind is when these Duck fans leave without taking their trash with them. My street is currently lined with a ridiculous amount of beer cans, bottles, cases the beers were in and other miscellaneous discarded crap. Hey tailgaters: I don't come to your house and dump all my trash in your street. What makes it OK for you to come sit in front of my house and do that? I get that we all love the Ducks. Fantastic. But being a football fan does not excuse you from the law or common courtesy. This is where I live. Have a little respect.

*Anna Hjelmstad
Springfield*

CORPORATE VISION

Dear Gov. Kitzhaber (Viewpoint, 12/1): I believe you are wrong in supporting the Oregon State Board of Higher Education's termination of UO President Lariviere. The statement you released Nov. 26 makes arguments for terminating Lariviere based on political and corporate America thinking. The argument that Lariviere's firing was based in part on his disregard for the board and the governor's office directives; that he violated the board's policies; and that his actions undermined the Oregon University System only confirms that the board and your office have a corporate view of how the university system should be run. Is that where we want to go with higher education in Oregon and the U.S.?

I do not have enough information to know if Lariviere was truly caustic to the university system as you describe. If your statement is the complete story for why Lariviere was terminated, then you have removed a passionate and visionary leader for the wrong reasons. I believe that the university system in Oregon is already strong (albeit expensive) and a great place to learn. But is that all we want from our university system? Leaders of vision, courage and passion are hard to find and cultivate.

A strong and innovative UO will benefit the rest of the universities in Oregon; similar to how the success of the UO's football team benefits other student athletes at the UO. It is difficult to encourage and have visionary, innovative teachers unless we have university presidents with vision, passion and commitment.

*Rick Bittler
Springfield*

OCCUPY CIVIC

I think I found the perfect solution for Eugene and it's problem of where to put the occupiers. Civic Stadium.

It is built to handle the needs of thousands of people. It is fenced and secure. It is city owned. It represents every thing that is wrong today. A corporate buy out. A dysfunctional, divided government.

Let them occupy Civic Stadium until it has to come down under the developer's wrecking ball. Problem solved.

*Michael T. Hinojosa
Drain*

MORE VARIETY ON KLCC

As an ardent NPR listener, I had mixed feelings about KLCC's recent changes. I've agreed with some of the letters, but some have been too harsh in either perspective. And I think KLCC kind of missed the mark in improving its content overall.

As a music fan I loved the morning music. I work a lot from home and the car, so this was a great way to get turned onto great new music, not to mention waking up to cool tunes. I like the interviews and live in-studio jams, but the show leaves much to be desired, leaving a major portion of new music completely ignored. The show should be more expansive than just Americana, light rock and folk.

As for the talk radio element of NPR, I love *Talk of the Nation*, as it delves deep into issues and the callers give me a pulse of what the nation is thinking.

I also miss *Prairie Home Companion* on Saturdays. Now, in Eugene, I have to tune into 1600 on the AM dial to get those excellent shows from Portland NPR. If KLCC wants to balance itself, it should make the talk radio essential talk radio and lose the repetition, Give us great new music in the afternoon, or some music in the morning surrounded with talk radio, that way maybe everyone listening will



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