

## Perot steals show from Clinton, Bush

The Great Debate, Part I, turned into the Ross Perot Show Sunday night. With a barrage of witty one-liners, the Texas billionaire and occasional presidential candidate managed to avoid being skewered by either Bill Clinton or George Bush.

Perot managed to keep his focus on the economy and other problems facing the country, unlike Bush and Clinton, who continued to dig at each others character. Bush needed to remind viewers that he "was 19 or 20, flying off an aircraft carrier," and somehow that experience qualifies him to be president. Clinton felt it important to again compare, indirectly of course, Bush with Joseph McCarthy.

Perot did get his digs in, he just did it more covertly. When judging a person by past indiscretions, Perot said the question should be, "Did they occur when you were a young person?"

referring to Clinton's activities in the sixties, "or did they occur while you were a senior official in the federal government?" referring to Bush's involvement in Iran-Contra, funding Iraq and the savings and loan scandal.

Perot struck another blow against Bush when questioned about his experience in government.

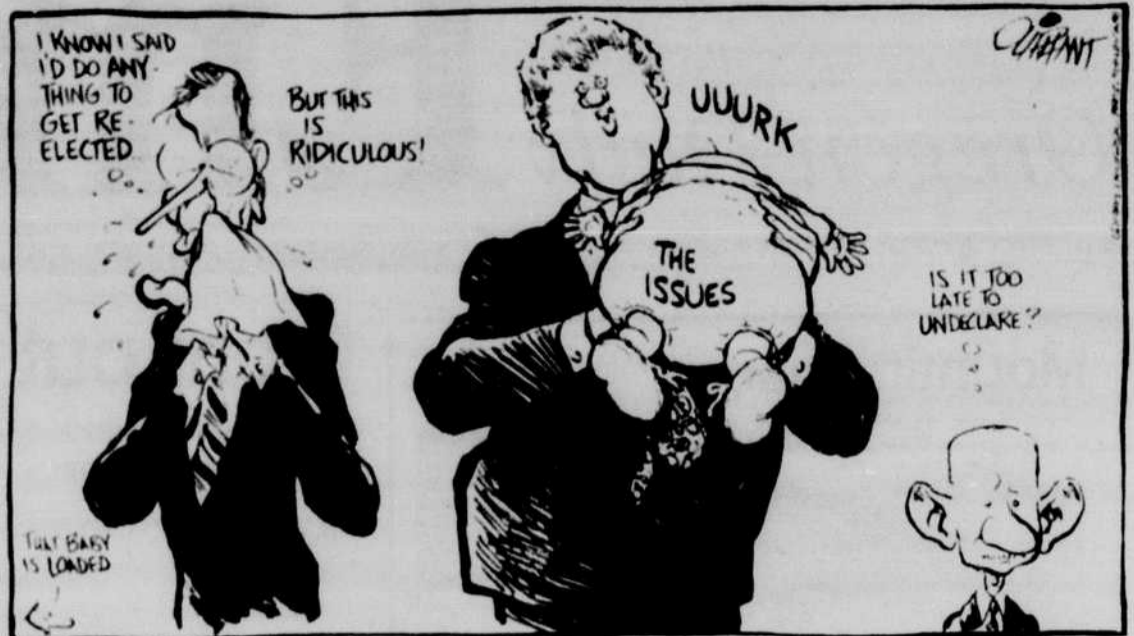
"I don't have any experience in running up a \$4 trillion debt," Perot said. Well, neither does Clinton. Whose experience could he be talking about?

Unfortunately for the candidates, real issues managed to pop up from time to time. The format of the debate did not allow any candidate to offer specific solutions.

At the next debate, Clinton needs to spell out some of his plans, just like he's been doing on the campaign trail for the last several months. Perot needs to address issues other than the economy (education, health care, etc). He should remember that he's running for president, not for chief financial officer. As for Bush, his only hope is to hire the writers from *Dallas* and *Newhart* to convince the American people that the last four years have been a disaster, and Iran-Contra and Iraqgate have virtually destroyed his trustworthiness.

With three debates to go, Clinton needs only to not say anything stupid. Bush needs to realize that the American people have looked behind the curtain and, regardless of the wizard says, will not ignore his true character. Perot still can't win, but he will have put himself in the running for a position in the Clinton administration, and if he's serious about helping the country, he'll accept it.

