

Primary '76 Emerald Endorsements

Write-in Brown

In the last week, California Gov. Jerry Brown's campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination has shifted into high gear. Many Oregon voters who were previously supportive of Frank Church or Morris Udall are starting to take a second look at Brown. The *Emerald* supports Brown and urges all Democratic voters to write him in for President on Tuesday's primary ballot.

Brown's campaign is based on honesty and candor. He promises no grand scheme for solving the country's social and economic ills.

His platform, instead, is based on the realization that there are limits to "the material good life" and that these limits are imposed by a scarcity of resources. He correctly emphasizes that if we don't start living within these limits our present economic problems will be nothing compared to our survival as a species.

It is not a question of the *Emerald* being dissatisfied with Udall or Church. We feel very comfortable with their political philosophies and qualifications. Unfortunately, neither has been able to generate the type of grass-roots support needed to win. They haven't been able to put together the type of campaign that excites voters.

Brown also offers the best hope of upsetting Jimmy Carter's peanut wagon. We distrust Carter. He is unwilling to address the issues unless cornered and when cornered, trips over his own rhetoric. Even more than most politicians, Carter seems to be able to tell his audiences exactly what they want to hear.

Brown's campaign in Oregon was put together on short notice but it is professional and well-organized; a mark of his administrative abilities. Brown exudes a Kennedy-style charisma: the intangible ability to excite crowds and make them feel there is hope. At this stage we need this hope.

On the Republican side of the primary ballot, GOP voters must choose between Pres. Gerald Ford and ex-movie star Ronald Reagan. While Ford is not the most exciting President we've ever had, he is certainly a lot safer than Reagan. Reagan's "head 'em off at the pass" approach to politics would undoubtedly lead us into one international mess after another. In addition, his lack of compassion for social programs would ensure the continuation of social and economic dislocation at home. This negative attitude toward social welfare was reflected in his governing of California. The political and social upheaval he created by slashing away at these programs in California was never justified by the abuses he imagined to be in the programs. For Republicans the only choice and the only viable candidate is Ford.

Fourth Congressional District — The *Emerald* urges Democratic voters in this race to cast their ballots for the incumbent Jim Weaver. Weaver's re-election would mean the Fourth District will continue to have a strong, experienced voice on both the House Agriculture Committee and Interior Committee. He is opposed to any form of nuclear power and resistive to the idea of building dams simply to give the Army Corps of Engineers something to do. He is committed to the development of solar power and places federal aid to education ahead of defense spending on his list of priorities. Weaver's position on clear-cutting is realistic, considering this district encompasses such citadels of the timber industry as Roseburg and Medford. Any resolution of this issue is bound to contain compromises. Weaver's sensitivity to the environmental consequences of clear-cutting will ensure that any compromises contain adequate environmental safeguards.

On the other hand, Weaver's chief opponent, Charles Porter, would have trouble holding the district together on this issue. Porter enjoys some popularity with parts of the Eugene "liberal establishment" and trades heavily on his past association with Pres. Kennedy's administration. We doubt his ability, however, to be an effective district-wide leader in Congress. Porter's advocacy for public ownership of energy sources, health services, transportation and armaments would seriously divide district voters. He also favors damming the Rogue River.

Weaver's third opponent, Jerry Running Foxe, is entirely unacceptable. He is opposed to nuclear power only because it is "too expensive." He discourages the development of solar power in Oregon as "unrealistic." He also supports the proposal to dam Applegate and Days Creek. Most amazingly of all, he believes that war is a waste unless the countries which have lost wars against the United States become possessions of the United States. "After all, the Indians had to fall in line with U.S. foreign policy."

The Republican race for fourth district contains no contestants of any merit at all. Both Don Turner and Jerry Lausmann resist the ideas of federal aid to education. Turner favors less aid because it means "more federal control." He supports nuclear power, but feels the development of solar and geothermal power should be left to private firms. Lausmann also feels there are too many strings attached to federal aid for education. Both are critical of the food stamp program and Medicare and other social programs.

Another candidate for the Fourth District race, Toni Nathan is running an independent write-in campaign. Nathan urges a return to a complete laissez faire social and economic system. While she argues that such a system would mean opposition to government interference with individual civil liberties, such a system would also mean no consumer protection legislation, no minimum wage laws, no social security program and no Medicare. It would mean the freedom to suffer under the abuses and excesses of unregulated big business.

Letters

First in History

Four years ago, Pat Horton was the only one in law enforcement in the State of Oregon to work for changes in outdated marijuana laws. When he ran for D.A., he promised to instruct the police to give traffic ticket-like citations to dope smokers instead of making full scale arrests. This cost him a lot of votes many places in the county, but when he won the election, he followed through on his promise. As a result, he became a national leader in the area of marijuana law reform, helping to change the laws of not only Oregon but several other states.

Since then he has greatly expanded consumer protection in Lane County, conceived of and implemented the Lane Interagency Rape Team, and generally worked for progressive, modern law enforcement techniques.

Pat Horton is the first district attorney in Lane County history to hire women as trial lawyers.

At the same time, by concentrating on crimes against persons and property, Horton's office has achieved the highest yearly felony conviction rate in Lane County history.

I think we're luckier than most places to have a district attorney like Pat Horton. I sincerely hope everyone joins me Tuesday to re-elect him as district attorney.

Mary Lynn Hilton
dance, grad.

