

ASUO candidate's forum

For Mieke

I am writing to support the candidacy of Peter Mieke to the IFC. I am convinced that Peter would be firmly behind programs such as Search, Survival Center, CCDC and Escape.

Peter is firmly committed to affirmative action in programs and in the University. Peter believes that women's athletics should be funded by the athletic department, under the provisions of title nine

rather than passing the buck to the IFC, and would actively fight for that.

Peter would be tough but fair in the allocation of our IFC funds. Above all Peter would be responsive to all members of the University community, not just the traditional power sources. I urge you to vote Peter Mieke for IFC. You will not regret it.

Jeffrey S. Warren
SUAB member #18
Sophomore, geography

For Condliffe

I would like to thank those people who have been supporting me in my campaign for election to the Incidental Fee Committee. I am very grateful for the endorsements I have received.

Programs on this campus touch all of us as students. Most of us will or have taken a Search class. The Survival Center is a highly active environmental group with many volunteers trying to keep Oregon liv-

able. PACE provides us with tutoring and counseling. By next spring term one in four students will receive credit in ESCAPE, a program partially funded by incidental fees.

These programs and others must compete for \$1.3 million in incidental fees. My support for these and other programs, as well as new innovative programs like the Amazon Tenant's Cooperative, show that I will not overfund one program while shortchanging another; but that I will conscientiously strive to fund all these programs so that they can serve the largest number of students possible.

I ask for your vote today for the IFC.

Jack Condliffe
Sophomore, business

opinion

Demonstrate in Portland

The election year con game is on again.

And this year they're spending almost as much time selling the election process itself as they are in selling the candidates. Vote, they say — Jimmy Carter's not like all those other politicians. Vote, they say — Jerry Ford's as honest as he is dumb. Vote, they say — it's the great equalizer. And they've even cooked up TV debates to try to "stir up public interest."

But despite the hard sell, we aren't buying. We've had it with the meaningless double-talk of smiling politicians who promise us the sky and stab us in the back when elected. How many "honest public servants" have been caught in the past few years with corporate pay-offs in one hand and a \$14,000 hooker in the other?

These elections are a trap. Just when the whole stinking lie of this so-called "democracy" is standing exposed, from the promises and claims of economic recovery to the open pit of Watergate, these jokers show up again smiling and pleading "just give us one more chance." Meanwhile we're supposed to leave things to them — shut up and vote and watch them quietly for the next four years as they keep on trying to take away everything good people have worked and fought for.

No way! That's got to be our answer to the donkeys, elephants and their rich ringmasters.

This year there is another choice beside the usual pick between the "lesser of two evils." The Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee, a national organization of the unemployed, is calling for demonstrations the evening of November 2, election day, under the slogan "Politicians Fight for \$ Interests, We Must Fight For Our Own!" UWOC is calling on the 10-million unemployed in this country and on the rest of us to start building our strength to fight in our own interests. The demonstrations on

November 2 are a way to say No! to the plans both parties and their rich backers have for our future and to hit at their attempts to restore our faith in their rotten system. On November 2 we'll be raising loudly the demand for jobs or income and taking them on over all the abuses people are forced to put up with.

How are we going to deal with the mess things are in? They try to tell us this government represents the people, and on election day we get to decide what goes on. But with the economy going downhill and more of the same or worse ahead, and with Watergate and other government scandals and the lies about Vietnam, why the hell should we have any faith or trust in the politician, the government or the whole system?

So they trot out Jimmy Carter, peanut farmer, "common man" for the common people, as their latest knight on a white horse. But Carter is no man of the people, he's a near millionaire who got that way by paying his workers \$2.30 an hour. These are the kind of "decent jobs" he promises us as a "cure" for unemployment. The Humphrey-Hawkins bill and other such workfare programs backed by Carter amount to massive wage cuts on working people, forcing them to take low-paying, non-union government jobs. And while he may publicly attack the "economic elite" and the "special interests," Carter is careful to check in with rich capitalists like Henry Ford, who really call the shots.

Ford offers even fewer illusions about whose interests he serves.

So this is the big choice we're supposed to have — nothing but a big fraud. The politicians, from FDR to Nixon, never gave us anything. It's only by taking things into our own hands and fighting for what we need that we've been able to get anywhere. It was the millions of people in this country who took part in the anti-war movement, and the Vietnamese people themselves, that forced

the U.S. ruling class out of Vietnam, not the phony promises of Nixon, McGovern or LBJ. It wasn't FDR who "gave" the people unemployment insurance, social security or anything else. These were won from the rich class by the millions of workers who fought them in bitter battle in the 1930s.

When a handful of high and mighty own everything, from factories and banks to the media that shape public opinion, to the politicians themselves, how can there be any real democracy for the working class and the majority of people? The rich class cares only about making as much money as possible. To get rich and stay rich they must wring what profit they can from the labor of working people and push us all down. These elections are a dead end aimed at diverting us from fighting for our interests, and restoring our faith in their system that creates all the problems we face. The capitalists and their politicians will never give us what we need. It's up to us to unite our ranks, organize and fight them.

