

Oppose Measure 3

We come to bury Ballot Measure 3, certainly not to praise it. After two previous tries, let's put it away for good.

There are many reasons to oppose the measure that would limit property taxes to 1½ percent of the 1979 cash value. The measure also limits subsequent property tax increases to 2 percent per annum, preserves the renter's refund, and requires elections for certain taxes and limits tax elections.

Proponents of Measure 3 say property taxes have placed a burden on homeowners. Many proponents of the measure are elderly homeowners who have seen the inflationary price of their house and subsequent property taxes chip away at their fixed incomes. Proponents find lower property taxes on their real estate investment enticing, regardless of the consequences.

The property tax measure is similar to California's Proposition 13. However, Oregon has no surplus to make up for the loss of funds. Measure 3 would mean a 25 percent loss of present revenue. The limit on increasing the property tax percentage will further revenue losses.

The effect of the measure on education in general will be great. Elementary, secondary and community colleges within the state will lose approximately 44 percent of their already dwindling funds. Higher education will be hurt by the loss in overall revenue of the state.

The measure would hurt the state's ability to issue general obligation bonds, because the measure stops the issuing of any "special ad valorem tax." Bonding for the improvement of higher education facilities would be lost as an option.

Opponents of the measure stress the overall harm that Measure 3 will have on economic recovery. Besides eliminating general obligation (lower interest rate) bonding, the decrease in revenue cuts back money for sewers, water, streets and roads.

Measure 3 is ludicrous to pass in a state where deficit spending is already a reality, and where education and local government can barely maintain their support services.

Not only is this the wrong way to change the tax structure, it comes at exactly the wrong time.



TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO — RUSSIA'S SPUTNIK SPURS THE AMERICAN RENAISSANCE — THE RACE IS ON TO EDUCATE A PACK OF DUNDERHEADS AND PRODUCE A GENERATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL WIZARDS...

your turn a little b.s.

What is the value of a bachelor's degree in the liberal arts? I must ask this because, you see, I have one. It is smaller than a breadbox, yet I can't figure out quite where it fits. I am now in my first year of law school, so I suppose I could just put my little B.S. in a drawer somewhere and leave it to its own devices. I can't help feeling, though, that I ought to share some of its secrets, in

order to provide a measure of comfort to others who want a little B.S. just like mine.

Whether you want a B.S. or a B.A. is immaterial, as the processes, requirements and pitfalls attendant to the acquisition of either are roughly the same in most fields. You simply mix the discipline of your choice with an assortment of Groups, Blocks and Clusters (next year they're adding Lumps and Blobs), stir well and sit here for four or five years. Eventually, the brew coagulates, if properly seasoned and fertilized with Forms, Procedures and, of course, Fees. It then gives off a mildly euphoric aroma, which quickly dissipates, and belches forth a B.S. If you remembered to add the appropriate Block of Foreign Language, you get a B.A.

Although I learned quite a bit about political science in becoming a Bachelor of it, I have come to the conclusion that the process of obtaining it was at least as beneficial to me as was the course content. Freshmen take note: the hundreds of activities to be found on this campus will do as much to educate you as your classes will. Do not feel hemmed in by requirements. Take the time to find out the house rules and do a little planning, then have a good time.

The University is an incredible place, a banquet if you will, containing fifty times more than you can possibly consume. Nibble, sip and taste as great a variety as you can, while keep-

ing an eye cocked for marauding Clusters. My little B.S. has all the requisite Blocks and Groups, but Clusters are a recent innovation from the Good Witch of the English Department. Despite the squealing of some students, I suspect that the Cluster Monster will turn out to be quite benevolent. After all, there is something to be said for a balanced diet.

My little B.S. has very little practical value. It isn't going to get me a job. It hasn't made me an expert. The process of getting, though, has enabled me to have all sorts of interesting experiences. Obtaining a bachelor's degree is not an end, it is a means. The ends it serves are as numerous as are students. My little B.S. is a tiny personal monument to the value of eclecticism in a society which daily throngs to the shrine of specialization.

As a hypocrite of some reputation, I am now enrolled in a professional school, but my approach to a liberal undergraduate education has enabled me to become... what? A Practicing Human, perhaps. I wouldn't have it any other way. Enjoy your years at the University.

by
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letters

Respected

I have to admire Representative Margie Hendriksen. She gave up a safe re-election race in representing House District 40 in order to take on a tough challenge in Senate District 20.

If she is successful, the citizens of district 20 will benefit greatly. The incumbent holds a minority viewpoint within his own minority party. Therefore, he has little influence on any decisions made in the Oregon State Senate. Representative Hendriksen, on the other hand, has tremendous potential to be a leader in the Oregon Senate and therefore, will add political clout to the Lane County Legislative Delegation. She has a proven record in the House as

an effective and respected legislator.

I also believe that Margie Hendriksen's election will eliminate the possibility of an irresponsible and unaccountable coalition of Republicans and Democrats leading the Senate.

Dell Isham
Senate Majority Leader

Appalled

I was extremely appalled by the Dos Equis poster advertisement which appeared in the Emerald last Friday. No only did I find the ad insulting, but a step backward in the attitude toward women as sexual objects. I would hope that the Emerald, a paper that supposedly represents the University of Oregon,

an institution of higher education, would exercise more discretion, taste and awareness in their advertising.

Although, the Dos Equis company is famous for using seductive women in their marketing scams, I feel that the Emerald must accept some responsibility in what they subject their readers to. No doubt many of these soft-porn posters will be welcomed decor in many dorm rooms. But, the Emerald, a paper which receives over \$90,000 in ASUO funding shouldn't be the distributor. I can only suggest that the staff consider the implications of future advertising that is directly targeted at the male libido. Is profit that important?

Marta Annus
Sociology

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