

Morrisette's the one

Since Lane County has been divided into five districts a plethora of candidates have filed for the offices. Three of the positions are open for the primary election, and 34 candidates have filed. The only one within the Emerald readership area is the Springfield post, and there, one candidate for stands out as the most promising.

Bill Morrisette, a long-time political activist from Springfield, is a worthy candidate for the position. Morrisette has good specific ideas about what to do as a commissioner, and we have no doubt he will be effective in carrying out his ideas.

His opponents, Pat Randall, Frank Elliott, Vance Freeman and Gregory Myers, simply can't beat Morrisette in terms of knowledge and drive for the position.

Elliott, who was a commissioner for 14 years before being edged out by Jerry Rust, has the best experience for the position, but we think Elliott presents a conservative faction of the candidates. His ideas are not enough in tune with our own to advocate his candidacy, in spite of his experience.

Freeman, a former Springfield mayor, also would bring a conservative viewpoint to the commission. Springfield has typically dragged its feet when it comes to cooperation with Eugene and Lane County, and we feel cooperation is one of the most important parts of the county commissioners qualifications.

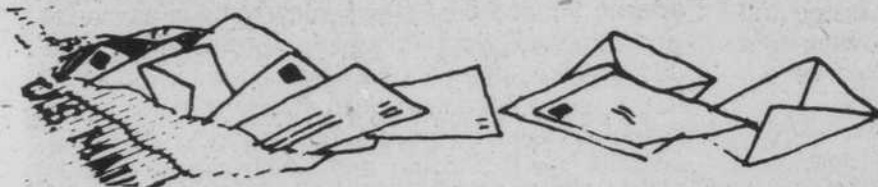
Why be concerned about conservatism in this district? Partly because the districting of the county will create three "conservative" districts (East Lane, West Lane and Springfield) and two "liberal" districts (North Eugene and South Eugene). This will create some problems for the board, since there will probably be a 3-2 split in a typical board makeup.

Pat Randall, a long-time labor lobbyist and political activist, may make a good commissioner but, again, we agree with him only on some issues. Randall, no doubt, will continue to be active in county and state politics, and we have no quarrel with that at all.

Gregory Myers, although he is extremely sincere, doesn't have enough knowledge of the issues to be effective as a commissioner.

Morrisette is undoubtedly the best motivated and the most qualified candidate for the job.

Letters



Pompous parody

Jean Jacoby's May 15 letter to the editor which caricatured those favoring ballot measure #51 was a distortion of the issue which avoided any logical argument by reverting to mere pompous parody. This "straw men" ploy is quickly short-circuited by a consideration of the real issue: the important difference between discrimination and discretion — a definitional confusion at the heart of the matter.

Discrimination illuminates an individual on the basis of an unchosen and neutral attribute (i.e., race, age, sex) unrelated to individual performance.

Discretion exercises moral preference concerning an attitude (i.e., homosexuality) which entails a distinct behavioral pattern incongruous with an employer's criteria over and above race, age and sex. Example: Hiring a white, black, young or old babysitter does not violate my moral discretion. Hiring a homosexual does, because it is an act against my criteria for individual performance: I do not want a homosexual to influence my child.

I feel it to be an infringement on my moral discretion if I must hazard fines or imprisonment to exercise my criteria of judgment. I should not by law be able to discriminate, but, when a distinct behavioral pattern is involved I should be given the right to exercise moral discretion. If ballot

measure #51 fails I will not have this right. Vote yes on #51.

