

Letters

For Pratt

Camilla Pratt is a candidate for EWEB serving Wards 2 and 3. Her interest in the EWEB board is not newly found. She has regularly attended EWEB board meetings for several years. As a result, her knowledge of EWEB activities is superior as is her understanding of the complexities of power agreements between EWEB and Bonneville Power.

Many of the significant changes that EWEB has instituted in the last 2-3 years have been advocated by Camilla before they obtained board support. Among these are utilization of local sources of waste energy for power and steam generation (such as the Weyerhaeuser installation), institution of EWEB policies to conserve wasteful energy consumption, and development of new sources of generation which are environmentally sound and appropriately scaled, such as solar space heating. If elected, she will be able to continue her creative role in reshaping EWEB policies.

We need an EWEB board member who understands the view point of the household consumer, who can effectively represent the environmental concerns associated with generation, transmission, and consumption of energy, and who will help formulate energy policies to serve EWEB customers in the future. Camilla is the one candidate from Wards 2 and 3 who can do this.

Howard Bonnett
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Not opposing 9

I have just been advised that a letter, mailed by Portland General Electric, lists my name as an opponent of Ballot Measure Number 9. The author had no authority to include my name.

As the drafter of the neutral statement in Oregon's Voters' Pamphlet I agreed to maintain a neutral stance on Ballot Measure Number 9. I did this to insure that the Voters' Pamphlet material would not be tainted or suspect.

I have also been advised that my name has been used in debates on the issue by the oppo-

nents of Ballot Measure Number 9.

The use of my name has not been authorized, I have not taken a public position on the issue and Oregonians can rely on the objectivity of the neutral statement in their Voters' Pamphlet.

Jim Redden
State Treasurer

For Carter

For those of us who are concerned with problems such as welfare, energy and health care which effect our lives on a daily basis, the presidential answer is Gov. Jimmy Carter.

Jimmy Carter and a Democratic administration is the solution to untangle our present welfare system; that is, a simplified welfare system with a strong work incentive which would promote family stability. Gov. Carter promotes a plan to take those able to work out of the welfare system and provide them with a chance to work. Those who cannot be employed because of age or disability would be given welfare benefits in a dignified manner to preserve their self-respect.

Jimmy Carter believes in the establishment of an energy policy which would emphasize conservation and the development of solar, wind and geothermal energy sources, as well as coal production. Jimmy Carter understands the need for nuclear safeguards, and supports Oregon's ballot measure 9, which regulates the approval of nuclear plant construction.

Jimmy Carter's response to the unreasonable cost of medical care is a comprehensive national health care program. Health care would be a right rather than a financial privilege for all people, and the private relationship between doctor and patient would be preserved.

Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale are the answer to the awesome problems of our government. We need an administration which is really concerned with our needs; we cannot tolerate another four years of nothing.

Kathleen Hostick
Sophomore-Journalism

endorsements

Rust for County Commissioner

Of the nearly 50 candidates the Emerald has interviewed over the past several weeks, one of the few we can endorse with unqualified enthusiasm is Jerry Rust, Independent candidate for Lane County Commissioner, Position No. 3.

Here is a race in which the student vote can make a difference. And it is probably the most important race in Lane County.

Rust is opposed by Democrat Frank Elliott, a 14-year veteran of the Commission. Elliott's long tenure has proven him to be a do-nothing politician who considers his salary the most important part of his job. One must look far into his past to find any positive achievements, and his role on the Commission has degenerated in the past two years to the point where he consistently votes against the majority simply to keep from making mistakes.

The Republican candidate, Andy Maxon, is a likeable guy who would undoubtedly do a good job representing Republican realtors like himself.

Elliott and Maxon share roughly similar views on county issues. Both oppose state-wide coordination of land use planning. Both are critical of the county's recent building programs. Both want to slow the growth of Lane County government.

Rust agrees with Elliott and Maxon on the county's building programs. He says a lot of county money has been wasted on construction that should have been as-

signed a low priority. Rust thinks the county should get out of the road-building business and take private bids on road construction and maintenance. But here the similarity ends.

Rust is the only candidate who opposes Ballot Measure 10, the initiative that would abolish the Land Conservation and Development Commission. The problems Lane County has had with land use planning, Rust believes, can be solved by involving citizens in the planning process and by viewing planning as an ongoing process that is flexible, not fixed.

Rust favors rolling back Commissioner's salaries, developing alternatives to the use of herbicides in roadside brush control and solving the county's solid waste problems by thinking of waste as a potential resource instead of something to be buried and forgotten.

The impressive thing about Rust is that his stands on the various county issues are part of an internally consistent vision of the future. Rust understands the need to encourage the growth of a local economy and appreciates the necessity of preserving the county's basic resource, the land.

The student vote was the deciding factor in the 1974 race that saw Bob Wood win a narrow victory over Archie Weinstein. This year students can help elect an even more positive candidate, Jerry Rust. He will bring imagination, leadership and concern to the County Courthouse.

