

Surplus not free money

Things at the state treasury are looking pretty rosy. Despite predictions of gloom and unemployment, Oregon's income tax structure generated a surplus during the last biennium of over \$80 million. There's no lack of ideas on what to do with the money, but two of the stars of Oregon's governmental cast have a similar idea on what to do with the money.

Gov. Bob Straub and Senate Pres. Jason Boe, in what many see as the beginning of the Democratic primary race for the governor's office, are both trying to take credit for providing the most property tax relief, and both are talking basic school support.

Both Boe and Straub are supporting their plans to increase basic school support to 40 per cent by saying no new taxes will be necessary because the surplus from this biennium combined with revenues expected during the next will finance the dramatic increases they're both calling for. That's dangerous, and shallow, reasoning.

The reason there's an \$80 million surplus in Oregon's budget is the state's economy did better than expected over the past two years and most residents paid more personal income taxes than the state expected they would. But that doesn't make the money free. Boe and Straub shouldn't be supporting their programs by claiming they won't require any new taxes, they should be supporting them by arguing increased school support is the fairest way to spend the revenues the state's already collected.

To toss out some questions they might consider. Is it fair to raise basic school support to 40 per cent knowing the tax relief commercial property will reap from the personal income tax funds? Are Boe and Straub convinced the present taxing support won't represent an unfair shift in tax burdens from one group of taxpayers to another? Would the money needed to raise basic school support to 40 per cent (an additional \$120 million) be better spent beefing up direct refunds to residential owners? Providing additional social services? Giving rent relief to those on fixed incomes? These are things that need to be considered.

Most of all, proponents of increases in basic school support shouldn't try to justify their programs by portraying them as a gift that isn't going to cost anybody anything extra. Money spent on basic school support is money that won't be available for other programs, and the question is, which programs represent the fairest expenditures of state funds.

Letters

Clean toilets

What's all this sexism uproar anyway? Why shouldn't the Emerald carry ads with voluptuous young girls holding beer steins? And the wet T-shirt contest is terrific. I mean, gee, I wish I was good looking enough and stacked enough to flaunt my body all over a bar or the pages of college newspapers. A girl trying to get a big modeling break needs some kind of exposure!

What bugs me is all this women's movement talk. Who needs it? I have a perfectly good job, making \$300 a month. I have a nice quad, an LTD bus pass and a full allocation of food stamps. Who could want more with a college degree? This job's a far cry better than my last. I was in a partnership. Can you imagine? My partner had the generosity to offer me 40 per cent of the profits for the same amount of work. I mean, he has a wife to support and house and car payments to make. I only have a husband to put through school, rent payments and car maintenance. He was absolutely crazy to offer me so much.

And as far as equality on the home front, who could ask for more? If I want something, I pout until I get it. And if that doesn't work, then I go into my Lysistrata routine — works like a charm every time. Men are such slaves to their third leg.

I think the women's movement is silly. I'm a second class citizen and happy as an armadillo. Let men do all the work. Who needs the responsibility? I applaud the Emerald for the ads it runs and

congratulate the enterprising men who hold the wet t-shirt contests. As for me, those girls can have their Blaze Starr routine. I'll just sit here and watch "Search For Tomorrow" and feed my baby. After all, I like to clean toilets.

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Support MSP

The Multiphasic Screening Program (MSP) is a program now under operation in Lane County. It is directed to low income persons 55 and older who have not had a physical exam in the past year. Unfortunately, MSP is on the county commissioners' list of programs to possibly be cut from their budget which would bring it to a screeching halt after its present funding runs out in June. The final decision is to be made in May. MSP offers a physical exam consisting of 13 different tests at a minimal cost to those who qualify for the program. It deals with early detection of disease based on the belief that good preventative health care is less expensive than curative health care.

The results of those screened have been amazing. The most frequently found positive findings 1975-76 of approximately 2,000 screenings include: 622 people with elevated blood pressure, 807 people were overweight, 1,733 people had positive blood tests and 393 had diet inadequacies. These are only a few examples.

MSP helps keep a lot of low-income elderly out of long term care facilities. Discontinuation of



"HELLO... YEP, THIS IS THEY... NO, NOT MUCH OF ANYTHING... WHO, US? SURVEILLANCE OF SENATORS?... Y' MEAN LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS?... WELL, JEEZ, THAT'S BEAUTIFUL, SENATOR INOUE!"

opinion

Shah violates all basic human rights

President Carter has frequently insisted in the last few weeks that he is very concerned about the violation of human rights throughout the world. Supposedly, as a gesture of his "concern", he has singled out a few countries and he has criticized them for their inhumane treatment of their nationals.