**Douglas Groothuis
Junior, Philosophy**

Reed for Labor

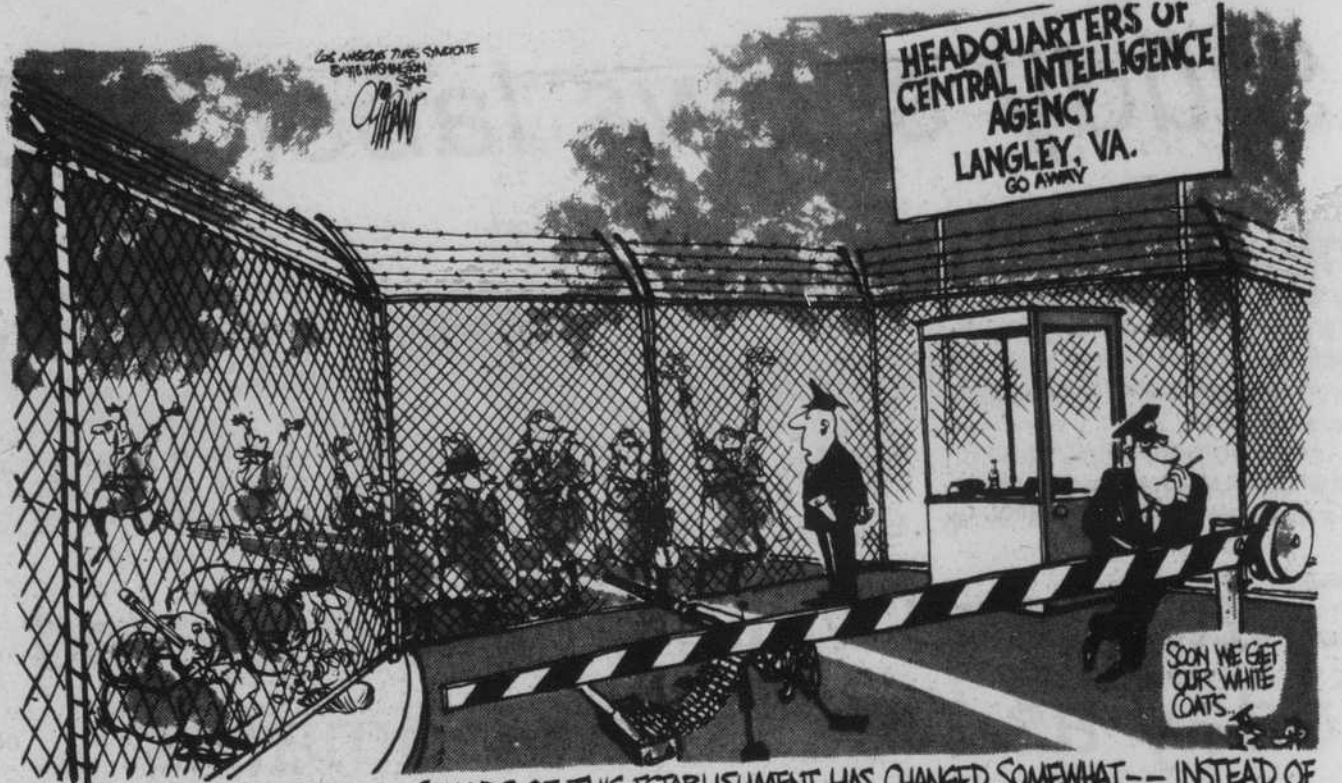
May 23, 1978 vote John Reed for Oregon State Labor Commissioner and help circulate his "Workers' Compensation Law Changes" petition today.

Reed's election will give us a fighting State Labor Commissioner, neither controlled by the AFL-CIO or Associated Oregon Industries, and Reed's petition will make insurance company's pay you justified job injury benefits, rather than spin you around with legal tricks.

Like many job-injured (partial paralysis) workers; I need state workers compensation insurance monies and social security monies to meet increased living costs due to my disabilities.

Although social security already offsets amounts payed you down to 80 percent of your past wages; new Oregon laws will allow state insurance companies to reserve this procedure and take an offset to bring you down to 66 and two-thirds percent of your past wages. Reed's petition will stop all state insurance companies "offsets."

If you have ever spent nights worrying about bills; workers compensation hearings; insurance company compensation cut-offs; continual insurance



opinion

Iran a nuclear garbage dump?

Submitted by Shagerd Shariati
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The Iranian people appear to be facing an indefinite confrontation with the Shah and His undiminished U.S. backing. The Shah has no hesitation in the application of massive force; the popular opposition led by Imam Khomeini is equally determined to push the matters toward their inevitable ultimate climax, that is total rejection of the Shah, and his American and Zionist patrons. At the same time, Shah's other partners such as Soviet Union and its puppet satellite countries continue to discredit this heroic struggle of our people as a "Chinese Instigation", While China herself shamelessly supports Shah's dictatorial regime. A regime that regards the recent uprising as the most intense and serious one to threaten its system, since the CIA restored the Shah to the peacock throne in 1953.

