

Primary '76 Emerald Endorsements

State races

In Legislative District 43 Democratic incumbent Ted Kulongoski will be unopposed in the primary. Republican voters, however, have two choices: Maxine Hays and James T. McDonald. Between the two, Hays is the lesser of the two evils. Both are unhappy with OCDC (Land Conservation and Development Commission). McDonald would repeal it altogether. Hays would reform it by making membership to it elective rather than appointive. Hays favors an extension of the 1978 cutoff date for field burning. McDonald's philosophy is "let 'em burn it." They both waffle on the corporate farming initiative. Hays opposes the initiative but favors saving family farms. McDonald admits he is "right down the middle" on the subject but would favor small farms "when feasible." Like we said, the differences are a matter of degree with Hays finishing only slightly ahead of McDonald.

State Treasurer — Of the three Democratic candidates meeting on the primary ballot for state treasurer, Jewel Lansing finishes first, Mel Gordon second and Marvin Hollingsworth last. Hollingsworth by his own admission doesn't have an "Oregon Plan" or a "Jewel Plan," just some ideas on how to run the treasury. The office demands more than someone with "just some ideas."

Gordon's emphasis on "prudent" investments and keeping state capital in Oregon investment institutions and away from eastern financial centers is commendable. He prefers to invest state funds in Oregon-based commercial firms and thereby stimulate job growth in Oregon rather than outside the state.

Lansing, however, tops Gordon on the qualifications side. Her investment criteria favors Oregon-based institutions in a manner similar to Gordon's. The trick is, though, to pick those institutions that are the most likely to remain financially sound. Her background as a certified public accountant and her masters degree from Stanford University means that she would have a definite edge over Gordon in picking the most financially-sound institutions.

On the Republican side of the state treasurer's race, Clay Myers and Irvin Mann rate above John Smets. Smets' track record for elective office hasn't been all that good. He has unsuccessfully run for governor, U.S. Senator and state superintendent of schools. The most disturbing aspect of his campaign are his views on off-shore drilling. He contends the oil exploration effort by Mobile Oil in the Willamette Valley should determine if there is oil off Oregon's coast. He states that he would not be opposed to off-shore drilling if there were adequate safeguards.

Between Myers and Mann, Myers has to be our choice. This choice is based on his experience. With nine years as secretary of state, he is familiar with the upper levels of state government. During his time as secretary of state, he streamlined several areas of operation within the office. He also served on the State Land Board with the governor and state treasurer and is therefore more familiar with the treasurer's office than Mann.

Secretary of State — For the first time in 10 years, there's no incumbent secretary of state, and the race for that post is a crowded one. The Democratic primary ballot will list five candidates: Al Densmore, Blaine Whipple, Dick Groener, Caroline Wilkins, and Phil McAlmond. Ad Densmore has the *Emerald's* support.

As a state representative, Densmore served as assistant majority leader and speaker pro tem. He supported mass transit and the opening of Oregon's primary system to independent voters.

Addressing the issues in the current race, Densmore advocates forcing the legislature to re-examine its priorities by scheduling reviews of all state agencies. He also feels the secretary of state should play an aggressive role in enforcing election laws, a job the present secretary has shrugged off on the attorney general.

The Republicans' choice is a good deal easier for secretary of state than the Democrats'. Only two candidates are running and one of them, Norma Paulus, is eminently more qualified than her opponent, John Kelting. Kelting doesn't even have a clear idea of the duties of the secretary. He says, "I don't think the secretary of state really makes any p...cies."

Paulus, on the other hand, knows exactly what the job demands. She has already been a member of the State Land Board and is familiar with its operation. She has served three terms as a state representative. She is sharp, aggressive and experienced. She is definitely the best choice for Republican voters.

Time for change now

The rhetoric concerning 'issues' seems greatly disproportionate to the real and expressed student interest in those issues, judging from the voter turnout in the primary elections. Unionization, legislative lobbying efforts, shared governance and the problems of collective bargaining are exciting, but what should be more exciting is the fact that the plans and activities for working these issues have been, by design, removed from us, and our participation in the direct process of meeting our own needs has been systematically blocked.

I decided to run for the office of student body president because I felt that perhaps there were other students like myself who could believe that change is possible and that it is time for change.

I am not just concerned with a change in proposed activities, I am concerned with a redirection in philosophy.

I support a philosophy of respect for all students and government openness to all forms of student participation.

