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a quorum of one

The Oregon Senate's one statement on nuclear power, SB 899, would accomplish little or nothing. With the passage of HB 2570, the House has given the upper body a chance to redeem itself.

Actually, the House considered three options: the original bill, which bans any future plants until a federal nuclear waste repository is actually operating; the measure as accepted, which outlaws licensing of further nuclear plants until the federal government has licensed and at least begun a building place to stockpile atomic garbage, and Minority Report # 2 (favored by the utilities and Gov. Vic Atiyeh), which calls for a one-year moratorium on any additional plants and a study of the waste-storage issue.

Had the body endorsed the last one, the least innocuous of the options, the

action would have been, like the Senate's, illusory.

However, Monday's victory leaves those fighting against power from the atom with a busy month, for the measure now goes to the Senate.

Once in the senate, the first actor on HB 2570 will be Senate Pres. Jason Boe, D-Reedsport, who will decide to which committee the bill will be referred.

The measure will likely be sent to the Environment and Energy Committee, chaired by Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene. There are nine votes on that committee and three — Fadeley, Sen. Ted Kulon-goski, D-Junction City, and Sen. Ted Hallock, D-Portland — can be expected to vote correctly, meaning the anti-nuke forces have to pick up two more votes.

Sen. Charles Hanlon, D-Cornelius, votes with the anti-atom forces often, as does Sen. John Powell, D-Halsey. Both

are in interesting situations.

Hanlon represents the district containing Trojan, the only nuclear plant in the state, and in Powell's district is Wah Chang, one of the few, if not the only, free-world manufacturers of the materials used to encase nuclear fuel rods.

Oregon's roads are crumbling and the bucks aren't there to fix them. A stash must be found and the General Fund — bulging with a multi-million dollar surplus — is an enticing source.

First, there was sentiment for an outright subsidy of the roadways, using the extra dollars collected mistakenly through the income tax. It was an idea supported by Rep. Jeff Gilmour, D-Jefferson, co-chairer of the money-controlling Joint Ways and Means Committee. Gov. Vic Atiyeh admitted that he

was investigating the proposal. And Sen. Dell Isham, D-Lincoln City, head of the Senate Transportation Committee, suggested letting the people decide between road repair and a rebate.

Isham has since rescinded his call for a vote and Atiyeh publically opposes the use of the surplus for anything but a rebate. However, Gilmour still likes the idea, a plan Rep. Vera Katz, D-Portland, a member and past co-chairer of Ways and Means, labels ludicrous.

"I have a hard time using General Fund dollars for fixing potholes, especially in areas of the state that have refused to pass a 2-cent increase in the gas tax, while I watch other programs — children's services programs, human resources programs, programs for the elderly — struggling because we don't have the resources available to fund them."

yours

Need 'guidelines'

The full-page advertisement in favor of public release of course evaluation results in the April 27 Emerald is an encouraging sign. But I hope that if this becomes a reality (and even if it doesn't) that some provisions will be made for accompanying the results with guidelines for their interpretation. Anyone who has seen one of the sheets of statistics that comes back from the computer will recognize this problem.

At present, few faculty members know how to interpret them; we may even lack the necessary information to do so. All courses are rated together. Should we normally expect large lecture classes to score lower than small seminars? Upper level classes to score higher than lower level ones? In which categories? What constitutes a significant differential between one's scores and the department average: .10 or .50 or .75? What is the significance of the figures headed "M/T" and "M/D"? Plainly, a really thorough understanding of all the results requires a knowledge of statistics.

My own department chairperson, in an interview last October, insisted that there are figures on the evaluation result sheets that *nobody* understands. She was unable to answer the questions asked above, and she is regularly required to review faculty course evaluations for matters of promotion and tenure (this despite the fact that every print-out of the results carries the message "this report... has been developed solely for the instructor's information.")

Thus it is imperative that both the public and the administration have some reliable guidelines for the interpretation of course evaluations, and such a provision should be part of the House bill.

