

Tax: Torrey feels measure is fair

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nearly as much — not as much, but nearly as much — as you would have paid before, had [Measure 47] not passed?"

Torrey said he believes it is appropriate to ask citizens to vote on and send a message through this measure because residents voted two-to-one against Measure 47.

"Do you wish to tax yourself so that you won't lose the services that we are now prepared to lose if we do not get the support of the citizens of Eugene?" Torrey said.

Hornbuckle, who formed the Committee In Opposition to Ballot Measure 20-83 in March, said he felt the council was blackmailing citizens into voting for the services proposed to be cut.

"You are immediately in a dilemma," Hornbuckle said. "You may agree with the essential nature of the service but disagree with the funding proposal, and

your only alternative is to vote no. But if you vote no, then your vote is interpreted as being against the nature of the service."

Instead, Hornbuckle argued the addition of an income-tax proposal option on the May 20 ballot would be a slight improvement to the solitary appearance of the serial levy. The income tax, which would have taxed citizens who earn over \$100,000, was suggested by Councilman Tim Laue in March, but the council voted down his proposal.

"I wouldn't be opposing the measure if it were simply an income tax measure for the general fund," Hornbuckle said.

Hornbuckle said he thought this action called to question whether the council could be trusted to initiate tax reform.

In response, Torrey noted that the arguments against the serial levy have nothing to do with tax

reform.

"He is not saying we ought to cut any of the costs of government," Torrey said. "He is simply saying that somebody else ought to pay for it."

Torrey, who said he was also supportive of an equitable tax system, said he believes Measure 20-83 is a necessary step in giving the city the time it needs to deal with the impacts of Measure 47.

Regardless of the outcome of Measure 20-83, the council has identified \$2 million in cuts it will still make from Hult Center, building permit and city-staff benefit funds.

Therefore, the city would only need \$30 million to keep services afloat. However, Phil Weiler, spokesperson for the city, said the additional \$3.2 million is being collected to offset property taxes that do not get collected.

Summit: All 50 states send delegates

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planned for Oct. 10, 1997. The county has already raised 25,000 to pay for the conference which will be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

"We don't want a summit where people are just talked to," Green said. "We are looking for a commitment of energy and time, not money."

One idea to promote volunteerism is to provide incentives and opportunities for working parents, said Tiare Mathison-Bowie, director of the Koinonia Center at the University.

"A number of corporations have signed on to give employees paid days off to volunteer in classrooms or other groups," she said.

Many national corporations pledged at the national summit to provide funds and volunteer opportunities.

The national summit in Philadelphia was on April 27-29. "Two million by the year 2000" was the theme of the summit which focused on ways to reach out and help youth in communities across the nation.

The summit drew delegations from 150 communities in 50 states, government dignitaries, corporate leaders and community activists to devise ways for private citizens and businesses to improve children's lives.

Organizers of the national summit unveiled a five-point program to improve the lives of children facing troubled futures. The five areas include mentorship, providing a safe place, nurturing, teaching and serving children. The goal is for each child to have a comfortable, stable relationship with an adult, a safe place to work or play, healthy food, marketable skills and community services.

Professor honored for energy work

Architecture Professor John Reynolds received the Passive Pioneer Award last week.

The award was presented by The American Solar Energy Society and was given to Reynolds because of his work in the field of passive solar energy.

Reynolds, who is director of the University Solar Energy Center, has advised three Oregon governors on energy policy.

Annual science conference begins

"Issues and Approaches: How Public Interest Scientists Have Made an Impact From Toxics to Biodiversity" will be the theme of the 1997 Public Interest Science Conference happening today through Sunday.

This is the third year of the annual conference, which is an offshoot of the Environmental Law Conference that happened two months ago.

"They decided to make it its own conference instead of making it part of the Environmental Law Conference," said Cindy Thieman, a graduate student in biology and a volunteer for the conference.

The conference usually attracts 100 to 150 people, Thieman said.

"People are coming from all over the country, as well as the state," she said.

The goal of the conference is "to educate the public about important issues in science, make science more accessible to people who are not scientists and promote a discourse to scientists and people in other disciplines," Thieman said.

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man said.

Jane Lubchenco will be giving a keynote address tonight entitled, "Biodiversity and People," and Andy Keer will be speaking Saturday night on "The Politics of Science and the Science of Politics: How to Succeed at Cohabitation and Save the Earth."

All events will be held at the Atrium in Willamette Hall. Registration for the conference begins at 6 p.m. tonight. The cost is \$5 to \$10 for University students.

Seminar to be held at South Eugene H.S.

A conference entitled "Community, The Forgotten Tradition" will be happening Saturday and Sunday.

The conference will have scholars and educators who will illustrate a Jewish perspective on the importance of community.

Chaim Seidler-Feller will be giving a keynote speech on Sunday morning entitled, "Community After the Holocaust," and Avivah Zornberg will be speaking Sunday afternoon on "Through the Looking Glass: Women in the Exodus Narrative."

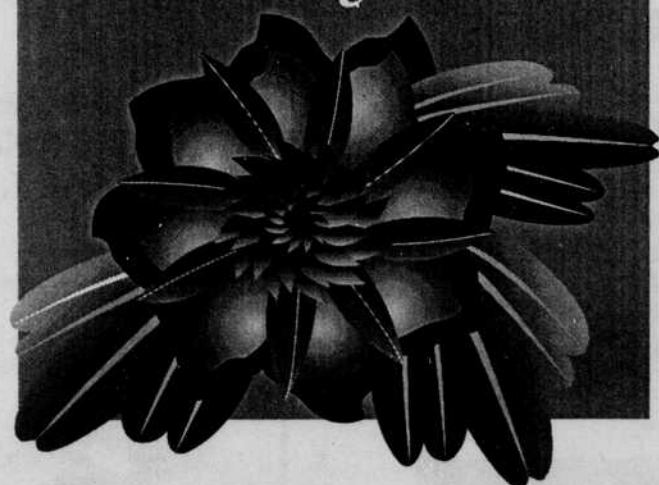
The conference will be held at South Eugene High School. Tickets cost \$5, not including meals. University students who attend this conference can receive credit for International Studies 408 / 508. The CRN is 36763 / 36737.

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