

EPA ruling will help

The Environmental Protection Agency's recent ruling that the state of Oregon is in violation of federal clean air standards because of the large amount of open field burning performed in the Willamette Valley may well give the anti-field burning forces more strength. But it probably won't force the state to burn the 50,000 acres or less prescribed by the 1975 legislature and approved by the EPA.

The 1977 legislature's escalation of field burning to 180,000 acres for next year has been contested by the city of Eugene, which sought the ruling on the 1977 burning from the EPA.

The ruling calls for the development of a relatively vague plan, saying that "all reasonable measures will be taken in 1978 to alleviate the particulate problem in the Willamette Valley." The acreage limitation for 1978 may be lowered to compromise the state's legislation with the city's demands and the EPA's regulations. In addition, the state may have to develop a more comprehensive smoke management plan, which will have to be approved by the EPA.

If the EPA rejects the burning plan, the issue will probably be resolved in the courts.

After this summer, the field burning issue will likely be fought out again in the 1979 legislative session. The anti-field burning forces will be armed with an EPA ruling that will undoubtedly put pressure on the legislature to further limit field burning.

Generally speaking, the anti-field burning people are comprised by environmentalists who see the annual field burning as a blight on the environment, and Eugene industrialists who are stymied in expansion plans because field burning smoke takes up too large a percentage of the Eugene area airshed during the late summer months.

The Eugene industry interest group and the seed industry interest group, who essentially compete for air to foul, gather every other year at the legislature to do battle. Last year, the field burners came out on top. Next year, the anti-field burners may be able to bring the EPA ruling to bear against the field burners.

We oppose field burning on environmental grounds. Anyone who has travelled up the Willamette Valley during August knows that the smoke produced by field burning is a blight on the face of Oregon. Field burning is the worst case of neglect of the environment in this state. In spite of the fact that industries in Eugene are trying to limit field burning so that they can expand, it is true that industries here have done far more than the field burners to limit their pollution. A bright day it was, for example, when the "wig-wam" slash burners were outlawed. It has been a sincere effort on industry's part — an effort the seed industry has failed to follow.

'Think before you squeak'

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As a member of the Student Government of Oregon College of Education, (ASOCE) I would like to interject my reflections both with the demonstrators who in a purely token gesture took over the office of Chancellor Lieuellen and the student meeting with the OSBHE (Oregon State Board of Higher Education). The demonstration did, as the Daily Emerald editorial stated, "accomplish nothing". The comment pertaining to being misdirected is an understatement. The term misrepresentation would be more appropriate. Perhaps the students of the University of Oregon should investigate how many so-called University students actually participated in the take over of the Chancellor's office.

On the campus of OCE, we call these dormant supporters of ideal human causes "Kickbacks". I apologize for the fact that these humanitarians do not have their own little world of the 1960s in which they can play Robin Hood, El Cid, and Gerald Ford all rolled into one.

How many "enraged philanthropic students" would be willing to give up the products sold by companies with interests in South Africa? How many "students" have any idea at all as to what companies maintain these interests? Who is willing to give up their General Electric hair dryer, IBM typewriter,

Johnson and Johnson baby shampoo, 3M toilet paper, wonderous Xerox copies, Kodak film and supplies, Exxon credit card, and all the food harvested by John Deere farm machinery? We should think of being honest along with idealistic and not play the game of "do as I say, not as I do".

The one chance that the students had which enabled them to freely discuss in an open meeting all their problems, complaints, and ideas turned into a farce as only four of University of Oregon's students out of a fairly large campus population showed up for the meeting. The demonstrators proved their ignorance in their demonstrations and the University of Oregon students displayed their ever famous apathy by not showing up to a function created to help them.

Maybe next time certain people involved should think before they squeak. And as for the "State Bored", as one student named them, I have never worked with a group of people as responsive and interested in students as the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. The members are intelligent people who will discuss any and all subjects that are sensibly presented. As for the student brigade, my personal advice is as William Shakespeare would put it "Pulleth Out Thy Headeth".

Letters

LTD left out

We read with interest your recent editorial ("Another bad parking plan", 1/25/78) and are pleased to propose some alternatives, not only to "parking in Glenwood and hitchhiking", but to the costs incurred when students commute to the University of Oregon for classes each week-day.

Specifically, those alternatives include the #5 VIDA, the #10 HAYDEN BRIDGE via U of O, the #12 U of O, #20 THURSTON via U of O, and the U of O Extras. But wait, there's more! Lane Transit District bus routes are designed to allow timed transfers in a variety of locations, meaning that all roads can lead to the University.

Think of it. No more long walks

to and from a parking meter or restricted zone. A significant reduction in the frequency with which you encounter gas price increases, oil cans, antifreeze, spark plugs, valve jobs, transmissions, parking permits, insurance premiums (check with your agent, you may be in line for a discount when using the bus), parking tickets, depreciation ... need we go on?

In all seriousness, Lane Transit District is currently used by hundreds of University students. Buses are clean, economical, energy efficient, operated by drivers with years of experience and a smile for their riders, and, judging by the phone calls we have received, they're acceptable to the South University Neighborhood Association.

We can understand your unhappiness with parking problems encountered around campus, and with the cost of commuting — but didn't we even merit a mention? Gee Wally, say it isn't so.

Rosemary Ross
Marketing Director,
Lane Transit District

Wasted space

What a waste of space! Wednesday's article on Ray Byers, the Ducks' mascot, was the most blatant waste of paper I have seen in four years at this University. I've always thought that the biggest waste of wood pulp humans had devised was toilet paper, until I read Wednesday's article.

If I were an Emerald advertiser, I would demand an apology and a refund. Also, writing a joke and trying to pass it off as something interesting and newsworthy to college students is a great injustice.

I'm a reasonable person and I'm only asking for a couple of breaks. Please Emerald, no more trash in the sports page. And do us a favor Ray, wear your head all the time. Quack! Quack!

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Wednesday, February 8, 1978

I GAVE UP LETTUCE AND GRAPES IN SUPPORT OF THE UFW



TO HELP SAVE THE WHALES, I SOLD MY JAPANESE CAR, MY WATCH, AND MY STEREO



I GAVE UP MY FAVORITE CANDY BAR TO PROTEST EXPLOITATION OF THIRD-WORLD BABIES



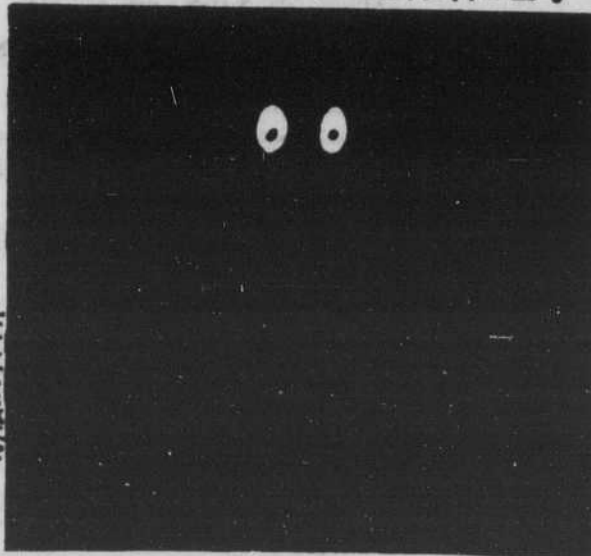
I SOLD MY BLUE-CHIP STOCKS TO HELP THE STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA



THEN I FOUND OUT EWEB OWNS PART OF THE TROJAN NUCLEAR MENACE



GEE, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A CLEAR CONSCIENCE!



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