

### **Students do support lot fight**

I'd like to respond to the article "Lewis & Clark solicits neighbors views" (*The Oregonian*, Dec. 11).

It states that a "small group of law students and alumni" opposes the planned parking lot on the college-owned land in Tryon Creek Forest. In fact, a majority of the student body openly support those who are litigating the fate of this parking lot before the state Land Use Board of Appeals.

Last year, a unanimous law faculty recommended that the college administration postpone the parking lot in favor of alternative transportation measures. Prior to that, more than 500 students signed a petition asking the administration to withdraw the parking lot from the college's master plan. The administration declined to do so, which led to the current litigation.

Many of the alternative transportation measures mentioned in the article have occurred only because the students and faculty have demanded them. But these measures are not enough. Unless the college restructures its transportation program to include neighborhood shuttles and greater car-pooling incentives, it will still fall short of its goal to substantially reduce the amount of traffic it produces.

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