

Raw log export ban benefit to Oregon

While Tuesday's Senate approval of a federal log export ban is only the beginning, it is the first piece of good news in the timber crisis for a long time.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed Oregon Republican Sen. Bob Packwood's amendment to a Department of the Interior bill which would allow Oregon and her fellow West Coast states to ban most log exports off of state lands.

Two weeks ago, Oregon Rep. Pete DeFazio called for a total ban of raw log exports. The Senate bill doesn't go quite that far. After all, owners of private timber acreage can do whatever they want with their logs — including selling them overseas for an enormous profit.

A complete ban will only occur in stages. Consider the Senate ban step one.

One of the major provisions of the bill prohibits a common practice known as "substitution." It's the timber equivalent of a three-card monte game. Here's how the scam works: Private timber companies, with their own log supply, bid in federal timber sales. They send the federal logs to the local mills, while exporting their timber overseas — usually to Japan. This and other variations sap log supplies, forcing mill closures and unemployment.

A raw log export ban, modeled after DeFazio's proposal, is the only way timber countries are going to be able to stay in business. Most have realized this and come out in support of Packwood's plan. Some Washington legislators are squabbling about some of the bill's provisions, but the state neither carries the power nor the seats to sway many lawmakers.

It's foolish for any timber industry official to oppose a log export ban. Granted, the proceeds from such export sales are enormous and must seem attractive to companies in dire financial straits. But the practice is completely deceptive. Timber officials are toying with their companies' future health in exchange for short-term economic profit.

It's an old story, but with a possibly different ending. There is no reserve of old growth timber to fall back on anymore. With the spotted owl-old growth ban likely to go into effect, timber companies will lose a huge amount of board feet. Without a log export ban, they'll lose even more.

The battle over the bill isn't over. It still has to weather a bicameral conference committee, where the Washington delegation is expected to lodge their complaints against the "substitution" codicil. Hopefully, the other legislators won't listen to them.

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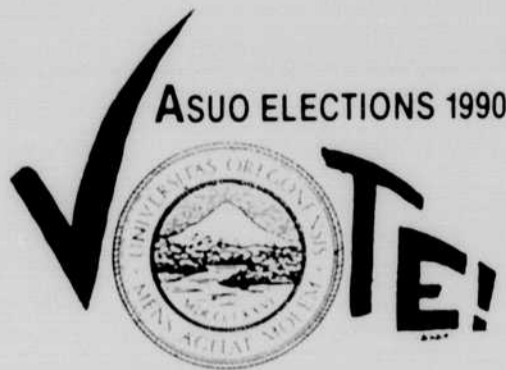
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ODE endorsements for ASUO elections

Today is the first day of the ASUO general elections; be sure and vote today! Just as a reminder, here's the list of people the *Oregon Daily Emerald* endorsed for Incidental Fee Committee Seats and our positions on ballot measures. Take this with you to the polls.

- **IFC two-year seats**
 Tim Hughes
 Freddy Vilches
- **Measure 1 — LTD** Yes
- **Measure 2 — Campus Radio** Yes
- **Measure 3 — OSPiRG** Yes
- **Measure 4 — Equal recruiting** Yes
- **Measure 5 — Riverfront toxics** Yes
- **Measure 6 — Environmental pledge** Yes
- **Measure 7 — Student insurance** Option D
- **Measure 8 — Counseling Center** Yes
- **Measure 9 — Child Care** Yes



Letters

Mockery

It is a fine and noble cause for which members of the Survival Center rallied on April 16 in the EMU Courtyard. That we need to sustain a vigorous effort to save our planet goes without saying. And clearly, it is human action like that which can be credited with the growing environmental awareness that is now developing.

However, while I fully support the message delivered, one method of communication deeply offended me personally, and that was the burning of the American flag.

I might remind those valiant environmental warriors that the American flag is the symbol of our freedom and national identity, and not the cause of our environmental problems. Rather, rebuke the politicians who have the power to effect change. By burning the American flag, you make a mockery of a symbol which is strongly connected to the very freedoms and unalienable rights which were exercised on April 16.

For me, this point is all the more relevant in light of the fact that a year ago, several thousand Chinese students died for freedom. The Eugene Police Department may overreact on occasion, but at least this country can stand with our convictions and not be forced to die with them.

Pat Anolfo
History

Measure 8

We believe that students should vote in favor of Ballot Measure 8 concerning the Counseling Center.

The Counseling Center has affected, either directly or indirectly, nearly every student in the University. In 1988-89, the Counseling Center saw approximately 10 percent of the student body in group or individual counseling. In addition, the Counseling Center works in conjunction with the IMPACT program, does large amounts of outreach each year, and is always available for emergencies. The Counseling Center is facing a loss of reserve funds

amounting to approximately \$57,000. This will eliminate five part-time counseling positions. This includes two counselors from the substance abuse team. The three other positions primarily work to keep the waiting list down.

Measure 8 is asking to increase student fees by \$1.50 per student per term. This would raise an estimated \$72,000. This money would be matched by the University administration for a total of approximately \$144,000.

If this measure were to pass, a new staff psychologist position would be created that would target populations of cultural diversity. Current levels of service would be retained, and two psychologists that are on nine-month contracts would be placed on twelve-month contracts to support more outreach over the summer and to plan for the next academic year.

Vote yes on Measure 8 so that the Counseling Center can continue its strong role on campus as a place for student support.

Mark Dillon
Chris Kleiv
Students

Air play

Hurray for KRMA! It's about time the University gets its own student-run campus radio station.

I fail to see how KWAX can be considered the voice of the University when it caters to only a small percentage of the radio-listening student body. Not to mention the fact it offers students no experience in the day-to-day operations of a working radio station.

KRMA, which is due to air next fall, would provide students with a wide variety of music from which to choose, inform students of campus events (sports, elections, news, etc.) and offer invaluable experience in not only disc-jockeying, but also management, pro-

duction, programming and sales. KRMA would truly represent the University student body.

Now this may sound fine and dandy, but it first must receive funding. KRMA is asking the IFC for just 48 cents per student fall term, which would be cut dramatically as there are many one-time start up costs to cover needed equipment. This amount is considerably lower than the \$30-per-pledge annual beg-a-thon KRVM puts on.

As things stand today, a student at the University cannot get proper experience in radio broadcast, but a Eugene high school student can! Something is definitely wrong. We must continue to not only better ourselves in college, but also improve the University we attend for ourselves and others. Vote for KRMA.

Scott Paskill
Disc jockey/student

Clean up

To the persons who burned the Earth Day car — congratulations! Through your act of violence, you created a small environmental disaster on our campus. We are no longer sheltered from senseless acts of destruction in our pristine microcosm of life here on this beautiful campus.

The smell of burned plastic, and the sight of burned tires and gasoline streaming down the sidewalk shall remind us of similar sickening sights we have created on a larger scale on our planet. Yes, perhaps we should work together to clean up the mess and paint the car, just as we all need to work together to clean up the bigger mess we have made of our planet.

But I think we should have left the car as it was, to be a nauseating reminder to us all of what we have done to the earth.

Jonathon Orelove
Eugene

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