

opinion

Re-elect Weaver

Jim Weaver's gravelly voice and weathered hands make him a natural for the Fourth District, but it's his record in Washington that makes him the choice for the seat.

Weaver has a solid record of voting for Oregonians on long-range energy policy and environmental issues. His knowledge of the timber industry and his position on the House Agriculture and Interior Committees are too valuable to lose in this period of hardship for members of the Fourth District.

The campaign between Jim Weaver and Ross Anthony has marred our ability to discern their plans for aiding Oregon's economy. Weaver rightly claims that dealing with Anthony's charges about the Wood Residue Act and the tax cut for Congress have diverted the campaign from the more important issues of the economy, the future of the timber industry and energy in Oregon.

Weaver's long opposition to the Washington Public Power Supply System proves his understanding of the needs of Northwest ratepayers and environmentalists. Weaver's energy expertise made him the Congress's choice for chair of the special committee on the Three Mile Island nuclear accident.

Weaver's support for alternative energy may very well be one road to diversifying industry in Oregon.

In the House of Representatives, Weaver has consistently voted for jobs, higher education, and against buildup of the military.

Anthony, of course, concurred with Weaver's views on aid to education and job training. Anthony surprised us in our endorsement interview with his disapproval of Reagan's ludicrous defense budget.

The question is, why remove the incumbent to replace him with someone with less power and experience and similar views?

Regretfully, neither candidate for the Fourth District provided the Emerald with any concrete plans to support higher education in Washington D.C.

Weaver's record and concern for the members of the Fourth District is enough to make his re-election the only choice.



your turn

what constitutes a gift

Public institutions like the University of Oregon have become more active in fund raising during the past 20 years. A little known fact is that one-third of the cost of higher education in public institutions comes from state and federal sources. The second third comes from tuition and fees — and the final third from auxiliary enterprises and gifts and grants. State and federal support *does not* underwrite the full cost of education at the University of Oregon by any means. Because of the nature of the economy and various cutbacks in financing, fund raising has become even more critical. The University of Oregon, through the University of Oregon Foundation, is moving forward in a more active fund raising mode than before. The University of Oregon Foundation, as the fund raising arm of the University, is a conduit for gifts. The Foundation's role is to develop professionally managed fund raising programs with imagination and creativity. The decade of the '80s will see ever-increasing levels of support given to the University as its fund raising programs become more fully developed.

The University of Oregon Foundation's policies concerning gifts follows treasury rules and the Internal Revenue Service regulations. The University of Oregon Foundation was established to actively seek gift support and to administer the gifts in a prudent way. A forty-five member board of leading men and women is actively involved in seeing that both happen in a professional manner.

A gift to the University of Oregon must be irrevocably

given. The donor cannot get it back, nor can any incidents of ownership be retained by the donor. The gift must become the property of the University. The University also has the right to *not accept* a gift if it is in the best interest of its institution and its educational program.

The donor may request that the gift be used for a specific purpose or the donor can give for unrestricted purposes — in essence, giving the administration the power to decide how the unrestricted gift is to be used. Unrestricted gifts, therefore, are particularly helpful to the University because of the flexibility the gift permits.

The nationwide phonathon, currently underway, seeks unrestricted gifts from alumni because this is one of the University's greatest need.

Gifts for endowed purposes are usually substantial. The principal is invested and the University and the donor mutually agree in advance on how the income will be used. For example, these endowed funds establish scholarships, endow faculty chairs, purchase library books, or serve other academic purposes, in perpetuity.

Donors of major gifts for capital purposes — building renovation or new construction — generally stipulate how funds are to be used. The University and the donor must agree to all terms before or at the time the gift is made, either by a written document or simply by mutual agreement. Most frequently, a capital gift is given in response to a specific capital appeal by the University.

In recent years, between 90 percent and 93 percent of the \$4 million plus gifts given to the

University through the Foundation have been restricted in nature. The administration does not have a great deal of flexible unrestricted gift money available to be used as it wishes to meet pressing — sometimes unforeseen — needs. This is an area where the University of Oregon Foundation will be placing increased emphasis in the months and years ahead.

Planned giving is an ever-growing source of support to philanthropy, also. Simply stated, with planned gifts the donor irrevocably gives a principal sum of money to the University and the University provides a life-time income for the donor and/or beneficiaries. The amount of annual income paid the donor is dependent upon the type of contract, treasury tables and the amount of payout, either stipulated by law or agreed upon between the donor and the institution. A wide variety of plans are available. When the donor has not stipulated a purpose, the principal can be used by the University for other education purposes.

Private gift support for public institutions like the University of Oregon can be the margin for excellence which can enable the University to attract and retain outstanding faculty and bright students. The need for increased gift support from alumni and friends looms ever larger in the future of the University.

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letters

Sin and guilt

Someone wrote in a few days ago asking for controversial topics. I've got one. It's an old one (sorry), but it can sure get people excited.

We don't hear much about sin anymore. Guilt for wrong moral actions has been intellectualized, institutionalized, and socialized away. Murder is now insanity or simply an improper upbringing, greed is just a way of doing things in America. And lying, well everybody does it.

The cry of our nation is to get what I want, to get MY rights, to make sure I'M equal, or I feel good, or I'M fulfilled — anything that centers on ME, MYSELF, and I. We smile with distain at virtue, honesty, purity, loyalty, faithfulness, humility, sacrifice, trustworthiness — anything that focuses on our duty to others. What happened to the sin of selfishness?

Maybe when Jesus Christ said, "You shall not commit adultery," he envisioned hearts broken by unfaithfulness, children torn by divorce, unwanted children given away or killed by abortion, people believing that sex is love and love is only sex. Maybe he loved people enough to condemn sin.

And condemn it he did. He said hell awaited unforgiven sinners. He said it was a terrible place. He said every man would be held accountable for their sins... unless... they repented of their sins (stopped) and asked God to forgive them.

Is sin an outdated concept? Next time you get burned, your girlfriend gets raped, your child gets hit by a drunk driver, your bike gets ripped off, your husband beats you, your mother leaves you father, you are hated or put down; think about sin and how it hurts.

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