

The Emerald Editorial Board Endorses

Freshmen Candidates

Each year records in the Admissions Office indicate that freshmen are getting better. Admission standards have increased and the percentage taking remedial courses has decreased. Optimistic members of the Editorial Board who had this in mind when they interviewed freshman candidates Thursday night were soon disillusioned. The Board faced a long train of dull, unimaginative candidates, few with substantive proposals and most with no conception of what student government is or should be. In spite of the apparent lack of quality candidates we managed to find some criteria for comparison.

Frosh President No Endorsement

Candidate Mike Dye appeared somewhat unaware of fundamental campaign issues. He has no particular program to offer freshmen and has only the most superficial knowledge of the Senate's work. He favors constitutional revisions, but not at this time. The freshman class president, he believes, should be a coordinator. Dye feels the student referendum drive was poorly handled and done without the consent of the ASUO Senate. He has an ambivalent attitude toward the new conduct code and the student court. On one hand he questions the student court and on the other believes that it may make students more responsible.

Candidate Mike Lutz appears to focus his campaign on the fact that he is a Eugene student and has been an erstwhile observer of University affairs for quite some time. Lutz seems sincere, but is not particularly informed. He dislikes the idea of class presidents being removed from the Senate (a provision of the proposed constitution) and thinks that the National Student Association is weak in the west and without any particular benefits to students. He is not sure what Senate committee he would prefer. Lutz expressed interest in fraternity discrimination and would like to probe this area. Both candidates are personable and apparently interested in the office they are seeking even though they aren't quite sure what the Senate is all about.

Frosh Representative

It would be extremely difficult to differentiate between Rick Bonniksen and Stephen Londahl, frosh representative candidates. Again both are willing to serve in the position if elected, but neither has much to offer his would-be constituents or the Senate.

Rick Bonniksen thinks the new conduct code is basically what we need, but difficult

to institute or enforce. He felt that it would be difficult to take a stand on the National Student Association. He thinks he can help his class by establishing a class council. He is not sure which Senate committee he would seek a place on and isn't quite sure what area of Senate activity interests him.

Stephen Londahl is reserving his judgment on the National Student Association until he sees it in action. He did say that he will join the NSA international committee and do his part to make the organization work. He said he didn't have much opinion on the discipline code or student court. He too opposes constitutional revision because he believes the frosh president should retain his seat on the senate.

Joan Traphagen Women's Dorm Rep

We endorse Joan Traphagen for freshman women's dormitory representative because there appeared to be a clear distinction between the two candidates for this position. Miss Traphagen seems more aware. She seemed more imaginative and knowledgeable than her opponent. Miss Traphagen feels that the problem of the new conduct code is clearly a lack of information among freshmen. Most are not aware of the old system and have no standards for comparison. On the tax referral campaign she said the effort was worth it, but believes a more imaginative campaign might have been conducted although the time was short. Miss Traphagen is interested in serving on the Academic and Cultural Committee in the Senate.

Kathie Neilson, seeking the same position, is interested in seeing unity in the dormitories. She is not sure which committee would interest her in the Senate. The discipline code is very good, she maintains, but on the other hand questions such freedom. She joins several other frosh candidates in opposing constitutional revision.

Men's Dorm Rep

Of the three candidates for freshman men's dormitory representative only William Luvaas appeared for an interview. For this reason we cannot make an endorsement. We were, however, impressed with Luvaas. He is not only well grounded in the mechanics of student government, but has perceptive questions about the new conduct code. He is interested in the compulsory fee issue. Although Luvaas has a brother in student government his answers to question revealed that he has reflected on the work of the Senate.

Each year the Emerald Editorial Board endorses candidates for ASUO elections. We do this as a public service since the Editorial Board is the only campus group which has an opportunity to interview all candidates. We familiarize ourselves with their individual platforms and ask them questions. We attempt to make our questions consistent in order to objectively evaluate candidates. We hope that our experience with the candidates provides members of the student body with substantive judgments so that name familiarity is not the only standard for evaluation on election day.

Herblock



"Dear Gen. DeGaulle: Adenauer Has Retired. Macmillan Has Retired. Just Thought I'd Drop A Line To Ask How Are Things With You?"

Letters To the Editor

Supports Editorial

Emerald Editor:

Congratulations on your editorial in the October 21 issue on "Our Political Efforts." You have stated very effectively the thesis that I have supported for more than 25 years in my curriculum classes.

High school teachers can do a rather effective job with adolescent youth in developing interest and competency in exercising the privilege of voting, in spite of the handicap created by the fact that you realize that they will not be able to exercise their franchise for three or four, or even five years.

Any adult only needs to sit in the classroom of a capable social science teacher for several periods to realize that most youth of age 17 and 18 have more knowledge of candidates, issues and procedures pertaining to voting than the average adult. Furthermore they usually have more competency to recognize and deal with propaganda than the average adult.

No doubt high school teachers could do an even better job of developing voting competency if both teacher and students knew that the competency was to be used in the very near future rather than being put "on ice" for three or four years.

Is it any wonder that many young persons find it difficult to regain interest in civic and political matters when they finally become "of age"?

Hugh B. Wood

Professor of Education

Gross Tax Wanted

Emerald Editor:

The Townsend Organization is deeply disturbed over the possibility of cuts in the welfare program and high taxes already in effect and the continued increase in taxes; and the state of Oregon's difficulty in meeting the necessary state expenses.

We of the Townsend Area Convention in session in Port-

land Oct. 19, 1963 ask that our state legislature investigate the gross income tax as used successfully in Hawaii and Indiana.

Therefore be it resolved that the Oregon State Legislature adopt a gross income tax as the Oregon State Tax Base.

This resolution to be sent to the House, Senate, governor, and the press.

Dr. Irene Waldo
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Scholars or Gentlemen

Emerald Editor:

In a small effort to dissipate the "confusion over the role of counselors," may I add a footnote to the front page article appearing Wednesday, 23 October?

If we use Webster's Third New International Dictionary to describe a scholar as "one who has the attitudes (as curiosity, perseverance, initiative, originality, integrity) considered essential for learning," we go, especially with the word "integrity," into the very heart of what it means to be a gentleman. Every scholar, if he deserves that name, is a gentleman.

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Letters To the Editor

On Yell Squad

Emerald Editor:

A new yell for the rally squad to work on: "H2 SO4, Play us again, we'll give you more." Maybe it was meant to be satiric Greg, but it's just what our rally squad needs. Athletics ought to serve some academic function. (See Greg's Gossip, Oct 22 Oregonian.)

Irvine Smith
Psychology

Pledge Support

Emerald Editor:

As primary candidates for the office of freshman class vice president, we would like to express our appreciation to those of you who gave us your support in last

week's election.

During the campaign, we grew to feel a very deep concern for the class of '67. We feel that our class deserves the best possible leadership.

For this reason we would like to urge you to cast your vote for John Chirgwin for the office of freshman class vice president.

Susan Kennedy,
George Mead,
Freshman, Liberal Arts

Supports Bachelis

Emerald Editor:

I am supporting the candidacy of Greg Bachelis for Graduate Student Representative on the ASUO Senate.

I feel he has the interest and

experience to competently represent the graduate students. He served in student government as an undergraduate, and, since coming here in 1962 as a graduate in mathematics, he has maintained an active interest in campus issues.

I believe he has an awareness of the graduate students' point of view, as well as being sensitive to the needs of the University as a whole. I also feel he will effectively support causes of interest to graduate students outside the Senate, for example, the new graduate student center.

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