

society that local community colleges encourage students to be ethical and think critically.

Elimination of philosophy courses will make the local population more ignorant and the local community less safe in the long run, which is the last thing a community college should do.

Educational institutions have a moral obligation to fight against anti-intellectualism.

Naoto Iwashita, Student President of National Society of Leadership and Success LCC Chapter

READING VERSUS WEED

Word on the street is that the Tsunami bookstore is destined to become a dispensary of mellow. Well, it's about time the Southland got a weed store of its very own — I mean, there are only around 40 marijuana shops in our fair metropolitan statistical area!

Do you realize that that's only around one for every 6,000 people! I mean, we might as well be living in Iowa!

But wait, reader-dudes, it's way worse than that: Did you know that there are only two doobie supply depots south of South Eugene High School! Talk about living in a desert man! Oooo, I just noticed my hands typing. Cool!

Uh, where was I ... Oh yeah, I mean ... talk about wasting gas! Don't you folks realize that we would have to drive ten blocks to feed our need for weed if we forget to stock up? Support the environment, people!

Besides, there's like, what, ten pizza places down here ... shouldn't we be supporting local enterprises by giving them our munchies money?

Mmmm ... pizza. Hold on, I'll be right back ...

So, what were we talking about? Oh yeah, pizza ... No, no, not pizza ... Umm ... Tsunami Books? Yeah, that was it. So, look, our presidence has proven that ya don't need no book learnin' to achieve great heights. (Ha! Great heights!) So it's up to the owner to decide: Do we want a "book" store where the warm southern breezes blow, or should we heed the "need for weed?"

The ball's in your court, Mr. Landlord sir.

*Jamie Selko
Eugene*

NO NUCLEAR OREGON

On April 26, the Oregon State Senate passed by a vote of 26-3-1 SB 990, which "exempts small modular reactors from certain siting restrictions that apply to nuclear-fueled thermal power plants."

I could find no notice of this in any Oregon newspaper or TV news. This is a very important and dangerous moment. This bill would bypass mandatory Oregon voter approval of nuclear reactors smaller than 300 megawatts and allow placement within any city or county that has adopted an ordinance so allowing.

Apparently SMRs (small modular [nuclear] reactors) are to resuscitate the nuclear power industry. NuScale Power, the

OSU-housed company R&D effort funded by a DOE grant of \$226 million, and likely benefactor of this legislation, declares in their documentation that the "nuclear waste problem" is a political stalemate, not a technical issue.

Oh, really... like Three Mile Island, Chernobyl and Fukushima? SMR mininukes can be transported on city streets by flatbed. SMR's little clusters "subdividing" "capacity" and "hazard" "into smaller units" minimizing "severe event's like "Fukushima."

The Sierra Club, Taxpayers for Common Sense, UCR, Bernie and most others outside the nuclear industry are opposed. Big Energy has blocked doable, free, clean solar energy.

Contact your State Senator and House Member and tell 'em no SMRs!

*Sandy Sanders
Mapleton*

WHILE ROME BURNS

I recently started playing co-ed volleyball for Eugene City League. My team will probably not win a single game. We do have a great time however.

One thing that has come to my attention is the city's "gender equality" rule. This is where, if there are more than two strikes in a volley, one female must hit the ball for each volley before the ball goes over, otherwise it counts as a fault.

Men have been making rules to protect women since the beginning of time as a means to oppress them. As a feminist, I cannot stand for this.

Some examples are:

Can't go outside at night because it's not safe.

Can't go on birth control without your husbands consent because we don't want you to be a "loose" woman.

Can't wear a shirt that shows your shoulders because boys can't control themselves.

The list goes on and on. I love Eugene because it stands for liberalism and equality. I feel as though changing this rule would greatly benefit women so that they will be respected as equals.