Heads Archie, tails Parkhurst

A look at the race for Lane County Commission Position No. 1 makes the importance of electing Jerry Rust in Position No. 3 even more apparent.

In this race millionaire Archie Weinstein, a wildcat Democrat, is pitted against Republican John Parkhurst, the former Lane County Assessor.

Weinstein is fond of making broad promises about how much money he can save Lane County by slashing programs and services, by drastic reorganization of the county government structure and by ending county competition with free enterprise. He is also a staunch opponent of state-wide land use planning coordination.

Parkhurst's promises are considerably more restrained, somewhat more believable but basically the same. Weinstein's arguments are full of contradictions, and

Parkhurst's are at least consistent, but neither seems to understand the basic issues facing Lane County.

The campaign for the Position No. 1 seat has centered around property tax relief. Apparently neither man cares to talk about the fact that the county tax levy is only \$1.38 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, which means the average homeowner pays about \$50 a year in county taxes. Even if county services were cut by half, the average homeowner's tax bill would not go down by more than 10 or 15 dollars.

We've tried to choose the lesser of two evils in this race, but we've got to admit we're stumped. People who like political fireworks and who are gamblers at heart should probably vote for Weinstein. Those who like to play it safe would be better off with Parkhurst. We're going to flip a coin.

the Presidency

Ford for President: peace and prosperity

Gerald Ford deserves the support of students. Solid, tough policy choices and honesty and openness in office have marked his administration.

"In the present administration I have made it a matter of highest priority to restore to the executive branch decency, honesty and adherence to the law at all levels. This has been done and it will continue."

Gerald Ford's Presidency stands for peace. We have it now. We did not before. We will have neither a Bay of Pigs invasion nor a Vietnam War while he is in office. When faced with life-and-death command decisions President Ford has demonstrated his capacity to do the job correctly. Today this nation is the only country in the world that commands the respect of both Arab and Israeli. This administration is properly concerned with international human rights and has the experience and the ability to make this concern visibly felt. President Ford stands for evolution and equality in Southern Africa, increased freedom and integrity in Eastern Europe, and peace and respectful co-existence in the Middle East.

"What is the criteria for a good foreign policy? Peace. We have got it. . . If you've got something that works you keep it. You don't get rid of it."

President Ford believes the solution to our economic difficulties lies in the private enterprise system. 1.7 million more Americans now have jobs than when he took office. Profits and wages earned in the private sector result from the production of goods. These profits and wages support every governmental spending program to meet human needs that exist. To increase our government's ability to produce President Ford believes that jobs have to increase in the private sector. More Americans are at work today than ever before in our history.

Inflation is the most cruel tax that faces the wage earner. The number one cause of inflation is the expansion of money and credit needed to pay for deficit spending. Inflation is the direct responsibility of the United States Congress which appropriates and spends your money. The Democratic Party has controlled Congress for the last 22 years. To cut inflation we must balance our budget. Jimmy Carter agrees with this proposition. Carter speaks of no new spending until the budget is balanced and a balanced budget by 1981. Since 1974 President Ford has been working to limit this same spending. He has cut \$13 billion from the Federal budget, and has cut inflation from over 12 per cent in 1974 to about 6 per cent in 1976. President Ford will offer Congress a balanced budget by 1978. Why wait three years longer to balance the budget? President Ford deserves your vote.

"We are getting a lot of criticism from people who say that things are still bad . . . but doggone it, we did a good job and we are going to continue to do a good job for the next four years with the same basic philosophy which is individual rights and a dedication to the free enterprise system."

Restricting federal spending means making tough decisions as to where the money will go. There should be no doubt as to President Ford's priorities. At the height of President Johnson's Great Society the Federal budget was about 33 per cent to human services. Today in President Ford's budget 55 per cent is being devoted to those human services. President Ford supports the idea that the best tax reform is tax reduction and also supports structural adjustments to help the working men and women of this nation. He supports simplification of the

laws, an increased personal exemption to \$1,000, and tax credits for college tuition, post-secondary training and child care expenses incurred by working parents.

"I am absolutely convinced that we have to get a greater degree of equality and fairness in the middle-income taxpayer category."

President Ford has appointed women to 27 of the highest posts in government including Carla Hills, Betty Southard, Anne Armstrong and General Jean Holmes. Women hold at least eight of the top positions in the National Office of President Ford's campaign for election. Gerald Ford is not a President that changes his programs to fit popularity polls. He is not a politician who remembers Martin Luther King before one group of voters and speaks of ethnic purity before another. This country needs a person whose performance and position are on the record, a person we can trust in the Presidency.

Gerald Ford is a decent man, dedicated to the principles of freedom and equality that are the foundation of our concept in government. An outspoken and active wife and family are able testament to the philosophy of this man's life. Be yourself, say what you believe in, do your best, and most importantly promise only what you can and will do. Compare the two men, their records, their backgrounds, and their promises. One man, Gerald Ford, deserves your vote.

"It is not the power and the glamour of the Presidency that leads me to ask for another four years. It is something every hard working American will understand — the challenge of a job well done but far from finished."