

# letters

## Econ notes

Let's have a big round of applause for American ingenuity. We Americans seem to have a certain 'knack' at creating new economic markets. We sell weapons to Israel who sells them for us to Iran. We sell weapons to Iraq who is fighting Iran. Then when Iraq and Iran start using these weapons, we sell more weapons to other countries to protect themselves from the weapons we have sold to their neighbors. We even offer to establish military bases in their country to protect them from our weapons. It's a good thing that we are a peaceful loving nation or I might be worried. I mean as long as American corporations are making money off the war they are perpetuating, it must be OK. Right?

James Myers

grams for a badly dislocated work force, implementing speedy permit processing, developing adequate infrastructure, and support for our small business community are essential elements of economic recovery.

I will also lead the discussion of our environmental agenda, which includes sound land use planning, recycling programs, solid waste disposal, solar energy development, and the protection of our wildlife habitat, estuaries, and groundwater.

I am looking forward to discussing these issues and others. Voters of South Eugene will have a clear choice in deciding who will represent them on the Board of County Commissioners.

Jerry Rust

## Friends

I have missed the "Oliver" strip in recent issues of the *Emerald*. Friends and I have come to enjoy his everyday antics which seem to always bring out the humor in our own lives. I enjoy "Oliver" much more than the nationally run "Bloom County" and certainly more than what appears to be "Oliver's" replacement, "Versatile Cow."

"Versatile Cow" is so far-fetched and out of place for a college newspaper that it's not funny (no pun intended). Bring back "Oliver" even if you have to keep this other strip. I feel you have more than adequate space to run "Oliver" especially after seeing anti-American editorial cartoons (without editorials) in the middle of your paper. I am appalled to see my IFC money, which supports the *Emerald*, going toward biased political views. I feel anti-American views and editorial cartooning should at very least be balanced with pro-American editorials, or otherwise be cut. The "Emerald" goes out of its way to put down the national government and lets many of the campuses everyday issues and activities slide by with little or no coverage. As a campus newspaper the *Emerald* should stick to covering issues, articles, editorials, and cartoons here at the University; and let real newspapers like the "Guard" and the "Oregonian" cover state, national, and world news.

Dan Martin  
pre-business

## Thanks, thanks

I would like to thank the *Oregon Daily Emerald* for its endorsement of my candidacy for re-election as Lane County Commissioner, South Eugene District. I would also like to thank the voters of South Eugene and the many people who gave time, money, and energy to my campaign.

In the months prior to the November election, I will demonstrate why I should be re-elected to office. I will discuss my record and accomplishments of the past and outline what I intend to accomplish in the next four years.

In responding to an unprecedented financial crisis, Lane County's record of fiscal management has been sound. Today, Lane County is fiscally and administratively stable. The continued improvement of a \$100 million operation is certainly an issue.

In response to the problem of jail overcrowding, I will continue to play a leading role in devising cost-effective alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders. This becomes especially critical as we approach the July 1 date — when drunk drivers will receive mandatory sentences and County jails will bear the costs.

County government plays a vital role in diversifying and strengthening our local economy. Seeking adequate funding for higher education, providing quality training pro-



## Conversation overheard on campus

Boy: Why don't we sit down and talk...work out the flaws in our relationship?  
 Girl: Not at Burton's again!  
 Boy: Why not? It's the best restaurant-  
 Girl: Because you'll just lose yourself in one of those hamburgers with the great sauce, the grilled onions, and the obvious slice of tomato, hugged lovingly by melted cheese...  
 Boy: Followed by one of those raspberry shakes made with real milk and fruit toppings instead of artificial syrups?  
 Girl: I had a truly fresh salad, with chilled tomatoes, sauteed cucumbers, and creamy Roquefort dressing. Oh, yes, and an apricot Italian soda...  
 Boy: Let's go. We'll talk there.  
 Girl: Let's eat first. We can talk anywhere.  
 Boy: What about our relationship?  
 Girl: You could start by picking up the tab.

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