

# opinion

## Elections signal:

### Nuclear arms evaluation . . .

It's not all dismal on the political front this November. In spite of the muddy races for local, state and national seats, some ballot measures signal the beginnings of nationwide attention to foreign policy and continuation of environmental gains made in the last twenty years.

Nationwide nuclear freeze initiatives mark the evaluation of the course of U.S. defense policy since World War II.

At least nine states and 17 cities or counties are voting on nuclear freeze measures this fall.

For instance, Ashland has a petition circulating to make it a "nuclear free zone" — a place where nuclear destruction is illegal. Chicago, Anchorage, and Philadelphia, to name but three cities, have bilateral nuclear freeze measures on their ballots.

Children, physicians, and congressional leaders are joining in their opposition to the course of our defense policy. According to a poll by Ballot Measure 5 proponents, the least support for the Oregon measure comes from 45 to 54-year-old males who favor the measure by 60 percent.

James Schlesinger, energy secretary under Carter and former Defense Secretary under Nixon, recently told a meeting of military and industrial leaders that the consensus on the arms race has gone: "The United States as a nation is not prepared to provide the resources to match the Soviet Union."

Resources seems to be the heart of the matter for members of the industrial, usually conservative and military minded, complex.

Fear has been the leading motivator of the nuclear arms race and these men have made great profits from that fear, but what they and others realize is that nuclear weaponry has become the fearful object. Not only have the nuclear weapons led to a skewed view of our means of protecting ourselves, but a waste in our economic resources.

Supporters of the nuclear freeze measures realize that they are but gesturing disgust for the current proposals such as Reagan's START (Strategic Arms Reductions Talk) which still increase U.S. and Soviet arsenals. The grassroots nature of the freeze measures are an admission that our government over the last 30 years has failed to come to terms with the bomb.

The freeze measures act as mandates for elected national officials to oppose increases in defense bills and question the "usefulness" of various defense systems.

The nuclear freeze supporters may be motivated by different reasons, but they all concede that a more rational look at defense would be conventional warfare (non-civilian) and efforts for economic stability. The measures are a stimulus for human efforts to cooperate.

### . . . and fate of bottle bills

A lot of Oregonians have their eyes on the results of proposed bottle bill legislation in at least three states. Having won a similar fight a decade ago, we can sit back and watch, and cheer the bottle bill supporters on to victory.

Our neighbors to the north and south — Washington and California — both will say yea or nay to bottle bills modeled after Oregon's. Colorado, a state that seems to be in a continual catch-up game with Oregon's progressive laws, is trying for a second time to pass a mandatory deposit bill. Four years ago Colorado even tried eliminating their state sales tax.

The bottle bill races are close in all three states. The outcome of the decisions, especially California's, could have a big impact on what environmentalists across the country are hoping for — a national bottle bill.

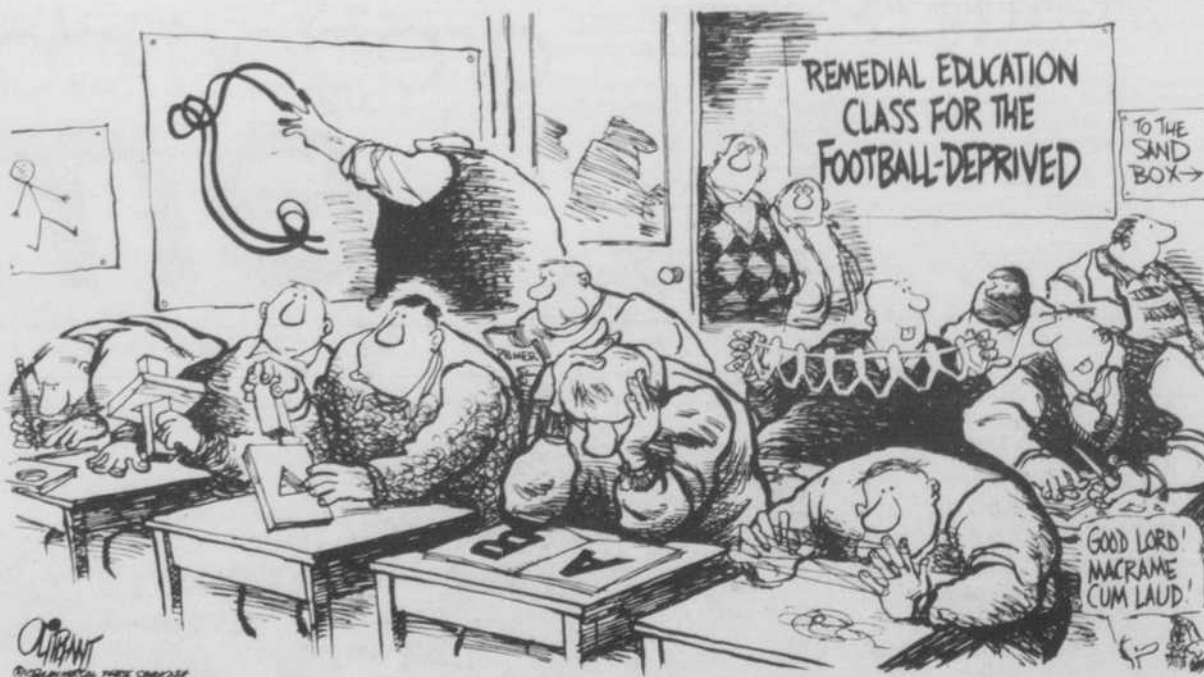
The closest race is in California where bottle bill supporters hold a very narrow margin over their opponents. The supporters have had their work cut out for them. Many Californians would prefer not to be "Oregonized."