These election-day demonstrations can be a real step in that direction. In over 20 cities, students, youth, vets and others will be standing with the working class to put the lie to these elections and to point the way forward. The RSB is going all out to build for these demonstrations, taking on the election trap in everyway we can.

We'll be leaving to go to Portland from the EMU terrace at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and rides will be available for people who want to go to the demonstration. On campus we'll be distributing election day armbands and holding a rally at 12:30 p.m. on the terrace.

Wear the armband! Demonstrate with us on November 2!

John Kaiser
John Lanier
for the Revolutionary
student Brigade

Overcome apathy

Apathy is one of the most prevalent forces in America and on our own University campus. National figures show that our next President will be elected by only 45 per cent of the registered voters; while here at the University, our primary elections drew only 796 voters. Apathy is noticeable not only in politics, but in any area where a citizen has to donate his time and effort to the community.

Perhaps citizenship comes too freely to the citizens of the U.S. In ancient times, the distinction of being a Greek or Roman citizen came only as an honor to the deserving. The duties and responsibilities of a citizen were multifold; they required much time and were taken seriously. The duties ranged from voting, sitting in on community groups, and bearing arms for national defense. Citizenship came only to the privileged few — not to the apathetic.

What can one do to overcome apathy? Not a hell of a lot. Our own country only briefly overcame its own apathy with the Watergate scandal. It then sunk back into the anesthetic atmosphere of apathy. What is so bad about apathy? It extinguishes the normal involvement a person should feel with his campus, community or country. Apathy does not build bonds between groups, or between a people and their leaders. Most of all, apathy creates sluggish, lethargic and weak people.

The most vital people a person knows are those who are interested and involved with the people around them. They are filled with a sense of purpose, and they feel that they have left some mark on their community. This letter is not a cry for involvement, for apathetic people rarely read newspapers. Instead, I offer this as a note of thanks to the people who involve themselves with others.

Jeannette M. Bunch
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Candidate for SUAB #13

opinion

Survival Center slate for conservation, livability

Does this year's political scene really turn you off? Many of you are probably asking, "what for?", after being told to vote for the 23rd time this week. All of us were taught in grade school that America is a democracy and the one-person-one-vote principle assures each and every one of us adults a voice in government. Granted, most everyone can vote but there are more than a few people who have begun to question why the voices of a select group of interests apparently are the only ones the government listens to.

This is but one characteristic of the disillusioning political climate that we grew up in; but let's not allow these justifiably negative feelings to preclude us from doing something to improve our lives. That's right, no matter what you think about the government, you know that it influences you and everyone else a great deal and voting is one opportunity to have some say in what goes on. Believe it or not, besides advocating voting, we folks at the Survival Center sincerely feel that there are some important issues being considered on November 2nd.

Before we discuss these issues, let's find out what-in-the-EMU is the Survival Center? The Survival Center is the environmental action group here on campus and this is subject to several different interpretations. Plutonium salesmen and urban sprawl developers label environmentalists as "dangerous radicals." Yet we in the Survival Center tend to distrust their motives and feel you might find us a group that cares about our lives and where we live; and is actually trying to do something

about it! We initiate environmental projects on campus, in the community and with government agencies as well as being an educational service with our four SEARCH classes, Resource center and speaking engagements.

This description, however, reads like the bland wording of a guide to bureaucracies so let's see what really goes on. People in the Survival Center are working towards goals so that your favorite forest trail will not be part of the next clear cut; bicycling will be safer and more fun with a greater number of bikepaths; recycling will be made easier and more effective so we don't senselessly waste the earth's precious resources; those majestic whales, as well as other endangered marine and mammal wildlife will not be treated so ruthlessly; the consideration of our sources of energy will not needlessly pose risks to the lives of many for generations to come; land use planning will allow our state to retain its unique natural qualities instead of becoming one more freeway off-ramp; and making sure several other environmental concerns aren't ignored.

Environmental issues have increasingly been thrust into the limelight in the political arena and that is why we urge you to vote next Tuesday and to consciously view the ballot measures and candidates with respect to how they will effect your environment. Because of our concern for the livability for our society and through the knowledge we have gained doing research on issues and initiating action, the Survival Center recommends voting in the following manner:

Vote yes on ballot measure 9 for nuclear safety
Vote no on ballot measure 10 which abolishes land use planning
Vote no on ballot measure 12 which repeals local councils of government
Jim Weaver for 4th District Congressional Representative
Jerry Rust for County Commissioner Position No. 3
Neil Murray for Eugene Mayor
John Stewart for State Rep. District 41
Nancie Fadeley for State Rep. District 42
Jack Delay for City Council
Camilla Pratt for EWEB
John Silvermoon for EWEB
Jimmy Carter for President

Though we would like very much to do so, it would take far too much space to list our reasons in support of these positions. However, we are more than willing to discuss our endorsements with anyone who wishes to drop by Suite 1 downstairs in the new EMU where we have information available on the ballot measures and candidates. The Survival Center cares about life and the quality of our lives and by providing these environmental voting suggestions we hope that you, too, will show your concern on election day.

Bruce Walker
Director, Survival Center
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