

The Emerald Editorial Board Endorses

George Austin and Barrie Wight For Senator-at-Large

In spite of frosh fumbles Thursday night when the Emerald Editorial Board met to endorse candidates for ASUO offices, the four candidates seeking senator-at-large positions were more encouraging. Two candidates should be singled out to students seeking capable, articulate senators. They are George Austin and Barrie Wight. Wight and Austin are two of the most thoughtful and knowledgeable political candidates to appear before the Editorial Board in the past two years. Austin's criticisms of present Senate operation were well founded and reflected research and thought. Austin wants to alter at least one of the proposed constitutional amendments. He feels that three ASUO elections each year will constitute a major deterrent to learning and interfere with the University's educational objectives. Austin is an enthusiastic and informed supporter of the new student conduct code. He sees the Senate's Academic and Cultural Committee as a challenging assignment and would seek a place on the committee if elected. The ASUO Senate must maintain considerable interest in the campus National Student Association council, he believes. Austin supports NSA and believes that the Senate has a responsibility to make the campus structure workable and of benefit to students. George Austin is a candidate with a good deal to offer his constituents, we enthusiastically urge his election.

The Editorial Board also endorses Barrie Wight, candidate for one of the two open

senator-at-large positions. Wight is a candidate who has already expressed his interest in important programs for the benefit of students. It was Wight who presented the proposed two-day reading and review period prior to final exam week. Wight is interested in analyzing the present registration system. He believes Oregon can follow other large universities in establishing a mailing pre-registration program. He supports active lobbying at the state level especially during the forthcoming special Legislative session. A campus international center to stimulate discussion and debate between foreign and American students is also included in Wight's platform. He opposes an international house living organization since it tends to isolate international students. Wight also seeks a position on the Academic and Cultural Committee. Wight has proven his enthusiasm for student government by presenting an important and worthwhile program to the Senate. If this is an indication of his future plans, students cannot afford to pass up this candidate. We strongly endorse Barrie Wight for senator-at-large.

This is not to say that the other two senator-at-large candidates are not worthy of support. Both Bill Dames and Bob Benedict were of much higher calibre than some of the class office candidates we interviewed, but neither had the breadth of knowledge or positive proposals that Austin and Wight presented.

dents and pledges to fairly represent them. He would maintain office hours and would be available to speak to foreign student groups. He supports the international house and would work to get additional counselors for foreign students. He believes the present counselor needs assistance due to the large international student population.

Vickie King for Upperclass Women's Dormitory Representative

We endorse Vickie King for upper class women's dormitory representative. Miss King seemed to have a better general framework of student government operation than her opponent Jan Heald. Miss King is interested in analyzing the National Student Association campus structure with particular interest in the civil liberties committee and its relationship to the local C.O.R.E. chapter. She would cooperate with present efforts to establish a dormitory council. Jan Heald is interested in the operation of the minor courts, but seemed more concerned with a few dormitory rules rather than the overall structure. She is also interested in the dormitory budget and has done some comparisons with Oregon State University.

Tom Bates Sophomore President

For sophomore class president we endorse Tom Bates. Bates is well informed and we are confident that he can make a contribution to the Senate. He is interested in probing the compulsory fee issue and supports the proposed changes in the Student Union and Educational Activities Budget Committee. Bates pledges to be both an administrator for class activities and a senator with positive proposals for student government. Candidate Bruce Beebe is

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Letters To the Editor

"Definite Disservice"

Emerald Editor:

On the October 28 Emerald editorial page a review of some of the freshman candidates was presented by the Editorial Board. I feel that this article was a definite disservice to the student body and to the candidates mentioned.

In the "introduction" in the upper right-hand corner of the page it was hoped that "substantive judgments" could be made with the information given. Following that (on the left-hand side of the page) it was stated that "... most [candidates had] no conception of what student government is or should be."

Nowhere does the author tell us what he assumes student government is or should be. It is on this question of hidden assumptions and criteria that the whole piece loses whatever value it might have had. All the judgments are obscured in a cloud of vague statements ("Candidate Mike Dye appeared somewhat unaware..." "Miss Traphagen seems more aware...") and generalities ("Lutz seems sincere...").

I am not questioning style of writing, but content. On a large campus like Oregon the student newspaper is presented with a real challenge in communication, but to back down completely from it is reprehensible.

I would hate to leave this letter on an unqualifiedly critical note so I must add that compared to many campus newspapers I have seen the Emerald maintains quite a high level of informational content. Keep up the good work.

**William Bliss
Graduate in Biology**

"Both Men Good"

Emerald Editor:

The Editorial Board, in its freshman class office endorsements, has discredited the two candidates for class president, Mike Lutz and Mike Dye, by refusing to endorse either candidate. Being personally acquainted with both men, and having

more concerned with issues of less significance and apparently not as aware of central issues of debate within student government. He supports the Kangaroo Court, which has been reinstituted this year. Beebe opposes NSA because of the cost and also questions the organization's structure. He supports constitutional revisions.

spoken with them much longer than 5-10 minutes as in the Emerald interviews, I feel that the freshman class received an inaccurate picture of the two candidates.

If they are "not particularly informed" (Emerald criticism of Lutz) or have "only the most superficial knowledge of the senate" (Emerald criticism of Dye), this is understandable since they've been on campus barely a month. I'm wondering if we should expect a well-worded statement on Senate policy from someone who has yet to be a participant in campus student government.

Indeed, an understanding of student politics requires more experience and study than 3 or 4 short weeks on campus can give.

One thing is certain. Both Lutz and Dye are far more capable than other freshmen in their understanding of student problems and willingness to learn more about Senate issues. Despite the Emerald's only compliment to the candidates (they are "personable and apparently interested"), I feel that either Lutz or Dye will be highly successful in their class activities and influential in the senate. Either candidate would be a credit to the freshman class.

**Gordie Zimmerman
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Supports Dames

Emerald Editor:

Last Spring Term I had the privilege of working on the Student Senate's Academic and Cultural Committee with ASUO Senator-at-Large candidate Bill Dames. I was very impressed (Continued on page 8)

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Graduate Student Representative

For this position we interviewed only one candidate, Gregory Bachelis. His opponent Ralph Mohr was unavailable for an interview. Bachelis had experience in student government during his undergraduate days. He is a thoughtful candidate worthy of consideration. He believes that an auditorium should supercede a stadium on a list of university priorities. He supports the National Student Association, liberalized library rules and the proposed Graduate Student Center. He would seek a position on the Student Government Committee in the ASUO Senate. Because we did not have an opportunity to interview Mohr we cannot endorse a candidate for the graduate representative position.

Chuck Dumars Sophomore Representative

The Editorial Board endorses Chuck Dumars for sophomore representative. Dumars is articulate and interested in the Senate. He has talked extensively with senators, attended senate meetings and acquainted himself with general problems. Dumars has also done research on the Senate in a political science course and seems to have a good deal more insight into the mechanical and power structure operation than most candidates. Tom Clark was less knowledgeable about Senate matters and rather vague about his role in the Senate if elected.

Foreign Student Representative

Howard Hsy is running un-opposed for the foreign student representative position. Hsy's opponent George Jacob has withdrawn from the race. Hsy, an architecture student in his second year at the University is interested in the problems of foreign stu-