Specifically, I believe that the ASUO executive must commit itself to a policy which directly supports all ASUO programs. I believe student participation will increase if and when the executive office and staff actively engage themselves in ASUO programs by their attendance at special functions, as well as by their overt efforts to advertise such programs through the many avenues available to the office. ASUO staff should be chosen based on their ability to perform office duties, as well as their interest in and ability to serve student groups and organizations.

Increased student participation lends depth to the current executive's concepts of unionization. Without this depth we are lost in a dangerous milieu, which results in executives tripping over good ideas that mean little to the general student body.

In order for next year's executive office to be meaningful and worthwhile to the students, it must ground itself in the realities of campus life. The question of how we work to bring more students into the process of elections and decision-making is the task before us.

I am working toward a goal of responsible and effective self-determination of our own student affairs which implies that we must work to include as many students as possible. It is not news to the majority of students that the rising costs involved in acquiring an education are a problem. We would probably agree that the struggling to get our money's worth is essential. No one needs to tell us these things.

What we do need to share with each other, though, is the importance of working with the State Board of Higher Education and at the Legislature in solving our problems here on this campus. We need to share with one another exactly how student participation on faculty committees effects change. We need to talk to each other about working to eliminate a variety of barriers which impede many numbers of students. There are many separate legitimate struggles going on at this campus, and they all need collective support.

What programs would I advocate? As I understand it the executive office is there to advocate for all programs. I see the existence of student programs and ongoing forms of student leadership as being the starting point for beginning the dialogue which is necessary for establishing an executive office which participates with students. If the majority of students here relate to the University through the programs of their interest, then part of my mandate is to be a program person.

We are going to have to pull in more students who have traditionally stayed away from student politics. It is essential that we expand our base here at home. We shall have to become more visible in our dialogues and support for one another.

We must cease remaining content with unity on paper and struggle to become more actively cohesive concerning what we are about.

Jan Oliver
candidate, ASUO pres.
IFC member

Letters

Over-shadowed

With all the fury surrounding the ASUO presidential runoff, another very important race is being over-shadowed: the runoff between Dave Tyler and David Parr for the Incidental Fee Committee. Every student contributes seventy-six dollars a year to the IFC, making the race very important. I believe it's possible for one member to set the tone for the entire committee. Voting to put Dave Tyler on the IFC will give him only one voice out of seven, but it will be an assertive voice for a change, and it is time for a change.

Tyler and Parr were within 2 per cent of each other in the primary election. A decisive 30 per cent of the vote went to the third place IFC candidate Derek Wilkins. Wilkins' platform, like Tyler's, called for a more responsive Incidental Fee Committee through increased student input. Wilkins has endorsed Dave Tyler for IFC because Tyler will be an active voice in helping to curb the current abuses on the IFC.

Dave Tyler has been endorsed by the *Emerald* as the more qualified candidate — a candidate "whose knowledge of the committee's past performance and his hopes for its future direction will add an assertive, program-oriented voice to the committee." Although his campaign budget is limited, Tyler has literature posted around campus, and a classified ad today, explaining his stand on the issues.

Dave believes the IFC is a workable institution or he wouldn't be running. He has, however, outlined the changes which he feels need to be made. Please read these, and vote Dave Tyler to IFC. It's time for a change.

Greg Minckley
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Nothing to gain

Archie Weinstein will need your May 25, 1976, Oregon Primary vote to become a Lane County Commissioner.

For a fact, Archie Weinstein has nothing to gain by becoming a Lane County Commissioner, but we do: We gain a man too rich to be bought; too tough to be pressured or intimidated; and too mature to be persuaded to abandon principle, in order to secure personal gain.

No matter how hard the press, your teachers, or anyone else, including me, tries to turn your vote into their desire...stop and think! For the past several years, who else besides Archie Weinstein has had the nerve to risk his wealth, his business, and his health in an unrewarding effort to expose governmental abuse of power?

The smart money thinks they have your vote and maybe thinks they have mine. Let's step out of lock-step and vote for Archie Weinstein. Let's give Archie his deserved chance to improve our lives and life-support systems as our new Lane County Commissioner, Position No. 1.

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Endorsement guidelines

Between now and May 24 the *Emerald* will be endorsing candidates for the various county, state and national positions that will appear on the Oregon Primary Election ballot, May 25. The *Emerald* endorsed the passage of all six measures that will appear on the May 25 ballot. Today the *Emerald* will look at the races for Legislative Dist. 43, Secretary of State and State Treasurer.

Several weeks ago the *Emerald* began gathering information on these candidates. Research and background material was supplied by New River News, a political research organization. Staff reporters interviewed the candidates or their spokespersons. An editorial board convened to evaluate the candidates. It is on this information and research that the *Emerald* bases its endorsements.