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a quorum of one

It's been roughly 30 years since atomic power erased two Japanese cities from the globe. America's guilt over unleashing the destruction bound up in the atom was a major factor in the nation's search for a peaceful use for the power.

But development proved expensive and unsafe. Sky-rocketing construction, operating costs and a burgeoning awareness that bigger isn't always better are combining to force proponents of nuclear power to rejustify the national commitments to fissions.

It has also forced politicians, like Gov. Vic Atiyeh, to disguise their pro-nuclear positions.

But the governor's feelings are obvious. Consider his appointment of two new members to the atomic plant citing council,

the body that will decide on Pebble Springs. The governor removed two members who had expressed skepticism over the new plants and one of the replacements is closely aligned with the Teamsters, a union that stands to gain jobs if the construction is allowed.

But Atiyeh's nuclear sympathies are most evident in his appointment and reaction to the Senate's rejection of Dr. Kelly Woods as director of the Department of Energy.

Rather than acknowledging the widespread suspicions over atomic power, Atiyeh has tried to narrow the argument and blame Woods' rejection on the effort of the Trojan Decommissioning Alliance. The governor ignores the fact that at a January press conference, representatives

of the Oregon Environmental Council, Common Cause and the League of Women Voters, expressed concern over Woods' appointment.

Might as well face it, Governor. Skepticism of power from the atom isn't confined to hippies at the University.

Atiyeh's threat to "lead the effort to put tax reform on the ballot if the Legislature doesn't act," should make all us poor folks a little nervous. Atiyeh promised to aid in the effort to get his 1.5 percent tax limitation before the people unless the lawmakers devise a plan similar to the one he's proposing.

The governor clearly sympathizes with six Senate Republicans (Sen. George Wingard, R-Eugene, admirably absent) who announced at a recent press

conference that the Legislature, which understands the tax structure and won't give the dough to the rich, has forced us to go to the voters, who don't understand it — and will.

Oregon's tax structure is as fair as can be expected given the control the rich usually have over the workings of government. Atiyeh and those with his political bent shouldn't channel tax fever into changes that give money only to those who already have it.

The 1.5 percent limitation should have stayed in California where Howard Jarvis was able to manipulate people's unhappiness with government in such a way that he and those like him padded their pockets at the people's expense.

yours

'Bad news' story

I want to congratulate your staff on the two fine articles on our University wrestling team last Wednesday, but I cannot understand how you could put the article about pro "wrestling" in the same sports supplement!

The article about Bill Nugent was especially well written, and I appreciate that, but how can you devote a three page spread with seven ridiculous pictures to a "sport?" which makes a joke of the hard work and time which goes into the making of a truly fine wrestler? These animals who claim to be wrestlers are making a mockery of the skill which it takes to be good.

I respect the acrobatic skills and showmanship of the performers as they fake injuries in their variety of pre-planned stunts, and I know that it takes athletic ability to do these stunts, but I question the use of the words "wrestling match" used in this sense.

The whole thing is a show meant to satisfy man's unquenchable thirst for blood, and if that's what they are trying to do, that's okay, but if they claim to be professional "wrestlers," then they obviously know nothing of the sport.

We are lucky to have a nationally ranked team on our campus with many fine wrestlers and excellent coaches. I want to encourage everyone to come to the matches and see what true wrestling is all about. Unfortunately this year's season is over, but we have five members of our team who will be competing in the national tournament in Ames, Iowa on March 8-10. So, next year, please come and watch these guys who work so hard. They need your support.

I respect good writing, but that piece of garbage on the "pros" was about the worst article I have ever read. Placing it with the two excellent articles on our University program showed the contrast between good and bad sports writing very vividly, and I felt it was in very poor taste.

Usually the Emerald does a good job with its sports articles, and I want to thank you for all the good coverage you have given the wrestling team this year, but next time, please think twice before printing another disgusting article like the one on Bad News Brooks.

Marla Keith
freshman, business
wrestling statistician

Doesn't 'dig' it

As a result of the blatant publication of a front-page photograph showing a looter vandalizing an archaeological site near Fern Ridge Reservoir, the Daily Emerald has apparently taken a position condoning, if not advocating, such destructive and illegal activities. Although two letters criticizing the Daily Emerald have already appeared,

there is an additional point which should be raised regarding this unfortunate incident.

Last year the Department of Anthropology accepted a contract with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, which leases the land from the Army Corps of Engineers, to locate archaeological remains in the area and to make recommendations for their protection. With the publication of this photograph by the Daily Emerald, however, the University of Oregon has been put in a compromising position.

One branch of the University — the Department of Anthropology — has received funds from a government agency in return for conducting a study designed to protect the archaeological resources of the area, while another branch — the Daily Emerald — has published a photograph which implicitly advocates their destruction!

In view of the fact that the Daily Emerald has out of ignorance compromised the position of the

University in regards to its commitment to the protection of archaeological resources, I feel that the editor should issue a public apology to the Army Corps of Engineers as owners of the property, as well as to local residents of Native American ancestry, for it is a portion of their cultural heritage that is lost when archaeological sites are destroyed.

Rick Minor
anthropology

'Tea'd off' reader

Since I am quoted in the article, Pouring the Java Down Hard, by Dana Tims, I feel it should be noted the "steaming cup of black brew" referred to was tea.

So much for investigative reporting!

Bill Rutherford
Representative, District 29

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MINORITIES ARE ANTI-AMERICAN
IN THAT THEY PLACE THEIR OWN
INTERESTS ABOVE OUR DEFENSE
NEEDS.



KIDS ARE ANTI-AMERICAN
IN THAT THEY DON'T LISTEN
TO ME.



FEMINISTS ARE ANTI-AMERICAN
IN THAT THEY PUT THEIR OWN
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LIBERALS ARE
ANTI-AMERICAN
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