

# Oppose 6 and 11

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payers revolt," would limit all Oregon property taxes to 1.5 percent of the 1975-76 assessed property value or to a ceiling of \$15 per \$1,000 assessed value. This would mean about a 40 percent reduction in property taxes for homeowners and renters alike.

Measure 11, a legislative property tax relief alternative, would require the state to pay half the individual's property taxes up to a \$1,500 limit.

Measure 11 stipulates "equivalent" property tax relief for homeowners and renters, but none for commercial or vacation property owners.

Measure 11 would cost the state approximately \$525,000 million in lost revenue. Measure 6 would cost local governments about \$860,000. The state would not be required to help localities absorb their losses, but some legislators and Gov. Bob Straub have indicated the state would help local services.

Garner worries this significant loss in state revenues could jeopardize the existence of HARRP.

If Measure 11 passes and HARRP survives, the 1979 legislature will have the chore of integrating HARRP with the state's promise to pay half the renter's property taxes.

Under the 50 percent formula, a renter paying \$100 a month rent would receive \$102 of relief. If the same renter made less than \$15,000 a year he or she would receive up to \$328 in relief under HARRP.

Grattan Kerans, Democratic state majority whip and Measure 11 supporter, says he feels renters and homeowners would both receive the higher amounts.

Supporters of Measure 6 say not only would HARRP remain intact, but lower property taxes for landlords would be passed on to tenants in the form of lower rent.

However, Ken Bylund, Lane County Tax Assessor, says although landlords are likely to receive relief of about \$20 a month, there are no provisions in Measure 6 to make sure landlords will share their relief.

Under Measure 6 property that changes ownership or has construction after 1975 will be assessed

at the current market value rather than at the reduced valuation of Measure 6.

"Ten years down the road we could have two identical houses sitting side by side and have one owner pay three-quarters more in property taxes than his neighbor because he bought it after 1975," Bylund explains.

An owner of a home valued at \$45,000 would pay \$512 a year under current Oregon property tax rates. Under measure 6 the same taxpayer would owe \$263 and under 11 he or she would pay \$268.

Some big differences occur in comparing the effects of the two measures' effects on business. Chef Francisco Inc. currently pays property taxes amounting to \$66,492 a year. Under measure 11 the owners would pay \$70,118. Because Measure 6 demands equal relief to businesses, Chef Francisco would pay only \$19,677.

Similarly Lane Plywood now pays property taxes of \$123,160. Under 11 its owners would pay \$125,236 and under 6 they would pay \$38,287.

Garner believes that overall students will be helped most by voting against both.

"If people are truly being forced from their homes because of inability to pay their property taxes, the most efficient and logical way to help them is through expanded HARRP," Garner says.



# GTFF contract

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to enforce these provisions, Edmundson added.

GTFF leaders, Edmundson said, were particularly disappointed at their failure to win concessions on salaries and health insurance. The University's salary offer is essentially the same that GTFs would have received without union representation, and Oregon law prohibits the University from setting up a health insurance plan for GTFs because they are less-than-half-time employees.

However, the proposed contract represents "no backward movement," Edmundson added.

Also on the agenda for the Thursday meeting is a straw vote asking for members' opinions on how the \$25,000 health fund should be distributed.

In addition, nominations will be taken for various elective offices, including the five officers' positions, four delegates and five alternatives to the Lane County Labor Council and five positions on the grievance committee.

The membership will elect persons to these offices at the next monthly meeting of the GTFF, to be held sometime in early December, Edmundson said.

Absentee balloting for the new contract will take place Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the GTFF office, located at 868 E. 13th Ave., above the Red-Rooster Barber Shop.

Union members also may vote absentee on Wednesday in the EMU lobby between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or in the union office from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.





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Dear Fellow Students,

In the primary election I defeated Commissioner **ARCHIE WEINSTEIN** for the post of Precinct Committeeperson. Despite objections from people who said I shouldn't challenge a fellow Democrat, I felt the truth should be known and I was elected overwhelmingly.

Now I'd like to tell you about another county politician. **KEN BYLUND** is a political opportunist. When the special interest favoring tax measure #6 was popular, he supported it. Now he doesn't. **KEN BYLUND** and **ARCHIE WEINSTEIN** used to get along. Now that they don't, **KEN BYLUND** plays up to the anti-Weinstein people.

Even when it was unpopular, **BILL BAIN** opposed measure #6. **BILL BAIN's** service on the Lane County Environmental Health Council shows he holds the public interest above those of certain private interests that tried to block the council's work.

For reform in county government vote for **BILL BAIN** as County Assessor.

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