

opinion

Support the freeze; sustain the effort

The nuclear arms race has been the folly of both the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union. Nuclear weaponry became the toys of military men and industrialists who live off the race.

The little boys who want them are not too bright; the toys are lethal.

The people of the University should join in the proposal for the United States to propose to the Soviet Union a bilateral nuclear freeze. Ballot Measure 5 states "that both countries agree to immediately halt the testing, production, and further deployment of all nuclear weapons, missiles, and delivery systems in a way that can be checked and verified by both sides."

The proponents of the measure realize this piece of legislation will not end the threat of nuclear war or even halt nuclear arms buildup.

Ballot Measure 3 would do these things: voice the opinion that Oregonians realize the futility of the present arms race, Oregonians favor the immediate bilateral freeze of nuclear weapons, and Oregonians support the ability of both the Soviet Union and the United States to verify the freeze on nuclear weaponry construction in each country.

The nuclear freeze is the beginning of a national wave of protest against the futility of nuclear arms production. It is also the mandate necessary to get the Congress to cut the defense budget. The toy box is overflowing.

Many members of the University faculty and student body already have expressed their support of the ballot measure. They realize the weapons have become more of a threat than the ideas that would compel a country to use them.

Twenty-five percent of the United States citizenry will vote on a nuclear freeze bill this year. This represents the largest outpouring of local interest on an international issue ever.

Current arms reduction plans, such as Reagan's START, allow the arms race to continue. START provides the leeway and time for 17,000 new nuclear weapons to be constructed in this decade. In the words of a joint testimony by conservatives such as former CIA Director William Colby and Sen. William Fulbright, "It is difficult to see how it is possible to reduce nuclear weapons while both sides build new ones at a record rate."

It is difficult. Ballot Measure 3 is the first step on what must be a "sustained" effort, in the words of Navy Admiral John Marshall Lee, to halt the fear of nuclear escalation. The next step is arms reduction. The arms race has been a futile game for too long.

letters

Puritanical

This letter concerns Terri Steinberg's attack on the Dos Equis X's and O's advertisement. Her main complaint is that the ad is sexist in nature. While I agree that the ad may be in poor taste, it is wrong to label the ad "sexist."

The ad may be considered sexy, lurid, or even obscene, but it simply is not "sexist." The women in the pictures were not

portrayed as subordinate to men. The fact that they were clearly intended to be the objects of male lust does not make the poster sexist. Indeed, the only individuals likely to be exploited by the advertisements are the poor suckers who end up paying a high price for an average beer.

The ad may be obscene, or simply poorly done, but it is not sexist. There's nothing worse than puritanical feminism.

M. D. Dienl

THROW 'EM OUT
— RUINOUS TAXATION!
— NOT ENOUGH TAXES!
— TOO MANY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS!
— NOT ENOUGH GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE!
— YOU'RE NOT FIT TO CALL YOURSELF A CONSERVATIVE — YOU'RE A SOCIALIST!
— YOU HAVE NO CARE FOR THE PEOPLE — YOU'RE A HEARTLESS DEMAGOGUE!
— YOU'RE NOT A DEMAGOGUE — YOU'RE A DAM' DEMOCRAT!
— WHAT ABOUT THE WORKER?!!



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Gentleman

It really is refreshing to know there are still gentlemen on the University campus. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the young oriental student who went out of his way to share his umbrella with me during a brief but violent rain shower. I had gone on a short errand across campus and was caught without an umbrella.

I just happen to be a person who appreciates a gentleman and would like to say thank you again.

Hazel Powell
Career Planning and Placement

Our own kids

In recent articles discussing the uses of the Hult Center for the Performing Arts, it was mentioned that bringing in "big outside" names such as Red Skelton and Pat Boone might keep "our own" from the opportunity to perform there.

As a matter of fact, Oct. 19 is billed as "Pat Boone/The Jazz Minors." The Jazz Minors are a local group of traditional jazz musicians, four of whom attended Thurston High School. Some of them even attended the University. Some of their early gigs were benefits in the EMU Fishbowl and a benefit with Bob Hope in Mac Court for the Athletic Fund. They went away to tour and play full time at Disneyland but they are still students' age and most of their families live right here in this community. This mother of the clarinet player works right here on campus.

The Jazz Minors will perform

during the first half of the evening and I suspect many local folks will be pretty tickled at "our own" kids performing there on that fantastic stage right here in River City, probably playing "When the Saints Go Marchin' In!"

Charlene Curry
Governmental Relations

No supply-side

Those who have considered voting for Ross Anthony in November, should perhaps think again. As a Republican favoring supply-side economics, Anthony's policies represent the same set of economic contradictions that have helped the Reagan Administration plunge the United States into its worst recession in over forty years. These contradictions (illustrated nicely in his campaign leaflet) have led me to pose a few questions regarding Anthony's campaign promises.

How can Anthony hope to provide "all possible assistance" to private industry (presumably through relaxation of pollution and land use controls) "without sacrificing Oregon's excellent quality of life?"

How can he hope to "balance the Federal budget" while supporting corporate tax cuts that will be costing the Treasury \$56 billion a year by 1986? If it means furthering the effort to "trim Federal programs," how can Anthony possibly hope to "maintain our obligation to the elderly, the handicapped and the truly needy."

In my mind, the answer to all three of these questions is that

he can't. Ross Anthony can't any better than Ronald Reagan can and his record speaks for itself.

Christian Gunther
Eugene

Congress can

Mr. Streisinger's letter in the Oct. 5 Emerald contains several misstatements of fact, which I would like to respond to:

First, Streisinger erroneously claims that Helm's legislation, which would have limited the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, is unconstitutional. He should be interested to know that Article 3, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution states that "the supreme court shall have appellate jurisdiction... with such exceptions and under such regulations as the Congress shall make." Streisinger may disapprove of the legislation, but it is perfectly constitutional.

Secondly, Streisinger criticizes Helm's abortion legislation, which would have declared, as a legislative finding, that human life begins at conception. Again, the Congress is fully within its power. Historically, the enforcement clause of the 14th Amendment has given Congress the power to determine whether blacks are legally recognized as persons (until personhood was granted by a Constitutional amendment in 1868), there is no reason why Congress today can't issue a legislative finding of "personhood" with respect to the unborn.

Paul Rich
Pre-business

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