

Mayor Candidates Express Views

Men Answer City Problems That Affect UO

(Editor's note: The following interviews of the three candidates for the mayor of Eugene have been obtained so that student voters may be aware of the stands taken by these candidates on municipal problems affecting the University.)

'Vern' Hawn

E. H. Peterson, campaign manager for A Laverne Hawn, gave the Emerald a statement for the candidate, who is out of town until November 10.

Hawn favors the taxpayers at large paying half the cost of the millrace and those living adjacent to it paying the remainder, Peterson said. Maintenance, he said, was another matter. He suggested that the city might pay half.

Hawn as mayor would be unable to push for immediate action in the restoration of the race, Peterson said. Such action would have to wait for public opinion, according to Peterson.

He assured that "everything will be done" to close Thirteenth avenue to traffic, but pointed out that Fairmount residents have no other way of getting to town. He mentioned that Eighteenth is now being considered as a through street and that the highway might ease congestion.

In planning downtown parades and rallies "you have to contend with the other 60,000 or 70,000 people in Eugene," he said. "Until we figure some way to handle traffic, we'll have to go easy on parades."

"A man would certainly be foolish if he believed the University and Eugene weren't interdependent," Peterson said. He suggested that the greatest success could be attained when one relies upon the other.

Edwin Johnson

Edwin Johnson, University graduate of 1928, said he definitely favors closer cooperation between the University and the city.

Johnson was one of those who were vitally interested in the passing of the mill race bill last spring. "I spent many an evening on the mill race myself," he said, recalling his student days.

He suggested that the best way to finance the mill race restoration is through joint participation by the city, the University, and the owners of property adjacent to the race. "I didn't feel that the city could pay the whole cost, but the mill race is a community asset and well worth the investment," he commented. The city could participate in its maintenance, he said.

"As much as I would like to see Thirteenth avenue closed to traffic through the campus, I don't see how it could be done under the present conditions," Johnson said. He explained that right now Thirteenth and Nineteenth are the only through streets east of the campus. To close off Thirteenth would leave too many people on the east side without easy access to downtown Eugene.

Johnson explained that plans are now being studied for an adequate solution of the problem and that consideration is being given to making the highway and Eleventh



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RALPH NEWMAN



A. L. "VERN" HAWN

or Eighteenth a through street to siphon heavy traffic away from the campus.

The candidate for mayor said that the need for more adequate parking facilities and wider streets near the campus was recognized. He discussed the proposed widening of Alder street, explaining that although there would be some inconvenience while any widening was being done, it would have to be done because of the increased amount of traffic on the street.

Ralph Newman

Ralph Newman, Eugene businessman and candidate for mayor, said in an interview yesterday that he favors financial participation by the city in the restoration of the mill race.

Newman pointed out that the townspeople had already voted

money for this purpose. He said he was in favor of the city maintenance of the in-takes and outlets of the race, after it begins to flow again. In past years the city performed this duty with the aid of the property-owners along the race, he explained.

If he is elected mayor, Newman said he would investigate the problem thoroughly and try to see that action is taken on it as soon as the highway is completed.

Newman said he saw no reason why Thirteenth avenue between Emerald and Kincaid streets could not be closed to traffic after the city's plans for cross-town arterial traffic are completed. In his statement to the Emerald, he said he realized that the traffic and parking problems on and near the University campus were as acute as Eugene's downtown traffic problems and the city and the University should "work closely together"

er" in the solution of these problems.

Newman, as a member of the committee which formed the original Monday Morning Quarterbacks club, explained that he has always favored University-city cooperation. The Quarterbacks club, which was founded to foster this cooperation, evolved into the present Oregon club. Newman served as chairman of the original club in 1938 and 1939.

Newman said that he did not believe the University and the city of Eugene were "exactly interdependent," but explained this statement by saying that Eugene was no longer just a university town, but was growing into a city with a city's attendant problems. However, he said, with the University's expansion and building program, the University is still of great value to Eugene.

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