Of course, one should wonder why his token list of oppressive governments did not include the Shah's regime in Iran (or South Korean, Chilean, and Brazilian regimes) — perhaps the most oppressive regime in the world today. Not being under the illusion that Carter could be sincere in his claims, we feel obligated to bring to the attention of the people in this community some of the violations of human rights by the monarcho-fascist regime of the Shah in Iran.

It has frequently been reported in the Western press and extensively discussed in books written on the CIA; and it was revealed by Senator Church's Senate Subcommittee on Intelligence several months ago that in August, 1953, on behalf of American oil companies and other multinational corporations, the CIA engineered a coup in Iran. This coup was able to overthrow the national and popularly elected government of Dr. Massadeh and bring back to power the Shah, who has been stripped of his command for his support of British colonial rule in Iran.

In essence, this coup marked a turning point in Iran's political life; since it re-installed the Shah's reign of terror, supported by America and other western powers, and caused the creation of SAVAK, the Shah's secret police force, modeled after Hitler's Gestapo. The Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists, a non-governmental organization pledged to defend human rights throughout the world, in a published report showed that SAVAK is connected to the CIA. As reported by the Washington Post last May, "The Iranian secret police, known as the SAVAK, has been expertly trained by the Central Intelligence Agency, agents of the Agency for International Development and the Israeli Secret Service."

Since the inception of SAVAK, the political climate of the entire country has been dominated by an unprecedented degree of political repression and police terror. No freedom of speech, assembly or expression exists there and any opposition to the Shah's rule is severely punished. Very simply, every basic human right is being violated and no civil liberty can be found in Iran.

To overthrow the CIA-imposed regime of the Shah thousands of Iranians have spoken out and have dared to fight. This is precisely why, as reported in the Sunday Times of London and the London Economist, there are about 100,000 political prisoners in Iran, living in medieval-type dungeons awaiting an unknown fate. Torture is routinely practiced by SAVAK to the extent that many prisoners die under torture. SAVAK uses the most sophisticated and barbaric torture devices and, as reported in the Sunday Times of London, has the grim distinction of having invented an instrument of torture which victims call the "hot table" — an iron frame, rather like a bed frame, covered with wire mesh which is electrically heated like a toaster. Prisoners would be strapped to the table while it is heated until it becomes red hot. This is how Ahmadzadeh, the celebrated Iranian martyred revolutionary was tortured and how Badi-Zadegan, another revolutionary, died in SAVAK dungeons.

In light of the above, we are hoping that all those who cherish democracy and human dignity oppose the crimes committed by the western-supported regime of the Shah and the support given to it by the U.S. government. We believe any support of the Shah's regime would imply the endorsement of all the atrocities committed against the Iranian people in general, and those revolutionaries dedicated to end injustice, inequality and foreign domination, in particular.

Submitted by the
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MSP could lead to institutionalization of a large number of people that couldn't pay the high cost of nursing homes and would place the financial burden on taxpayers. It is important that MSP continues to serve the senior citizens of Lane County. Let your support be known by writing your county commissioners.

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Killing unjustified

Concerning your editorial "Fight back against Rape" ODE 3-2-77. It appears that the good old ODE has taken it upon themselves, without forethought, or probably any other kind of serious thought, to promulgate the Idi Amin Death Wish philosophy that made man king of all the earth's beasts so long ago.

Somehow I find it difficult to feel outrage towards a system that

tells Inez Garcia and Joanne Little that they cannot kill the men that raped them. Garcia killed her man long after the rape was consummated — giving her plenty of time to have called the police. While she was convicted, she had a chance to defend herself in the legal and established manner, the man she wasted did not.

For any publication supposedly representative of its constituency, (at least paid for by them) the justification of manslaughter is irresponsible. To carry this illogic to an extreme, I would think that child-beating is no more heinous a crime, with far more psychologically and developmentally devastating potential than rape. So why not an ODE editorial suggesting nine-year olds arm themselves with shotguns and blow away their old man next time the woodshed is scheduled?

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Excellent program

I disagree with vice-provost Glenn Starlin's opinion that perhaps the University should send its broadcasting students elsewhere and fold up broadcast program.

From what I've seen of the broadcasting department the instructors and programs are excellent and the facilities are the only aspect that is lacking in the program. The broadcasting department also offers excellent overlap into the University's prestigious School of Journalism for students involved in television news and the like.

I feel it would be a waste to eliminate an excellent program of study merely due to a lack of facilities.

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