Meanwhile the Shah is diversifying his policy of total capitulation to the west. According to Iran Times, April 21, 1978, Abbas Khalatbari, Shah's Foreign Minister announced the complete agreement between the Iranian and Austrian government for the dumping of Austria's nuclear waste products into the central part of Iran. Considering the amount of risk involved in shipment and burial process and the long lifespan of these highly dangerous material

that exceeds 50,000 years! And the immense danger resulting from the contamination of clean air with these deadly poisonous material one can begin to see the extent of this treason and crime. President Carter "The Champion of human rights"! Following his recent trip to Iran, after praising the Shah for his "good conduct" in human rights issue, announced the sale of six nuclear reactors to Iran which brings the total number of these reactors purchased from Europe and U.S. to 17. It is also said that the U.S. government is negotiating with the Shah's regime to dump its share of the nuclear waste material into central Iran! As though the disposal of the jet fighters, helicopters, tanks, machine guns and torture equipments to crush the people's just rebellion is not sufficient that now Iran has to be turned into the nuclear garbage dump of the west!

The real irony lies on the fact that while Iran being the second largest oil producing country in the world, has to import nuclear reactors in order to solve its so called "energy needs!" which in reality is nothing but to help out the western countries inevitable financial crisis! We ask all concerned and just people to raise their voices, condemning all these inhumane actions which transcends all geographical boundaries.

Down To the Shah! Long live the uncompromising struggle of Iranian people led by the Great Mujahid Imam Khomeini.

company demanded medical examinations; and soon to be allowed compensation reductions or "off-sets." You need John Reed as Oregon State labor commissioner and need to circulate his workers compensation law changes petition today.

**Marvin Price
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For Bylund

Four years ago, I worked to help elect Ken Bylund as Assessor for Lane County. I have never been sorry that I did so. As a candidate then, Ken pledged to make the Department of Assessment and Taxation more open and responsive to taxpayers. He also pledged to make sure that all categories of property were fairly appraised, and to end the advantages enjoyed by big business. Ken has demonstrably fulfilled these promises.

Property tax and appraisal notices now come with clear explanations, with encouraging notices regarding the appeal process, and with information about exemptions and deferrals. Ken published a special booklet for senior citizens about programs of interest to them. And the staff at the Assessor's Office gives the public courteous attention.

Under the Bylund administration, business interests are revalued as often as residential properties, and Ken has collected

large amounts of back taxes owed by businesses. By expecting commercial and industrial property to pay its fair share, Ken has worked to relieve the burden on the homeowner, the renter, and the small farmer.

Special interests haven't appreciated Ken, but the rest of us should. I am firmly convinced of Ken Bylund's commitment to the people of Lane County, and will be voting May 23 for his re-election.

**Marion Barnes
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#51 support

Eugene monthly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends supports the gay rights amendment adopted by the Eugene City Council. We oppose measure 51 which will appear on the ballot May 23 and recommend a "no" vote.

The meeting does not discriminate because of sexual preference. This is in keeping with the historical testimony of Quakers on issues of human rights.

**Gery Hubbe, Clerk
Eugene Friends Meeting**

For Miller

After hearing the candidates for City Council, Ward 4 at a recent neighborhood meeting, I had no doubt in my mind that Gretchen Miller would be the superior

choice for anyone, but particularly for the student and average citizen concerned with such problems as growth, pollution, traffic congestion, and rising property taxes. Her intelligent responses to the questions asked demonstrated a thorough and balanced grasp of community issues.

She has already pledged active support for increasing bus service and bicycle paths, which should be of particular interest to students, who may soon lose many of their parking privileges in the University area. Obviously Gretchen Miller is committed to furthering Eugene's livability.

Her previous involvement in the Laurel Hill Neighbors Association indicates her interest in working with local groups and individuals. As a graduate of the U. of O. law school, she is also sensitive to student and university problems. I think that on City Council she would be unusually accessible and willing to listen to individual concerns.

Her legal training and experience have provided her with a good background for dealing with city government, and serving on the Council should create no conflict of interest with her professional commitments.

I hope the majority of voters in Ward 4 will join me on May 23 and vote Gretchen Miller for City Council.

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