

30 attracted to meeting for new political party

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"Abolish war; End the draft; Repeal all laws that have crimes without victims; Free Education for all; Make tax laws equitable. Come to the formation of a new political party for Oregon."

So read the 2,000 handbills distributed to publicize a speech by Bill Milius, an idealistic political scientist seeking to form a new political party in Oregon. The meeting, which attracted only 30 people, was held Thursday in the EMU Dad's Room.

Milius hopes to form a permanent minor party in Oregon called the Independent Party in time to have candidates on the ballot for the 1972 election.

"I do not expect to win that election. I propose we build and try and win the second time out."

According to Milius the new party would be built "on issues rather than the charisma of the sixties." He added that all issues in the party platform would be negotiable except for the issue of the United States military.

"Our party would favor the immediate withdrawal of all American armed forces from all countries in the world," Milius said. "The way to end war is to

have the young refuse to fight. This party abolishes war."

A long-range goal of the party would be the election of a governor that would not allow any young Oregonian who did not want to be drafted to be physically removed from the state. Though Milius said all other issues would be negotiable within the party he recommended the end of criminal charges against people who have had abortions or used drugs.

He also criticized young people for "condoning welfare and foodstamps as a vehicle for education when all education should be free."

Milius claimed that neither of the existing political parties can be reformed and said he "favored ending government instead of increasing it."

Milius proposed to start the new party in Eugene by running candidates for local offices. To get a third party on the local ballot 3100 signatures on petitions are needed and 36,000 signatures are needed for the party to be recognized on the state level.

Stickers needed for parking

The Office of Campus Security reminds all students, staff and faculty that starting today, all vehicles parked in University-controlled lots and streets will be required to have the appropriate parking stickers.

Stickers may be purchased from the Office of Campus Security in Alpha Hall of Straub Hall. Violations of University ordinances will result in fines and/or towing of vehicles.

Magic, music, drama make weekend fare

Andre Cole, Earl Scruggs, a popular University Theatre production and the Association—that's the weekend entertainment lineup.

Cole, billed as America's leading illusionist, will present a program dealing with extra sensory perception, predictions of the future and the supernatural.

His performance will be at 8 p.m. Sunday in McArthur Court, and is sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ.

Scruggs plays old-time country music with a rock beat. Sponsored by the ASUO Cultural Forum, his "Revue" will begin at 8 p.m. tonight in McArthur Court. Tickets, at \$2.50, are on sale at the main desk, Chrystalship, Viscount Records and at the door.

There are no reserved seats for the Scruggs concert.

The Association will play at 8 p.m. Sunday in Gill Coliseum in Corvallis. Tickets are available at the Oregon State University Student Union.

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," a holdover from the University Theatre's summer schedule, will end its run tonight and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are still available at the UT box office, open from noon to 9 p.m. both nights.

Tickets are priced at \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$2.

AT THE CO-OP & THE EMU WHAT? (Duck Dope, of course)

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According to Milius, young people, counter-culture people, older people disillusioned with too much government and farmers will be attracted to the Independent Party.

Several arguments were raised by those attending the meeting. Milius' proposal was attacked for not dealing with economic issues and because it would not be a national organization.

"We have to do the nuts and bolts of politics and work from the ground up," Milius replied. He stressed that he would not be the party, and a platform committee would have to deal with specific economic and other local issues.

Milius recently moved to Oregon from St. Louis, Missouri because he felt Oregon is the only place that a party of this type could succeed at this time.

"I have been thinking about this for about two years," Milius said, "which is why I moved to Oregon."

Footbridge underpass step closer

A major step in assuring construction of an underpass to allow full-time use of the Willamette River footbridge was taken Wednesday. An agreement whereby the state and county will share in the cost was signed by the Lane County Commissioners and the State Highway Division.

The underpass will run beneath the Southern Pacific railroad tracks and would allow access to a permanent link between the University on the south side of the Willamette River, and Alton Baker Park, Autzen Stadium and a bike path on the north bank.

LCC may have budget but view still grim

By ALAN MALTUN
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Lane Community College won support for its revised 1971-72 budget Wednesday by a three to two voter margin.

A property tax levy of \$499,079 was approved by voters 14,438 to 9,633.

The 24,000 voter turnout was a new record for a special LCC election.

The budget victory came after three earlier tax levy proposals were defeated. According to LCC President Eldon Schafer, it has become tremendously difficult to make financial ends meet in the wake of increasing student enrollment and a decreasing operating budget.

Schafer said there is a negative trend towards financing education in Oregon. "The trend started a couple of years ago in higher education."

He added that the LCC budget had gone from just over eight million dollars its first year to approximately \$6.2 million for 1971-72.

The number of students enrolling at the community college has been leveling off. The growth rate will not continue on so drastic a scale according to Schafer. However, "the full-time enrollment may not even reach last year's mark of 5,600 this year," said Schafer.

He offered the tightened budget as the primary reason.

In addition, many students enrolled elsewhere when the budget situation delayed the school's opening. Final figures on the full-time enrollment will not be available for another two or three weeks.

Schafer felt that the third budget request for a \$977,223 property tax levy was "realistic."

In the face of a significantly lower amount available he said that the school would be able to get by but with some severe budget cuts.

In the past property tax levies have resulted in increased property tax rates.

When asked why there was such a distinct turnabout in the voters, Schafer said, "this time we are not asking for increased property taxes." The tax rate of \$1.52 per \$1,000 of actual cash value will remain the same.

"The 1972-73 budget will be the crucial one," said Schafer. This year LCC received \$240,000 from federal Employment Act funds, which will not be available next year. Schafer stated that "Property tax cannot bear the burden" of the entire cost of education. He feels the answer lies in some form of sales tax or in funding from state income tax.

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