

Lee for Ward 3

Bobby Lee, candidate for Eugene City Council, Ward 3, is an experienced and innovative leader who has the ability to help the city look ahead and promote progress. His leadership was nationally recognized by *Mother Jones* magazine, which ranked Lee's ASUO administration top in the country for its activism in state, federal and environmental issues. Since then, Lee has been appointed by the governor to help manage the state's \$1.5-billion higher education system (OSSHE), which he has just successfully completed.

Out in the Eugene community, Lee volunteered for the Eugene YMCA board of directors, the Planned Parenthood board of directors and other community groups to help low-income families, at-risk children and other disenfranchised groups. His management experience and commitment to community service will represent the people of Eugene well. Although the primary election will not take place until May 1996, if you want a positive change for Eugene, remember to cast your vote for Bobby Lee, Eugene City Council, Ward 3.

Sean Smith
Vice-President
UO Young Alumni
for Bobby Lee

Costly law

This is in response to the editorial "U.S. gives 3.1 million to prevent lengthy trial" (*ODE*, Aug. 21).

Certainly we would all like to see an overhaul of the justice system. You said that we should stick with innocent-until-proven-guilty and not award damages otherwise. Unfortunately, not everyone can afford \$100 per hour for a lawyer for the length of the legal process in addition to court fees. It is not uncommon to be in legal limbo for several years. Even the government must avoid this because it is public money.

I don't think this society will become all that sue-happy. Only certain individuals make their priorities to abuse the system. To sue for the heck of it, a plaintiff must sacrifice much time and energy and lots of money before he or she could hope of seeing a sweet check for a million dollars. I've heard of lawyers who don't charge fees until you get a settlement, of which they get a percentage. Think about the obligations of legal proceedings that can go on for years. It would be very difficult to move out of town or state because you should stay where your lawyer is. Also, there is always the possibility of a countersuit. Do you have \$3 million to settle with a large corporation because you gave it bad publicity? Think about that before you spill hot coffee on yourself.

Juanita Martinez
Graduate Student

No way Hyundai

OK Hyundai, let me get this straight. Your labor practices stink, right? You've also clear cut a few old growth ecosystems, and let the contamination get out of hand with some of your other plants. Big deal, right?

Personally, I would like to see you "stick it out," even if you're required to throw together a lit-

tle Environmental Impact Statement. You seem to have all the governmental connections in your back pockets to accomplish this. You know they're the best that taxpayer money can buy!

Tell me, what's it really going to be like when you're fully up and running? I'd like to know, just for the record. What kind of chemicals are you going to use? How are you going to get them there? Who will deal with an accident if and when one happens? What will traffic be like around the plant? What will be the effects of additional pollution and noise from this traffic and the plant? What about the increased population density? What about the wetlands and arable land you want to develop? Can you really replace them? Where's all the water your plant is going to need come from, and where's it going to go with its toxic waste? What about Eugene's air?

I don't want to sound like sour grapes (or is it smell?), but if you decide not to stay in our beautiful city, I have just one final question. Do you know where I can get some cheap bottom land in West Eugene?

Richard Gold
Eugene

Activist court

Seventy-five days after the Fourth of July in 1862, on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, the single bloodiest day in American military history gave President Lincoln the battlefield victory he needed to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. Just five days after the Sept. 17 Battle of Antietam, Lincoln issued the preliminary proclamation announcing his intent to free Confederate slaves. It was arguably a blatantly unconstitutional seizure of "property,"

especially following the 1857 Supreme Court decision in *Dred Scott*, which ruled that the words of the Constitution were not meant to apply to Negroes. But it was not the first time a president ignored the Court and there is no reason it cannot be done today. In an era of activist judiciary, the assumed power of judicial review has become a license for a government of people and not of laws. Its worst abuse demands correction.

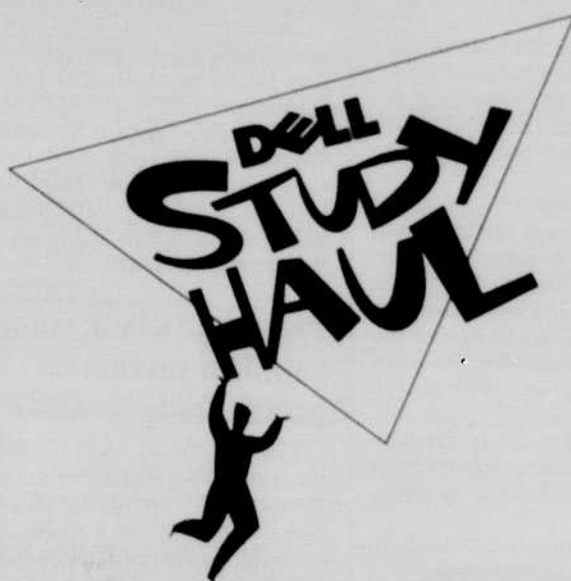
Today, this nation stands guilty of the blood of tens of millions of its children, with millions more women and men psychologically scarred for life by their complicity in prenatal child-killing. It is time for a decisive, principled and predated overruling of the Court to free the nation from this horrible disgrace, which hangs on the obscenely familiar fiction that the word "person" does not apply to unborn babies. The basis for the choice to discrimi-

nate has simply been changed from skin color to physical maturity, but the choice has been applied in a much deadlier fashion.

We need not another baptism by blood to give the nation this new birth of freedom from abominations. Only a peaceful victory at the polls is needed for a truly pro-life president, openly pledged in advance, to ignore the despicable drivel of *Roe vs. Wade* and use federal resources to shut down the killing centers. But every announced candidate intends to preside over a nation that slays its young and meekly wait for an arrogant judiciary to reverse itself in some longed-for repeat exercise of the phantom power of judicial review, which is nowhere to be found in the Constitution.

Where is the emancipator who will free us from this curse?

Alfred Lemmo
Dearborn, Mich.



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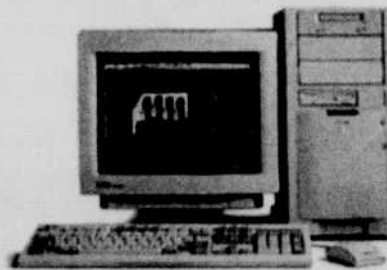


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