

Editorial

Hayward renovation scores coup for Dix

Crow, regardless of how it's prepared, still tastes like crow — and we stand prepared to eat a little of it right now. State Rep. David Dix's vision of renovating Hayward Field took shape last week when the House overwhelmingly authorized the Department of Higher Education to issue \$2 million in 20-year bonds for the renovation.

House Bill 2800 now moves to the Senate for a vote where it is expected to pass as well.

Last February we criticized the freshman representative for sponsoring an ambitious renovation scheme that seemingly lacked substance. We doubted whether community, county, state and private interests could coalesce to assist in funding the revenue bonds.

Moreover, we maintained concern that the University would be forced to foot most of the bill.

Our fears appeared to be for naught. The cities of Eugene and Springfield tentatively have agreed to a 0.5 percent increase in local room taxes. Lane County also has agreed to contribute another \$10,000 a year from its share of the room tax and the University will contribute \$15,000 annually. Donations from the private sector have been generous thus far.

Community, county, state and private interests have merged and demonstrated their support for the Hayward project, the bill enjoys wide, bi-partisan support in the Legislature, and the University apparently will not have to shoulder the lion's share of the finances.

Although we criticized Dix in the past, we must give credit where credit is due. After six months of working on HB 2800, Dix's labors may soon pay off — to that end he receives our salute.

Spending of tax revenues should get a green light

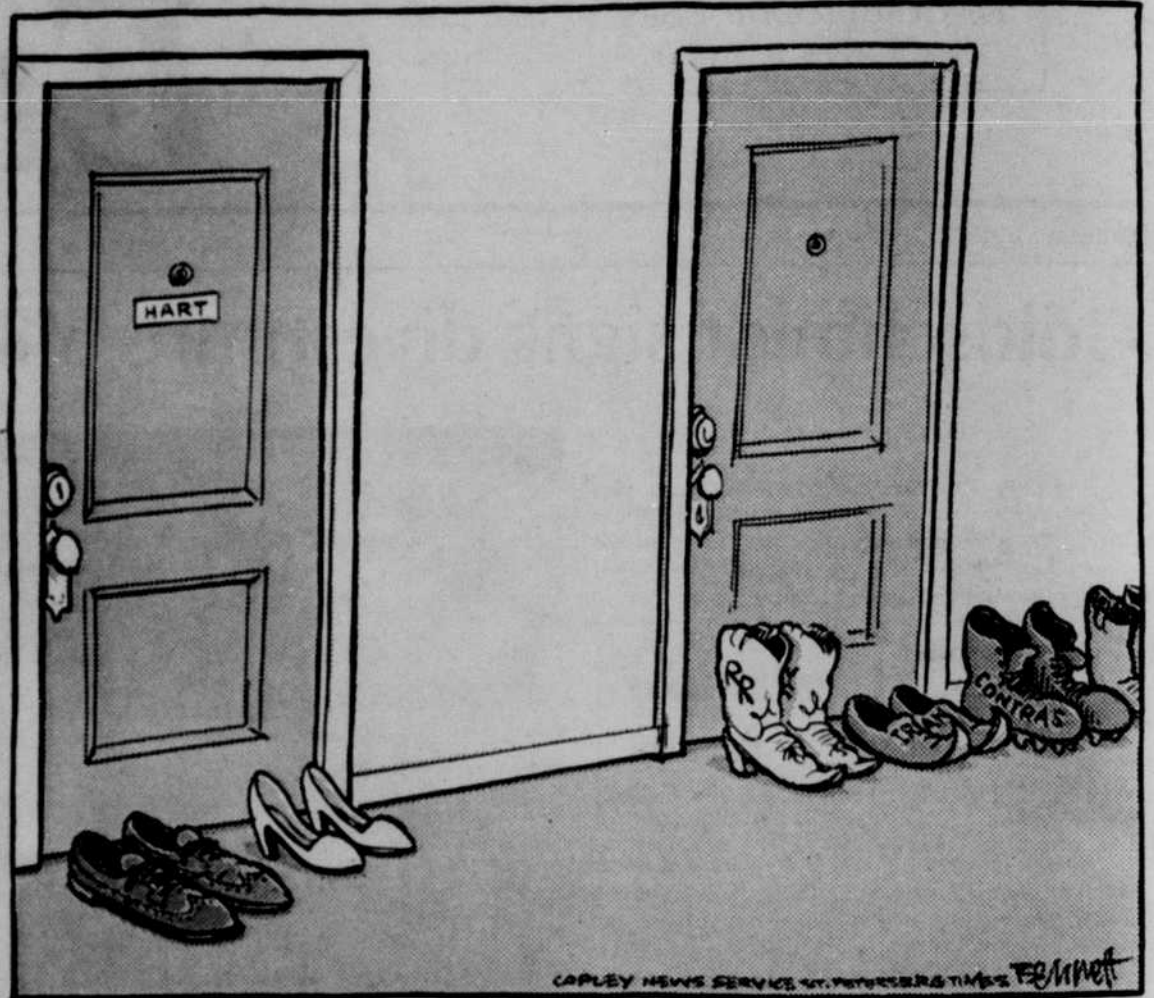
Gov. Neil Goldschmidt appeared to play the role of fiscal conservative last week when he indicated the books were closed concerning spending any of the state's \$207 million in unanticipated tax revenues. While the governor's financial prudence is noble, parsimonious use of those funds should be avoided.

