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At Monday's "media availability" Gov. Vic Atiyeh tried to explain away moves to replace two anti-nuclear members of the Energy Facility Siting Council by pointing to actions of former Gov. Bob Straub.

"I have to question: Why did he (Straub) not re-appoint them? He had the opportunity to do that when their terms ended June 31," Atiyeh explained. "But he didn't. He said, 'I want you to stick around.' It's clear to me that he went beyond the law. He didn't even ask them to stay. He did not want to re-appoint them."

However, in an interview last month, Straub said his intention were that the council remain intact until after a Pebble Springs decision.

"My record was very clear," Straub said. "I wanted to continue the current

board because it's had the background and expertise. I think my position was correct.

"Vic Atiyeh looked at it differently. He has a perfect right to do that. He's the governor. He has the right to impose his thinking on what he does."

In other capitol nuclear reactions four university types have written the governor and urged him to retain the present council. The members of the National Academy of Sciences, including chemistry Prof. Virgil Boekelheide, wrote that replacing "the present members now would be a grievous error, especially in view of the problems that confront it after the Pennsylvania accident."

While they turned out to protest gun

control, the 750 ammo-alcoholics who showed up at the Capitol Wednesday were the best argument that could be made for restriction of handguns.

"We'll never give up our guns," promised one speaker at an afternoon rally on the capitol steps. "If they want to make outlaws out of us, then we'll be the outlaws."

He then identified himself as Anthony Whitney, head of La Pine Concerned Citizens, a group that loaded up cars with bodies and guns and made sure things in their small community south of Bend were "safe."

Mutton chops and windbreakers were standard and it was easy to imagine a covey of four-wheeled, chrome-laden pick ups at ready with 30-30s decorating

the rear windows.

The congregation was protesting a bill which would make it harder to secure concealed weapons permits — some rural counties issue them almost on request — and make ownership of machine guns illegal.

"We don't need gun control," shouted one speaker. "We need criminal control."

The mood wasn't much mellowed at the hearing. In the words of reporter Dana Tims, "there was not a lot of rock 'n' roll spirit in the room."

More than 350 persons signed up to speak against the bill and the parade of legislators opposed to it included five of the eight committee members that heard the bill.

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'Still an issue'

In the March 27 issue of the Daily Emerald, Greg Wasson's conclusion that "Gay Rights" is no longer an issue for this session of the Legislature is simply erroneous.

As principal sponsor of HB 2424, the so called Omnibus Gay Rights bill, I have no intention of withdrawing from my position because of one vote.

Mr. Wasson also claims that SB 599, the bill defeated in the Senate Committee on Aging and Minority Affairs, was the least "flawed" of the five gay rights bills. Quite frankly, I don't have the foggiest idea what he meant. If any of the bills are "flawed," I'm sure amendments will be forthcoming.

Gay Rights is a civil rights issue and will continue to be until legislation is passed prohibiting discrimination based on sexual activity.

Gretchen Kafoury
Representative

Moody Park 3

The most significant political trial of the 1970's will begin today in Houston. The Moody Park 3, as they've come to be known, are facing 20 years in prison for standing with the Chicano people and their fight against national oppression. Travis Morales, spokesman for People United to Fight Police Brutality, Mara Youngdahl of the National United Workers Organization, and Tom Hirschi of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade have been singled out as leaders of the 1978 Houston Rebellion.

The Houston Rebellion happened during Cinco de Mayo. Some 3,000 Chicanos in Houston's Moody Park consciously rebelled against life sentences in hell-hole barrios where pigs in blue run through the streets gunning people down — fancy Texas law, without all the legal trimmings! They rebelled against being treated as nothing more than cheap muscle-power for a sweatshop boss. Cop cars were smashed and burned and the cops ran for their lives.

These dogs had to pay for

their latest murder, where Jose Campo Torres was beaten by six Houston pigs and thrown into a bayou to drown. Torres murderers were found guilty of "manslaughter" not murder and fined one stinking dollar. During the rebellion the peoples' chants rang out: "Justice for Joe Torres!" and "Cops are a tool of the rich man's rule!"

The capitalists say the Moody Park 3 "caused" the Rebellion. But the cause was the wretched capitalist system and the hatred that thousands have for the way they're forced to live in it. The Moody Park 3 are being attacked because they've stood solidly with the rebellion, unlike the liberals and sell-out Chicano politicians who whined that people should crawl and beg to the powers that be for more rice and beans.

Today the Moody Park 3 will get their "day in court," in kangaroo court in a system of pig justice. Their defense is the defense of the struggle for a future free of the misery and suffering and discrimination that people must face every day.

The battle to Free the Moody Park 3 and Defend the Houston Rebellion must become a battle

of all those who hate oppression.

For more information and defense contributions write: People United to Fight Police Brutality, c/o Revolutionary Worker, Box 18112, Houston, Tx. 77023. Or: Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, P.O. Box 3723, Eugene, Or. 97403.

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Asks explanation

To Rep. Dave Frohnmayer:
As a concerned student following the course evaluation issue, I find it deeply disturbing that you do not support H.B. 2831 which permits the publication of course evaluations. As an out-of-state transfer student, it has been difficult to obtain reliable information on instructors and courses. My first term was wasted on incompetent economics and sociology teachers who didn't communicate a thing to me. With access to evaluations, I may not have thrown more than \$800 in out-of-state tuition away that term.

How many thousands of students are in a similar situa-

tion? And how can you ignore those thousands by opposing a measure which strikes at the heart of the educational experience? The legislature is the last place students have to turn to after being turned down by faculty self-interests on campus. You have a large student constituency, sir, and I would like to see you explain your vote to that constituency prior to the next election. Good luck.

Kent Lavery
sophomore, business

Seeks comments

It has been recommended to the county budget committee that \$96,000 of County General fund monies be saved by the proposed elimination of the entire CARES Information and Referral program. This is a program that serves over 20,000 citizens annually throughout the county by helping them to locate and obtain assistance from over six hundred different providers of services.

There is a need for further documentation of the overall effectiveness of CARES and the level of community support for the continued existence of its

information and referral program. If you would like to make either an expression of support or a suggestion for improvement of services, please send a letter to the CARES Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the Social Services Advisory Committee, at 170 E. 11th Avenue, 97401. Documentation, whether positive or negative, is needed.

Collin Gray, Chair
CARES Advisory Committee

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