

# Student votes needed in elections

An important election is coming up in November. Unfortunately it's not a presidential election so most people including students tend to brush it aside as inconsequential.

Most students have always looked upon state and local elections as irrelevant. The students who participated in the campaigns of Eugene McCarthy and Bob Kennedy in 1968 have, for the most part, dropped out of politics. The alienated youth of America are hopefully waiting for the election of 1972 and a new "messiah" who will save America and

the world. But the "messiahs" are never elected and will never be elected until their supporters establish a firm political base.

A new America cannot be built from the top. The work must be started at the local level. Campaigning may not be as exciting nor the issues as fascinating on the local level, but the results of hundreds of local and state elections can be just as important as a national election.

The students throughout the country so far have not used their powerful political potential effectively. There are thousands of

students from the University who are eligible to vote in the upcoming city, county, and state elections. That's enough votes to decide the outcome of almost any election in Lane County.

Now would be a good time for students to come out of political hibernation. There are some real differences between candidates at every level. The influence student voters can exert should be used, to support those candidates committed to a more just society and a more responsive society.

## Letters

### Where were the women?

We would like to present an aspect of the Racism Symposium which was neglected. WOMEN! Are there no Black, Chicano, or Indian women allowed to speak in the ranks of men? The oppression of women transcends racial and social boundaries, yet where were the Kathleen Cleavers, Dolores Huertas and Buffy Sainte-Maries? Were they invited or forgotten?

At this racism symposium none of the main speakers were women and few panel members were women. Furthermore, at least one of the main speakers made sexist slurs about women. When a woman called that particular speaker on his sexist remarks he responded, "Any woman who has problems with this has got sex problems." That's like saying that any black upset by racism has skin problems. One's sexual relations or skin color have nothing to do with wanting to be treated as a human being.

Isn't this what the symposium was all about?—How some groups of people are not treated as human beings because of their skin color, and how they feel about this discrimination?

Why were there no women to speak about our feelings in relation to the

discrimination we experience because of our sex? We too are an oppressed group.

The Women's Press

Liz Dance, Lachi Gilbert  
Robbie Hanna, Margarita  
Husted, Ann Nett

### ROTC To Infiltrate

It is high time to commend you for your excellent editorial of Oct. 14, namely, "R.O.T.C. doesn't belong in University."

Your precocity in heralding the vanguard of the future is most gratifying. You bluntly pointed out the dangers of R.O.T.C. on campus. It is definitely a threat to free inquiry. It is well known that Col. Elbert R. Curtis and his band of ruffians are secretly plotting to infiltrate every progressive department and organization in this University. When infiltration is accomplished the Col. will sound the bugle and his rabble will take up arms to destroy the remaining vestiges of freedom.

This type of plotting is not unusual for the R.O.T.C. In past years we have seen the members of the "rat pack" provoke violence against members of the Radical Collectives Union. Indeed, their hope to destroy this institution of right thinking

was so extreme that they attempted to burn the headquarters of the R.C.U. Such opposition to free thought cannot be tolerated, to tolerate such outbursts would jeopardize the existence of toleration itself.

Oh oracles of the Emerald, we thank you. You have pointed out a danger in our midst. Yet your proposal to cut this cancer out was most magnanimous. You did not advocate violence, you did not propose that we shoot these deranged creatures, indeed no! You asked that we only outlaw their philosophy, their hideous beliefs. Those of us who believe in diversity of ideas are forever indebted to you. The students of the University of Oregon praise you for your clear logic and perceptive policies.

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### Financial conscription

I agree with your October 13th editorial entitled, "O.P.I.R.G. has the right idea," except for one significant point, mandatory financial conscription of one dollar per student per term to support this organization. I will gladly donate one dollar each term, perhaps even more as I see results of this organizations en-

deavors, but cannot in good conscience support any referendum ballot that would eliminate my right to choose what organizations are worthwhile and which ones are not.

It would seem to me that you who are so much against a military conscription, which in fact takes a freedom of choice from those whose number is called could advocate a petition to take this same freedom of choice from those students that may feel differently about OPIRG.

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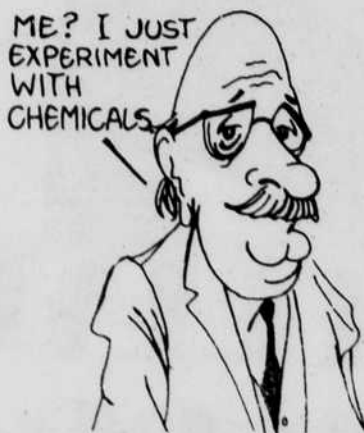
### Wanna Bet?

The following is directed to John M. Dolan, who sez:

- 1) the Ducks will lose to USC
- 2) the Ducks will lose to Air Force
- 3) the Ducks will lose to Oregon State
- 4) the Ducks will not go to the Rose Bowl

- 1) Wanna bet?
- 2) Wanna bet?
- 3) I'll give you 7 points; wanna bet?
- 4) 'You givin' odds, fella?

Bob Poet, Jr.  
(considering Quantitative Methods)



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