Polls taken in Washington about three weeks ago showed bottle bill supporters ahead by a comfortable margin.

In Colorado, history seems about to repeat itself. Four years ago polls taken two months before the vote showed 60 percent favoring mandatory deposits, 40 percent opposing. Then the Coors corporation and beverage packaging industries began pouring money into an anti-bottle bill media blitz.

Two weeks before the vote the numbers flip-flopped — 40 percent favoring; 60 percent opposed. The bill was easily defeated.

We'll watch the results of these other states with interest in November. They may help determine whether Oregon is strangely ahead of the times or just strange.



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# letters

## Not in conflict

Both Congressman Jim Weaver and candidate Ross Anthony addressed a Wilderness Society conference at the University, Oct. 17, on "The Futures of Oregon's Federal Forests." Readers of the Emerald might be interested in their differing views.

Anthony said that he seeks to find a compromise between protecting the environment and providing jobs. The audience questioned what they saw as a false distinction: protecting the environment is not in conflict with providing jobs. They said in response that clean air and water and sound land use are fundamental to healthy and sustained economic growth. Anthony also said that he favored additional wilderness for Oregon but could not give any specifics as to areas or acreages.

On Monday Sen. McClure of Idaho visited Eugene to endorse Anthony. McClure is one of James Watt's most consistent supporters in Congress. As Chairman of the Energy Committee, he has blocked many bills sought by conservationists, including legislation, S.B. 2801, that would protect wilderness areas from mineral leasing by Watt. In my opinion, for Anthony to claim to be an environmentalist and then welcome the support (and the fund-raising) of McClure is sheer hypocrisy.

Weaver spoke about his record of working for environmentally-sound forestry legislation. He described his role on the House-Senate conference committee for the 1976 National Forest Management Act. Weaver pointed out that contrary to Anthony's claim, he and Hubert Humphrey drafted the

provision of law that ensures sustained yield management for our national forests.

Peter Kirby  
The Wilderness Society

## Good strip

There is nothing like a good comic strip, and "Waddle Life" is nothing like a good comic strip.

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## Sympathize

Someone is stealing Cort Fernald's music and he does not like it.

You can't help but sympathize with his article in last week's Emerald editorial section. His whole world is crumbling around him and he does not like it.

To begin, the poor oppressed individual faces numbered days at school with the government's increased hesitance at pouring money into his pocket in the way of grants, loans, welfare, Social Security, food stamps, free meals etc. He does not like it.

So he joins a staff of "professional" journalists at the Emerald so he might enlighten us all with his musical talents. Yet, in his attempts, he is disdained by a discovery. Frat boys, dressed "so right," are head-bumping to the Clash. He does not like it.

He also does not like being oppressed by that "upper echelon" of society and then having them steal the music he's been faithfully following for 20 years. Ordering records from England and all. Where the fuck will it end?

Cort, you poor stupid idiot. You have become a perfect ex-

ample of Emerald stupidity and narrow-mindedness. You have now been initiated into the Emerald tradition of writing without having an acceptable understanding of who or what you are writing about. The words are great but the meaning is ironic. (How do you spell sesquipadalian anyway?)

Yep. Someone is stealing Cort Fernald's music. They do not deserve it. He does not like it and we feel sorry for him (the poor bastard).

Darren Berg  
junior, business

## Satanic

Is rock satanic? Yes, backmasking could be done. But why would someone take the time? Yes, there is some mention of hell and Satan in the lyrics of some songs. But, hell and Satan are mentioned in the Bible too.

However, there are some things wrong with music, be it rock, country, or classical. One: The lyrics might have anti-moral messages; they might suggest that sin is fun, ignoring what it does to your conscience and to your outlook on the world.

Two: The lyrics might be clean, yet the presence of the music might bring up remembrances of actions from the past. Like Pavlov's dogs, the music might cause a specific reaction which is wrong. If the music brings up a remembrance of hanging around getting high, ignoring the wrongness of the situation, then it is a bad influence.

For most students on this campus, that is the main problem with rock.

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