

EDITORIAL

Trojan record poor, Yes on Measure 4

Ballot Measure 4 would shut down the Trojan nuclear power plant on Dec. 6 until a permanent waste site is found, it's deemed cost-effective, and proved it can withstand major earthquakes without harm to the public.

We endorse Measure 4.

Like all nuclear power plants, Trojan produces radioactive nuclear waste. The toxic substances currently wallow in a pool of water on the Trojan site, just yards from the Columbia River.

The nuclear waste remains deadly for 20,000 years. It won't take that long for it to seep into the ground and eventually into the Columbia.

Portland General Electric said in 1988 that the waste would be removed by 1998. Now Trojan's waste is scheduled to remain on site until 2011. Measure 4 requires a waste disposal site for the deadly poisons and prohibits producing more until there is a place to put it.

Trojan is far from being a cost-effective plant. It runs for an average of seven months a year and its operating and maintenance budget rose 85 percent over the past six years.

Only about 3 percent of the total power generated in the Northwest is produced by Trojan. Conservation and energy efficiency would easily make up what Trojan produces.

But PGE wants to increase electricity rates by 11 percent, starting in 1991, mostly due to Trojan costs. The nuclear plant continues to be costly to ratepayers, not cost-effective.

Oregon exports more electricity than Trojan produces. Let California get its power elsewhere until Oregon has safe and inexpensive energy.

Also, Trojan is far from earthquake proof. The plant has closed down numerous times because of construction faults. PGE sued Bechtel Corp., Trojan's builders, to get earthquake data. Though Bechtel refused, PGE themselves will not initiate their own studies.

In 1978, it was learned that walls and infrastructures were built at half-strength. Independent consulting firms called the designers "either naively ignorant or intellectually dishonest."

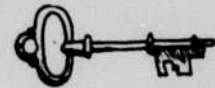
The Pacific Northwest faces the probability of a major earthquake. Yet the Oregon Department of Energy simply says Trojan is safe. It refuses to allow open hearings on the question.

Vote "Yes" on Measure 4 and make PGE and ODE responsible to Oregon and its citizens.

WHAT TWO THINGS SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF SO THEY WON'T BE DISTURBED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS?



NUCLEAR WEAPONS PLANT
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THE KEY TO S&L PRESIDENT
CHARLES KEATING'S CELL

Eugene's homeless 'solution' not enough

Eugene wants a day access center for homeless people. But neither proposed site, Washington Park, the favorite, or near Franklin Boulevard, in the middle of Glenwood, is adequate.

The idea is a good one, but not well-thought out.

The city plans to spend \$58,000 to provide food, phones, laundry facilities, mail service and showers for homeless people during the day between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The homeless still need a place to sleep. Local churches have tentatively volunteered to accommodate 10 families a night if the city provides daytime services.

However, there are more than 10 homeless families that need help. Solutions should provide accommodations for all those in need of them.

Shuffling the homeless between facilities poses other problems such as transportation between places. It increases the frustra-

tions of the homeless to be transferred from here to there. A day access center must also be close to other government services.

There are no provisions in the proposal to provide child care for homeless mothers who seek employment. A main goal of the city must be to make it as easy as possible for the homeless to help themselves.

The program is scheduled to run from mid-November to mid-June. Homeless people still need help the other five months. Any final proposal should include provisions for a 24-hour, 12-month facility.

Residents of the area are concerned the proposal will encourage local transients to hang out and sleep in Washington Park. Overnight camping is not allowed in city parks.

The plan was put together without any input from local neighbors in the Washington Park area. They will get their chance to-night when the Eugene City Council considers proposals at City Hall.

LETTERS

Maleophobia

To the women on campus living in fear:

There is a premise on which we can all agree: Nobody makes anyone feel anything.

Here we are, "open-minded" college students barreling down the path to enlightenment. Idealistically, we all began down this path because we wanted to better ourselves.

Why? Something inside said we deserve the best. Self-confidence and self-respect have everything to do with working for our ideals. I quote, "I make myself look good for myself, not you."

So why is it devastating when someone tosses a cat-call our way? What do "meat looks" have against high self-worth?

The bottom line is, who cares? If a gawker matters so tremendously, our self-respect comes into question. Why can't we handle a few admirers without feeling violated? If you can't, get back to square one.

The real world is no place for you. Feeling raped every time

someone looks at you sideways means eeking out a very paranoid existence. I have some words of advice; ignore it. If you can't, you're weak. Go home.

I don't understand this man-hating trend going around. Every day I hear some woman blaming men for her problems. So ladies, when do we take responsibility for ourselves?

The rape situation here is frightening. However, generalizing and severe "male-phobia" is futile. Graffiti, like "stop rape — smash frats" makes feminism a fallacy.

Open your eyes, ladies and gentlemen. Each individual must take responsibility for their own lives and problems.

Erin Shafer
Pre-engineering

Can Van

I am writing to express my displeasure with the comic strip "Hudson Van Curen" that recently began running in the *Emerald*.

While the amateurish nature of the strip may be sufficient

grounds for criticism, this is not the source of my upset. I would, in fact, commend the *Emerald* for providing the opportunity for exposure to an aspiring artist.

I am offended by the subject matter that Michael Russell has chosen to print. The trivialization and glorification of gratuitous violence and infantile machismo is indicative of the deepest ills suffered in our society.

With the world desperate for models of peacefulness and rationality, it seems at minimum inappropriate for the *Emerald* to present such material in guise of entertainment.

While I am certain the strip is authored and presented in a spirit of fun, accountability for the acceptance of such behavior as represented cannot be avoided.

I would urge Michael Russell and the *Emerald* to examine the implicit message conveyed by this strip and question if it truly represents the position they wish to take on this issue.

Jim McEver
Graduate, Business

Go away

In response to the letter of Enna M. Dole (*ODE*, Oct. 16):

How can she say "Don't walk close to me ...?" This campus is alive with people. I suggest that if she is this fearful, perhaps she should leave and live alone someplace.

Ron Williams
Staff

Don't bother

In response to J. Taylor's letter "Not elite" (*ODE*, Oct. 17):

First of all, you are one of the typical bandwagon fans that are behind us when we win and laughing at us when we lose.

I have one question. Where was that letter when we were winning? You sure didn't submit that after we beat No. 4 BYU (who, by the way, is still No. 12 in the nation with their only loss coming from the hands of Oregon — thank you very much).

Secondly, as for the University of Washington "putting us

in our place," what does that mean?

If you look in your history book you will see that "all-mighty Washington" had back-to-back losses to us in the 1987-88 seasons. But as a team we never rest on what we have done but focus on the next opponent. Right now we are 4-2 with control of our own destiny.

As for your comment about average Bill, he has broken most of Dan Fouts and Chris Miller's passing records. Does this mean that Dan and Chris are bottom-of-the-bucket quarterbacks? I think not.

Lastly, we have no need for fans like yourself who give us charity cheers. If you're not behind us 110 percent, you should stay at home on Saturdays.

Personally, the only true fans we have are the fans that stand behind us win or lose. You, however, don't fall into this category, so don't bother to show up on Saturday.

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