Michael Jacobsen
professor, art history

Backs candidates

I would like to take this opportunity to endorse the candidacies of Gary McMahon and

Kent Laverty to the University Bookstore Board of Directors.

I have worked extensively with both of them and am convinced that they can do the job. They are both committed to keeping the textbook discount as high as possible and support the Bookstore's divestment from South Africa affiliated stock.

Another candidate worthy of a vote is Mary Sandell, an incumbent. In her year on the board she has proven herself a champion of student interests.

Students, faculty and staff will be well served having these three people on the Bookstore Board of Directors next year.

Jeff Warren
senior, geography

For McMahon

The elections for student representatives on the University Bookstore board of directors will be held Wednesday and Thursday. As the average student spends mass amounts of money at the bookstore during their college career, it is trite to say that student input into policy making at the bookstore is important.

Gary McMahon is my choice for that voice on the Bookstore board. Gary's sincerity and contact with students has proven to me that he can represent student preferences with responsibility and effectiveness. I urge you to vote for Gary McMahon at the Bookstore or the EMU Main Lobby.

Amy Tobias
senior, political science

'Done little to help'

After reading the many letters the Emerald has printed during the past few weeks on the ASUO elections I found myself laughing at some of the things people would do to get elected. On April 27 I suddenly took the matter rather seriously after reading Mike Lee's letter on "Campaign 'Dreams'" and then Janet Eggleston's letter "Appalling charges."

After dealing with the Incidental Fee Committee and Ms. Eggleston this last winter



regarding the athletic ticket subsidy. I found that both Eggleston and Bassett were clearly interested in their own special interest and not the interest of the general student body. In fact Eggleston went out and solicited testimony for the AD hearing from people who run or are financially involved with various ASUO programs against the AD.

Eventually both Eggleston and the IFC rejected a petition (with over 400 signatures from both AD ticket holder and non-AD ticket holders) and reduced the athletic ticket subsidy based on testimony given by people who either receive ASUO funds or help to run ASUO funds. This is the same Janet Eggleston who is complaining about Amy Tobias' charges against Scott Bassett.

On the other hand Mike Lee's letter informs us of the many election violations that have occurred during this last election that are clear and visible to the average student. Only Scott Bassett and Company know of any other hanky-panky that went on during the campaign.

We're told that ASUO is an important part of our campus life, and yet they've done little to help the average student. Instead they help themselves and

tell us how important they are. They operate the ASUO as they wish regardless of student wishes and the ASUO constitution. Often student needs are over-ruled when a friend is in need of special help or services.

I now find that Mike Lee's campaign did not make this election a joke, but rather the ASUO and the IFC that have done so.

So, congratulations Mike Lee you've shown us the ASUO and the IFC at it's best. A self-serving organization.

James Alken
senior, history and business

ODE, 'Wake up!'

You folks were pretty high and mighty about OSU's cut-back on funding to the gay student organization there. So high and mighty, in fact, that you neglected to check out your own attitudes towards gays — an attitude that would allow the printing of an ad in the Personals inviting gays to jump off the PLC roof (5/4/79). Would you print a similar ad if it referred to Blacks or Chicanos or Native Americans or any other minority?

I am outraged that my student newspaper allows insulting and

denigrating advertising. Wake up, Emerald.

Karuna Neustadt
senior, psychology

Editor's note: We have difficulty regulating the tastes of our readers.

Go ahead and look

A straw poll of my classes shows that the clamor that you and student representatives keep raising over the release of course evaluation information is not idle, and that most students really would like to see such information. I have never objected to the release of such information, and I therefore enclose copies of my evaluations for the current academic year (not reproduced at University expense) — made, as required, in "two representative courses" which I teach.

I invite you to print them and I suspect that, if you would just ask instead of complaining so much, you could get 50 percent-60 percent of the evaluations made annually.

J. T. Sanders
professor, religious studies

Editor's note: A copy of the evaluation results for Prof. Sanders' courses are available for inspection in the Emerald office.

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