

# 'Ill wind'

It has been brought to our attention that certain students have taken up the questionable pastime of smoking marijuana on campus.

Some of the more popular areas for this are the Community Center, the courtyard between the four core-area buildings and the wooded area next to the trailers.

We wonder if these students know that this is, first and foremost, an educational institution and not a community sponsored opium den. These actions show a complete lack of class on the part of the students involved.

So far, Stan Johnson and company in security haven't taken any real steps to discourage "pot" smoking on campus. We feel that they have better things to do than spend the day searching out these indiscreet students. But if these students don't "cool it" security may have to start coming down on them.

If students must smoke marijuana on campus, we suggest that they find some less conspicuous locations. We do not want to see these students stirring up an "ill wind."

# Yes on No. 9

In the last few decades Americans have become negligent in their respect for future generations. Wastes, by-products and chemicals have polluted our air and water with conditions too foul for any "animal" to tolerate. Politicians and the advertising media continue to tell us we've "never had it so good."

Only in the last decade have Americans -- Oregonians foremost among them -- realized the need to take a second look at the "full steam-ahead approach" of technology and concentrate instead on the necessity for consideration of future life forms.

Oregonians are accepting that position as is evidenced in the state's bottle ban, cleansing of the Willamette River and other actions. This conscientious attitude will be tested Nov. 2 at polls throughout the state by the question of Ballot Measure No. 9.

A yes vote will not ban nuclear power plants in Oregon, but will require the energy industry to prove to the Oregon State Legislature that safe operation of nuclear power plants, their energy systems and the safe disposal of nuclear wastes, all can be insured.

Measure No. 9 also requires utilities to become fully responsible for personal and property damages resulting in the event of an accident.

This is a complex issue but before Measure No. 9 was introduced, the utility companies and controlling interests had precedence over the public in matters concerning nuclear power. With passage of this ballot, the public will change that monistic position and insure adequate safeguards.

Nuclear power advocates say that nuclear fission plants are "extremely safe", but they must be 100 percent safe. Is perfect safety possible?

Let us compare nuclear power with other forms of technology that have proved disastrous regardless of safeguards.

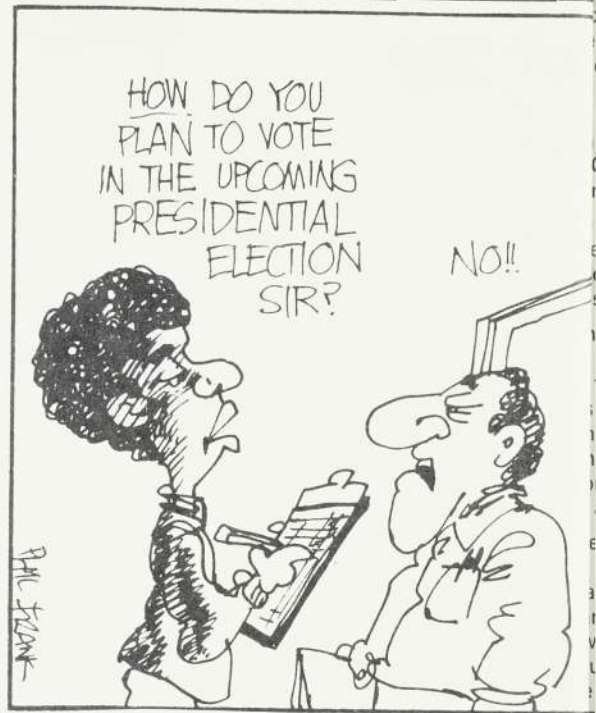
The Apollo spacecraft fire, in which three astronauts lost their lives, was supposed to have been avoided but it happened because safety was taken for granted. The Titanic was supposed to have been unsinkable -- but it sank. Thalidomide and 10,000 deformed babies is yet another example.

Even scientists involved with nuclear power are not completely convinced as to the safety of nuclear power plants.

"The situation can be likened to a man being pushed off a very tall building. Any feeling of confidence he may have as he passes the eighteenth floor is not based on realistic assessment of the situation," said Kepford, "for the fact he has not yet hit the ground is no guarantee he won't -- and when he does, his past safety record of having successfully passed all the floors is of little importance."

We therefore recommend a yes vote for Ballot Measure No. 9. The need for nuclear power may be questionable but the right of the public to receive safeguards should be mandatory.

# opinion



# letters

To the Editor:

Clackamas County voters will select their first new sheriff twenty years on Nov. 2 (the incumbent did not file for re-election). Many voters do not know the qualifications of the two candidates nor the dimensions of the position.

Being sheriff of a growing, urbanized county is not a light job. With over 200,000 population in the county, the sheriff's office, with 142 personnel (only 86 sworn), has one of the lowest officer-to-citizen ratios in Oregon, .73 per 1,000.

The agency is expected to provide all police services, including search and rescue on Mt. Hood, to the unincorporated areas of Clackamas County. It operates a jail, civil and tax department and collects about \$73 million in property taxes annually. In 1981, 5,750 Part I offenses were reported to the sheriff's office.

The candidates are John Renfro, Clackamas County judge, counselor and former police officer, and Bill Savage, Clackamas County civil and tax deputy and former professional wrestler on Portland television, where he appeared under the name Will Savage.

Renfro has 18 years background in criminal justice. He was employed at the National Security Agency for three years where he was assigned as a shift supervisor. He was a state police patrol officer for two and a half years, a Clackamas County Deputy Sheriff serving in patrol and detectives for five years, and has been a juvenile court counselor for nine years. He is also a training officer in the juvenile court. Renfro has a master's degree in Social Science and a major in administration of justice from Portland State University.

Savage has never worked as a patrolman or detective. He is a high school graduate. His nine-year Clackamas County employment has been as a jailer and civil and tax department deputy. Renfro has been endorsed by the Clackamas County Deputy Sheriff's Association, AFL-CIO Local 843, and the Clackamas County Central Labor Council.

I am a police officer in a county adjoining Clackamas County but I live in Clackamas County. I have spent my career as a state police practitioner and teacher of police administration.

The person who administers a modern criminal justice system like the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, should be someone with experience, training and education in that field. And of course he should be a person with leadership ability, good judgment, intelligence and a perception of issues in criminal justice.

I have no personal axe to grind in this campaign. But I do believe about good government and professional law enforcement. I believe Renfro is overwhelmingly the best candidate and that the taxpayers of Clackamas County owe it to themselves to elect him.

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