

# letters

**Editor's note:** Today's editorial page is devoted entirely to letters concerning the elections tomorrow. The Emerald has a backlog of letters and we regret having to hold many of them until after the elections are over. We decided to print all those regarding the elections that we could.

Tuesday's editorial page will return to the format of opinion, letters, and cartoon.

## Nuclear mad

After seeing Dr. Helen Caldicott speak on the threat of nuclear war, I was touched by the very real possibility of planetary destruction. I was also touched by the equally real hope that our political system could hold. This Tuesday we have an opportunity to express to our country and the world how the people of Oregon feel about this nuclear madness.

I urge you to vote on Nov. 2. A yes vote on 5 can be a first and crucial step in halting this lethal arms race. A vote to re-elect Jim Weaver will support a most committed anti-nuclear congressman. Nuclear weapons pose the greatest threat to survival that the world has ever known. Please vote, your life may depend on it.

**Michael Sheehan**  
education

## Media Tactics

New students to the University may not feel familiar enough with local political issues to cast an informed vote on election day tomorrow. You have made a commitment to college and living in Eugene, so consider it a part of your education to become knowledgeable about local political issues and how they affect you. The student population of the University can have a considerable impact on this election in particular.

I'm sure you are strongly opinionated about national politics. Carry your sentiments over on a local level by registering to vote. If you ask Oregon residents, they will tell you that Jim Weaver, Democrat incumbent, has worked very hard for the people of the 4th District and is a very capable representative of our best interests in Congress. A long time resident of Oregon, Jim Weaver knows the needs of his constituency.

Don't let media tactics sway your vote. Look instead to the proven record and the grassroots sentiment of the people of southwestern Oregon. Register to vote, and support Weaver on election day.

**Jean Snider**  
Eugene

## Self-service

It is my hope that the people of Oregon are not deceived by the campaign for self-service gasoline stations. This is a big oil business ploy to turn a multi-million dollar business into a much larger one. This would be at the expense of the Oregon economy.

The price of gas will not be cheaper. It's not in California. The oil companies know that we will pay a much higher price. We already have. There also will no longer be the high overhead of employment payroll. Thousands of Oregon employees will lose their jobs adding greatly to the unemployment payments made by the state. The money that would have been paid to Oregon employees will now go to the oil companies, with the money leaving the state. The state will also lose all the revenue received from taxing this income.

Please vote no on Ballot Measure 4. Stop big oil business, from devastating the already crippled Oregon economy.

**Greg Higgins**  
Springfield

## Foresight

Much has been made of the effect that the Land Conservation and Development Commission has had on Oregon's economy. The point is that the agency restricts development, thereby discouraging industry from entering the state. Actually, many of our present economic woes stem from a lack of foresight.

We seldom can predict the economy, but it's a sure bet that booming new-housing industry will not always boom. It takes long-range planning to develop new markets and uses for lumber products. It takes foresight to see that Oregon can't survive on one industry. Now, when we're near bottom, everyone is yelling "diversification" and our leaders run around putting Band Aids on everything.

This is precisely why we need LCDC. Yes, we need to attract new industry, the way to do it, however, is not to make Oregon



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like all the rest. Sure a "research corridor" is a good idea, but many states are working on their version of the same thing. Land is our ace-in-the-hole. The space and beauty that we have is what sets Oregon apart. And the only way to maintain it is through comprehensive planning (if you believe otherwise, visit the beautiful West 11th strip, where signs urge "Yes on 6").

Let's keep Oregon the nation's leader in land-use planning, so that when new development comes to the state it is clean and is situated in such a way that it doesn't degrade our other resources. Vote for leaders with foresight who will work to make LCDC more efficient, while still effective, and vote NO on Ballot Measure 6.

**David Daikh**  
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## Effective

Congratulations on your endorsement of Congressman Jim Weaver for re-election.

Jim Weaver is likely to go down in history as one of Oregon's most effective congressmen in the finest tradition of public service set by the late Sen. Wayne Morse.

I was witness in Washington D.C. in the spring, summer and fall of 1980 to Weaver's influential and effective battle against the fraudulent Northwest Power Act. Not only did Congressman Weaver stage one of the rare successful filibusters against the Power Act, but he effectively improved the legislation while leading opposition against it.

Weaver, in his legislative marathon against the Power Act (and in many other instances), not only gained support of

House leadership in his efforts to improve the bill, but even his efforts of opposition in final passage of the Act drew support at different times (for Weaver) of votes of several-hundred-vote margins. House Speaker Tip O'Neill, Chairman Richard Bolling of the House Rules Committee, and many other congressional leaders helped Weaver as he staged his effective campaign to improve the Power Act while opposing it.

I can attest from my own personal experience in Washington D.C. that Weaver, in this Power Act fight and countless other instances, exercised rare courage and skill in fighting for the best interests of his constituents and country. He deserves to be returned to Congress to continue his representation in our behalf.

**Jack Craig**  
Eugene

## Green vote

Fellow earth-lovers, let's unite behind the Green Vote before the Northwest becomes like Everyplace Else, USA. The desecration of our environment and the pollution of our vulnerable saucer-like airshed is bad for our health and bad for business.

I believe the best hope for economic recovery in Oregon lies in preserving the natural beauty of our countryside, mountains, and shorelines while cultivating tourism; cleaning up our rivers while recovering the native salmon; stimulating the solar conversion and organic agriculture industries; maintaining our first-rate educational and cultural institutions, etc.

To these ends, I support the following candidates and ballot measure: Weaver, Kulongoski, Hendriksen, Burrows, Kerans, McFarland, Stine, DeFazio, "yes" on 5, 7, and 20:01; "No" on 3 and 6 (former Gov. Tom McCall's last request to Oregonians).

Laurel Paulsen — the gutsy, intelligent Citizen's Party candidate — has strong popular support for good reason, Carl Hosticka is highly capable too. A tough choice, frankly,

There's no such problem in selecting Weaver over Anthony, however. Weaver has stood up to vested interests and incurred their wrath, but he never gives up fighting for Oregonians.

Anthony, a wealthy Oklahoman with a huge campaign war chest, has accepted money from many large timber corporations.

It is naive to believe that Anthony could function as a moderate with such backing. He who pays the piper calls the tune.

Let's vote green for Oregon on Nov. 2.

**Barbara Kelley**  
Eugene

## Ted and ed

Four years ago, Victor Atiyeh visited state college campuses, promising students action based on his "priority for higher education." Since he made those false promises and became governor, financial support for higher education in Oregon has plummeted. Oregon now ranks 50th in the United States in terms of funding for higher education. As a result of Atiyeh's budget slashing of over \$56 million dollars, some of the best faculty are leaving, those that stay are overloaded, classes are unmanageably large, and we students — if we can still afford an education — suffer the negative consequences. It is time for us to be heard.

Ted Kulongoski's record in the legislature is solid evidence of his support for higher education. He believes that the integrity of education at all levels is a top priority to ensure economic as well as intellectual progress for Oregon.

We also have a responsibility to ourselves and those yet too young to vote, to vote no on Ballot Measures 3 and 6. Measure 3 would further cripple the state's ability to provide services to people and would ensure longer lines at the unemployment windows.

Measure 6 would throw out all the far-sighted, positive guidelines the people of Oregon have collectively worked for to preserve the beauty and integrity of our state while still allowing economic development.

We have the right and responsibility to vote no on Measures 3 and 6. Yes for Kulongoski for governor.

**Peter Barry**  
La Grande

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