*Chad Anderson
Eugene*

TEENAGE WASTELAND

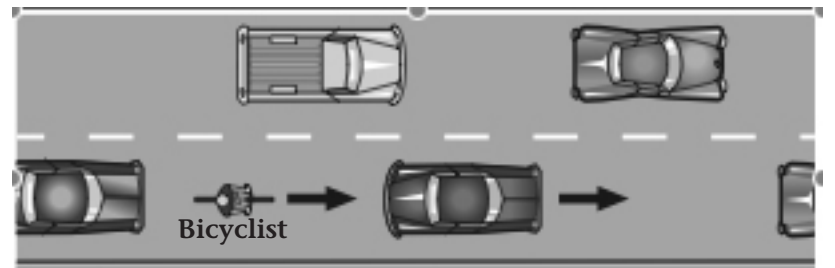
It really is a crying shame that the homeless in Eugene are lumped right in with the burnout teenage wasteland that is the LTD station.

People with legitimate mental issues barring them from employment or house application, people who got screwed by the legal system and are now left out to rot, and teens who spend every waking second dropping acid and who call themselves homeless when their off-not-abusive parents haven't seen them in weeks after they up and left, are not the same social groups.

Calling these deadbeats homeless is not only a misnomer but also a scapegoat to enable abuse of the legitimate homeless.

*Gene Smith-James
Springfield*

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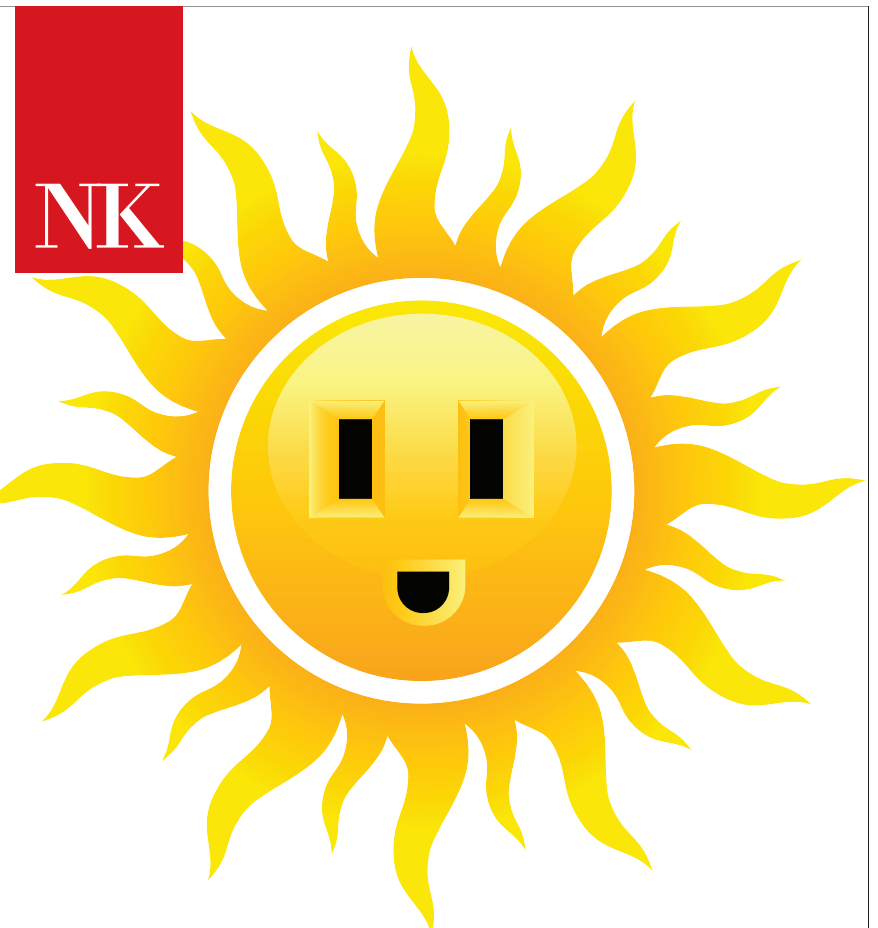
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