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## LETTERS

### You're no Morse

I knew Wayne Morse, Senator from Oregon, from the years 1945 until his death in 1968. I knew him as a role model, a mentor, an exciting and inspirational colleague in the 85th and 86th Congresses when I was a member of the House, and as a good friend.

And I know Bob Packwood. And I don't have to tell those of you who knew Wayne Morse that Bob Packwood is no Wayne Morse! Far from it.

Wayne tirelessly worked for his constituents and his nation. His personal integrity was acclaimed in the Congress and by the millions of people who knew of him and his strong stands for peace, ordinary people, better educational facilities, human rights and our constitutional government.

Packwood's reputation in the Senate over his 24 years is that of a ruthlessly sharp manipulator, eager to sell his votes for personal profit.

Les AuCoin, Packwood's Democratic opponent, comes far closer to personifying the "Morse Code" of devotion to the public good, of integrity and of courage.

Bill Clinton's program for change needs Les AuCoin in the U.S. Senate and Peter DeFazio in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1993 and beyond to help President Clinton do the hard work our country so desperately needs done.

**Charles Porter  
Eugene**

eventually wear out. We should be using these computers for student development, not game playing. I mentioned this to one of the fine computer lounge monitors, and I am sure he immediately forwarded my comment to the lounge manager, being the eager employee he was.

As rising tuition and fees take a bigger bite out of student pocket books, I think it is our responsibility to comment on the use of our money in the student community. I was told by this employee that this is a shared resource and students could do whatever they want with the computers. It is part of their fees.

I wonder, when our fees go up in order to replace worn-out computers, will students appreciate the freedom allowed their peers as they write out their tuition checks?

**Steven Elliott  
Biology**

### Not homophobic

With the upcoming 1992 election, Oregon has drawn the attention of the entire nation with its anti-gay rights bill, Measure 9. I am sure by now that most Oregonians have grown quite tired of hearing about it. However, I would like to clarify our position.

The OCA and its supporters are not "homophobic." They are merely responding to the menacing threats of a militant gay community. It is the radical homosexuals who have thrust this issue to the forefront of the political agenda.

After reviewing literature about and by homosexuals, it is easy to see that their main goal is to gratify their sexual desires at all costs, including having sex with our children.

Do you think I'm kidding? Twenty years ago one of the most prominent planks in the platform of the National Coalition of Gay Organizations was to "repeal all laws governing the age of sexual consent." They've never backed down on that point.

Additionally, the North American Man/Boy Love Association, a radical, militant gay group, has as its motto, "Sex before eight, or it's too late."

The homosexual agenda includes all the hate-filled, intolerant activities it accuses its opponents of.

For the sake of our families, our children and our future, vote yes on Measure 9.

**Keith Cantrell  
Sweet Home**

### Get informed

Some people may plan to vote in favor of Measure 9 because they don't want homosexuals to have "special privileges" or because they simply do not like homosexuals. This isn't what Measure 9 is about.

By grouping homosexuality with pedophilia, sadism, and masochism, Measure 9 equates a manifestation of human sexuality to acts of power and violence. It perpetuates falsehoods concerning human sexuality — that sexuality is something chosen or something that can be promoted or coerced, all of which researchers in human sexuality and the behavioral sciences refuted years ago.

Most dangerously, Measure 9 forces the state government to separate out from the mainstream a group of its citizens as being "wrong, abnormal, and perverse" and mandates censorship of them and discrimination against them.

If you are considering voting for Measure 9, read the measure very carefully and think very hard about its ramifications. What proponents of Measure 9 claim it proposes is not how it reads.

Make your vote an informed one, not a blind, emotional one.

**Bruce Tabb  
Eugene**

### Game hogs

I, like many other students in the University, am constrained for financial reasons to utilize shared resources — in this case the EMU computer lounge.

Upon sitting down at one of the monitors today, I looked to the left and saw a note.

It read: "Users who have projects, schoolwork, etc ... have priority over game players. If you are playing a game, be prepared to move if someone else needs the machine."

I thought to myself, "I should say so!" Then upon further examination, I found permanent user files installed in the system which were used exclusively for playing games.

Is this appropriate use of student-funded hardware? Macintosh II's cost approximately \$5,000. These machines will

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