Concern known

I want to urge students at the University to vote for Nancy Hayward for Lane County Commissioner on Tuesday. I have known Ms. Hayward for years, and I know about her concern for young people.

It was Nancy Hayward who fought to allow the Renaissance Faire to be held west of Eugene each year, and Nancy Hayward who supported the Saturday Market when the downtown businessmen attempted to close it down — finally finding a compromise in agreeing to allow the Market to use the county parking structure across the street from the courthouse.

Ms. Hayward is also a supporter of BRING Recycling, (she was once chair of the organization), and a former president of the Eugene League of Women Voters, (who endorse her for the position of county commissioner). She is also endorsed by the Oregon League of Environmental Voters for her efforts in preserving a livable Lane County.

Nancy Hayward is concerned about the rights of young adults in our community, and we should keep her in office.

Ann Penny
theater, soph.

Public benefit

The voters of Oregon showed great wisdom when they adopted the Code of Ethics and Financial Disclosure Act of 1974.

Frank Elliott, incumbent commissioner and candidate for re-election, provides a good example of the public benefit to come from this new act as well as the improved campaign reporting laws in Oregon.

The Ethics Commission filing by Elliott shows that Commissioner Elliott as well as his wife, Helen Newman Elliott, are on the Lane County Payroll. Mrs. Elliott quite

surprisingly is a Lane County planner (drawing a salary above \$14,000 per year) and Frank Elliott receives the new commissioner annual salary of \$27,000. Total, over \$40,000 per year.

The Ethics report shows that Frank Elliott was the receiver of a \$500 plus emolument from the IBM Corporation about the time Lane County was making a decision to make a \$500,000 down payment on a second \$2 million IBM computer.

For his emolument (honorarium), Mr. Elliott took a plane to New York City to address a class of local government (sponsored by IBM) about the use of "the computer." Elliott, by the way, is a high school graduate and is really not known as a computer expert.

Lane County voters should consider these matters when they go to the polls on May 25.

David McTeague
pol. sci., jr.

Credit to all

At a time when most of us are complaining about the ineffectiveness of our public servants there is one person at our local level who we can all be proud of. This person is Pat Horton, our present district attorney.

Lane County has received national and international acclaim because of the district attorney's office implementation of the decriminalization of marijuana. Not only does it work but it enables our police to spend hundreds of more hours going after the hard drug pusher, burglars, murderers and many other serious felons.

Mr. Horton has tried very earnestly to find ways to save the taxpayer's money while still giving the people the best service possible. His office now asks the court to make a person convicted of a crime pay back the cost of his prosecution. In the last year this program has brought in \$35,000 and this figure is expected to increase yearly as the debts are paid off.

Pat Horton has advocated the team concept in law enforcement. We now have a very effective Rape Team, LINT Team, and Burglary Team.

With just a few of his accomplishments listed here it's no wonder he was asked to speak before the U.S. Senate, several city and state law enforcement bodies, and the Canadian Senate. His innovative ideas are now spreading all over the nation, one example being the San Francisco Police Department.

Mr. Horton's tenure in office has been a credit to all of Lane County.

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Next time thank

Nancy Hayward is the county commissioner responsible for the bicycle pedestrian trails on the north bank of the Willamette River.

In the summer of '71, the State Legislature passed the "bicycle bill" earmarking 1 per cent of gas tax monies for bikeways. Most cities and counties did nothing. Not Lane County. A new commissioner, Nancy Hayward, sensed the opportunity. The north bank bicycle trail resulted.

Next time you bicycle or jog that trail, remember to thank Nancy. Better yet, thank her Tuesday by re-electing her as county commissioner.

Ruth Bascom,
chair,
Eugene Bicycle Committee
and member,
State Bicycle Committee

Letters policy

The *Emerald* will accept and try to print all letters containing fair comment on ideas and topics of concern or interest to the University community. Because of space limitations, letters must be no more than 250 words, typed, triple-spaced, dated and signed with the person's major. No unsigned letters will be published. Longer opinion columns will be published whenever possible after being submitted to the editorial page editor. The limit on opinion columns is 800 words, using the same format as letters.

Primary summary

Over the past week and a half, the *Emerald* has endorsed the various candidates and measures that will appear on Tuesday's primary election ballot. We now offer a summary of our recommendations for these candidates and measures.

Offices

President	Demo — Jerry Brown GOP — Gerald Ford
Fourth Congressional District	Demo — Jim Weaver GOP — none qualified
State Attorney General	Demo — Jim Redden GOP — Lyndon "Tuck" Wilson
Secretary of State	Demo — Al Densmore GOP — Norma Paulus
State Treasurer	Demo — Jewel Lansing GOP — Clay Myers
State Legislative District 43	Demo — unopposed GOP — Maxine Hays
County Commissioner Position One	Demo — Nancy Hayward GOP — John Parkhurst
County Commissioner Position Three	Demo — Jack Craig GOP — unopposed
Lane County District Attorney	Non-partisan — Pat Horton
Lane County Sheriff	Non-partisan — Dave Burks

Ballot Measures

Measure No. 1 (veterans' loans)	Yes
Measure No. 2 (disciplining state judges)	Yes
Measure No. 3 (housing for the elderly)	Yes
Measure No. 4 (authority for transit district to tax)	Yes
Measure No. 5 (new county jail)	Yes
Measure No. 6	Yes