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DIX RESPONDS TO HAYWARD FIELD EDITORIAL

This letter is written in response to the editorial published in the February 23rd edition of the Oregon Daily Emerald concerning the Hayward Field Restoration Project. It is unfortunate that such a factually inaccurate editorial was allowed to run in the Daily Emerald.

First, H.B. 2800 does not require the University of Oregon to repay \$2 million in revenue bonds for the project. Rather, it sets a ceiling for the sale of bonds that can occur if and only if a viable and secure funding scheme is developed. I have been convinced from the outset that the university cannot or should not be responsible for repaying these bonds alone. Instead, all the entities that benefit from Hayward Field must come to the table and produce their fair share of support for the project. This includes the University of Oregon, the cities of Eugene and Springfield, Lane County and the state of Oregon. That was the plan from the beginning, with regard to the bond sale.

Second, contrary to the editorial, a very productive meeting was held last Wednesday between university, city, county and state officials. It was agreed by all parties that each would look for creative solutions to fund this important project. Several possible options were discussed at the meeting. It is unfortunate that the Emerald did not send a reporter or the author of the editorial to Johnson Hall, a block away from the Emerald office, to get reactions from the participants.

Third, a slight increase in football and basketball ticket prices (10-25¢) could raise as much as \$40,000 a year. Over a 20 year period, \$800,000 could be raised to pay back the bonds. This amount does not include revenue from an increase in track meet ticket prices. This money, coupled with funds from the city and county, could go towards paying off the \$2 million revenue bond sale, not \$3.5 million as the editorial suggests. The Oregon Track Club is committed to raising \$1.5 million alone, making the project a joint public/private venture.

Fourth, I find it ironic that the editorial would criticize the Lane County delegation for taking the initiative to try and find a solution to funding this badly needed project. The paper has been void of discussion or criticism regarding the lack of any solutions developed to resolve the problems surrounding Hayward Field. As I have stated in the past, this university, the community and the state are at a crossroads. We cannot hope to maintain our standing in the track world without making the commitment to restoring our track facility. Hayward field is an important part of the heritage of the U of O, the Eugene-Springfield area and the state of Oregon, and should be an integral part of its future.

This university, the community, the state and yes, this newspaper, must answer the question of whether or not we want to continue our tradition of being the track capitol of America. This question was not answered in your editorial. It was at least confronted by the Lane County delegation with the introduction of H.B. 2800. We are not ready to give up on Eugene's reputation. We will continue to battle with cities like Tampa and Indianapolis, cities that are pouring millions of dollars into facility improvements and advertising, for top track meets.

Finally, a personal objection. I was angered to find the editorial writer absent when I arrived at the Emerald for our scheduled meeting to discuss the bill. I drove from Salem to meet personally with him to discuss all the specifics of the project, only to find him gone for the evening. I would suggest that Emerald staff make every effort in the future to gain a thorough understanding of an issue before making a statement of opinion.

Agreement has been reached by all those involved that this project deserves priority consideration. It is an idea that merits much discussion. It is an idea that will require a lot of thought and brain storming, not brawn and power. And it is an idea that will allow Eugene to maintain its reputation as the Track Capitol of the United States.



David Dix
State Representative

This editorial was unable to be printed in the editorial section of the Emerald and consequently was paid for privately by David Dix.

Et al.

MEETINGS

Advertising Club meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 221 Allen Hall. Guest speaker Mike Hoffman, the vice president and an account executive at Borders, Perrin and Norlander, will discuss what it's like to be an account executive at an agency known for outstanding creative work.

Pi Mu Epsilon meeting tonight at 7:30. Steve Myers will show an excellent film about math. Refreshments served.

Alpha Kappa Psi will have a

pre-rush informational meeting tonight at 7 in Room 227 Chiles Business Center. All interested pre-business, business and economics majors are invited to attend.

Concerned Students for Responsive Leadership will hold organizational meetings today at 8 a.m. in EMU Century Room E and Thursday for anyone interested in running for office or working on the campaign. For more information call Mike at 344-1911.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Eugene Parks, Recrea-

tion and Cultural Services Department is looking for entertainers for the Summer Park Concert Series, the Eugene Celebration and the Harvest Fair Folk Festival. Contact James Aday at 777 High St., Suite 102, Eugene, Ore., 97401.

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Strike

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"One thing that a lot of people outside education don't realize is that our student-teaching experience pretty well dictates what kind of a job we get," said Karen Stone, also a senior in elementary education.

The 4-J School District has the reputation and the trained teachers to help student-teachers get the most from the experience, Stone said.

Stalick said an agreement could be worked out whereby students who wish to take their chances in the 4-J district spring term can do so if they are willing to exempt the University from responsibility in case a strike occurs.

The College of Education has a policy that student-teachers

and practicum students will not cross a teachers-union picket line, Grosenick said. That policy was formed during Eugene's only other teachers strike in 1979.

The field experience office has worked throughout winter term to place about 300 education students in practicum and student-teaching positions for spring term, Small said. About 100 of those students already are placed in school districts outside Eugene, she said. New positions in other school districts for the remaining 200 will have to be found before spring break, she said.

"We have contracts with 10 or 15 different districts," Grosenick said. "We have not had to use them as much as we will now; we'll have to use them and branch out to more."

Alternate districts include Springfield, Cottage Grove, Junction City, Roseburg and others, and the list may have to be expanded to include places such as Crow and Lebanon, she said.

"We have been working on the (original) placements since the middle of (winter) term," Small said. The entire placement process now must be repeated in two weeks. "Hopefully we can streamline it," she said.

A "particularly high" number of education students are scheduled for student-teaching and practicum programs spring term because of overall increases in College of Education enrollment and because spring term is traditionally the most popular time of year for the programs, Small said.

"We can't guarantee that we'll be able to place them all next term," Grosenick said. The priority will be given to student-teachers because practicum requirements are more flexible, she said.

Placing student-teachers in programs outside the city may cause problems for those without transportation, Small said.

Hoffman

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Wilmington that campuses today "are about as exciting as TV bowling."

However, in an interview with the Oregonian a few months ago Hoffman said the cultural elements are in place for a revival of the student activism that characterized the protest movements of the late 1960s. Because of the movements against apartheid and the issues within Central America, Hoffman believes a

national student movement may organize and grow.

The author of seven books, Hoffman also has been devoting recent efforts to working with several environmental groups throughout the Great Lakes and the Northeast areas. In addition, he has just returned from Nicaragua and is working to mobilize opposition to U.S. policy in Central America.

Tickets are \$2 with University I.D. and \$3 for the general public. The talk begins at 8 p.m.

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