A healthy state economy led to the current tax revenue surplus, and should the money be returned to taxpayers — as Goldschmidt indicated he would do — it would mean an income tax reduction of 15 percent, or roughly \$200 for the average taxpayer, on 1987 returns.

Property owners will smile at this kind of boon. However appealing the tax reduction seems to taxpayers, at least part of the overrealized funds should be invested back into other programs needing financial aid — particularly education.

Goldschmidt's reputation as a champion of education is on the line. He stated, "I am not open to adding any more money to any state program, period."

He should not rule out the possibility of funding basic school support. He has left himself some negotiating room regarding this area if the idea receives bi-partisan support in the Legislature. Hopefully legislators in both houses will see the merit in spending some of these overrealized tax revenues on programs that benefit the entire state.



Letters

First battle

Upon returning to Eugene on vacation I am amazed and angry to see the anti-homosexual bigotry here. Even more amazing is the apparent lack of concern on the part of us "normal" people about the attacks upon the democratic rights of our fellow citizens.

Anti-gay bigots won't go away if you ignore them, they will simply multiply.

Indeed, physical violence against homosexuals is on the rise all over the country. Where I live in San Diego, for example, there has been a rash of murders of homosexuals.

The American right is waging war upon all that stands in the way of its goal of world capitalist domination (i.e. the Soviet Union, Nicaragua, Cuba, etc.) and a docile uniform, Christian, right-wing population at home (labor, organized labor, homosexuals, feminists, communists, blacks, Mexicans, and secular humanists.)

The current concentration of

fire upon gays is not merely right-wing eccentricity but is instead the first battle of this war. It is what the Spanish Civil War was to WWII.

Any people who fit the rightists' category of "deviant" must understand that today it might be the gays but tomorrow it will be us.

The time to stop them is now, with mass demonstrations and mobilizations to defend gays and protect their democratic rights.

Those who threaten and wage violence against homosexuals must be educated to understand that you cannot victimize gays when you have broken legs.

Government out of the bedroom!
Full democratic rights for homosexuals!

Glenn Sacks
journalism

Nontolerant

Apparently, there are some people who believe everyone who isn't a liberal is a D disciple of Hitler. These so-called liberals aren't tolerant of any belief which conflicts with their own.

They are quick to use terms like "bigot" or "fascist" to describe their opponents without, it seems, any recognition of the fact that they are actually the ones guilty of blind, ignorant bigotry.

Name calling only gives me the impression that someone is incapable of presenting their views in an intelligent manner.

I find it strange indeed that conservatives rarely label all their opponents as "communists" yet many Eugene liberals actually link conservatives — especially those who aren't ashamed of their religion — with Hitler (a socialist and, I might add, an anti-Christian, anti-Jewish atheist).

Even a friend of mine who is Jewish has been subjected to this sort of abuse just because he is active in Republican politics!

I would encourage those self-righteous individuals with the propensity to categorize all who aren't in their ideological camp as "bigots" or "fascists" to look those words up. They might discover a little bit about their own personalities they hadn't taken the time to think about previously.

Lori Parkman
Elmira

Good job

On May 27, a high school student from the 4-J Vocational Program had a seizure at his worksite in the dishroom at the EMU cafeteria.

The duration of the seizure lasted over an hour and required the assistance of campus security and the Eugene Fire Department who transported the student to the hospital. The student is well and doing fine.

The EMU Food Service is to be commended on the professional and personal way they handled this situation. Duane Partain's staff comforted the student, talked to and held onto him to help him relax through the seizure.

This occurred during the lunch hour, one of the busiest times in the dishroom.

Over the last four years, more than 40 of our students have had the opportunity to work in the EMU Food Service area. This has provided opportunities for students to gain confidence, establish good work habits and to participate in a "real" work setting that enhances the school program's goal of independence.

The EMU Food Service staff deserves recognition for their positive participation that definitely extends past their assigned responsibilities.

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