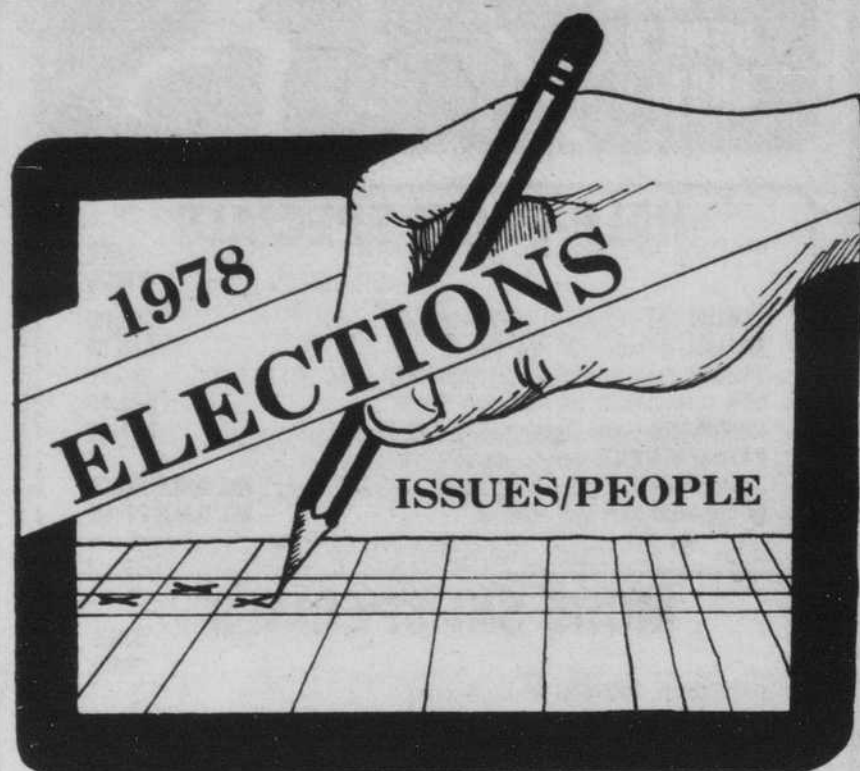


Political parties gear up for elections

Local Demos adopt planks



Energy, the environment and human rights promise to promote some controversial debates at the State Democratic Convention March 31-April 2, judging by the platforms recently drafted by Oregon's two major counties.

Several adopted planks by the two counties reflect reactions to recent controversies.

Lane Democrats are calling for a national collective bargaining act for all educational employees, which might have been sparked by fall term's Graduate Teaching Fellowship Federation debate.

They also adopted a plank supporting a "de-emphasis" on publishing requirements for teacher tenure and more emphasis on teaching and community services, perhaps inspired by Economic Professor Margaret Simeral's recent plight regarding publishing to ensure tenure.

Multnomah Democrats took a

stand for abolition of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission as a result of the current state investigation of that agency.

And there is one specific plank that University students might find interesting.

Lane Democrats have asked that it be illegal to require social security numbers "on any form...other than for the Social Security Administration or IRS needs."

That would mean goodbye to student body numbers.

By LIZ BUTCHER
Of the Emerald

Both Multnomah and Lane County Democrats have adopted resolutions strongly opposing private "profiteering" utility interests, while supporting public ownership of power utilities and the much-debated public preference clause.

Lane Democrats have extended this to include opposition to Gov. Bob Straub's Domestic and Rural Power Authority (DRPA) proposal, which allows public power utilities to have large industrial and private utility "pass through" customers.

On the nuclear power issue, both counties have taken a stand against building more atomic plants in the Northwest and in favor of decommissioning Trojan and Hanford complexes.

Lane Democrats have added to this with support for a requirement that Oregon utilities operating atomic plants must establish funds to cover the decommissioning costs themselves.

Also suggested is a moratorium on existing nuclear plants until waste disposal problems are resolved.

It opposes repeal of the recent amendment to the Eugene Human Rights Ordinance, which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, calls for unconditional amnesty and supports granting "all rights of majority" (including drinking) to 18 year-olds.

Multnomah Democrats, reacting to a teenager who informed them he had been held and searched at gunpoint by Portland police, passed a plank supporting prohibition of handgun ownership or use — extending to police officers and excepting only the armed forces.

Lane Democrats approved a plank with a slightly different viewpoint that suggested establishment of elected civilian review boards empowered to penalize unjust policemen.

Platforms from all the counties, will be submitted at the State Democratic Convention and combined into a state platform. This resulting platform then becomes the "guideline" for Democratic candidates and officials around the state.

Where the environment is concerned, Lane Democrats favor expanding the "bottle bill" to include wine and liquor bottles, lowering shipping charges for recycled materials and earmarking school funds for primary and secondary environmental education.

In addition, they have asked for the creation of a state commission to study regulation of excess packaging in Oregon.

But it is by far both counties' human rights planks that are the most controversial.

The Lane platform supports, among other things, legalized personal use of marijuana, legalized gambling, abortion on demand regardless of ability to pay and legalized prostitution with accompanying health regulations.

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Republicans set mini-convention to measure 'pulse of the people'

By BETSY ROTT
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The Lane County Republican Committee is already planning for the November general elections, as local Republicans organize a mini-convention for May in preparation for the summer state convention.

According to Judy Castle, Lane County Republican party office manager, the purpose of the mini-convention is to determine "the pulse of the southern people."

Lane County Republicans will draw up a platform based on the interests of the constituents.

Castle says counties other than Multnomah will voice their opinions about campaign issues.

The platform will be sent to the other state districts for input before being presented at the state convention.

Castle believes the Lane platform will em-

phasize "people issues." The problems of displaced homemakers, welfare mothers and childcare will be considered.

Other possible issues include the problems of labor, the small businessman and free enterprise as well as the dentist controversy.

Any registered Republican is eligible to attend and vote at the mini-convention. Voting is not limited to delegates.

The last Lane County mini-convention was a big success, says Castle. In the previous election, all but one of the issues presented appeared on the Republican platform.

The Republican Central Committee meets at 7 tonight at the Asia Gardens Restaurant for a preliminary meeting with precinct members. Candidates will be on hand to distribute brochures.

Several Round Table Forums are also planned on Fridays at noon to allow candidates to discuss issues.

Via takes over reigns of campus labor center

By RICHARD SEVEN
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The state Labor Education and Resource Center (LERC) has found itself a new permanent director who will take over July 1.

Emory Via, a 30-year veteran in the labor education field and currently a visiting professor charged with establishing a labor education program at Georgia State University in Atlanta, will become the center's new director.

University vice-Provost Robert Albrecht says of Via, "He is probably the best person in the country for the job. That's the view of many people we talked to around the country — members of the national labor movement." Albrecht headed a ten-member screening committee responsible for selecting Via.

Via will replace Stephen Deustch, a University sociology professor who has been heading the center since its inception last summer.

The center was created by the last session of the Oregon Legislature. The budget for the center is currently \$237,243 for the 1977-79 biennium.

Via combines "the best of both worlds — higher education and the labor movement," says Albrecht. "He's had a tremendous amount of experience working with those in the labor field, and also the academic world."

Before joining the Georgia State faculty in 1976, Via, 53 served for eight years with the Southern Regional Council, Inc., an Atlanta-based civil rights organization active in research and problem-solving work.

Parking

He says complaints to the University from residents of the south University neighborhood never stop.

Childress-Ullman says SUNA simply wants to preserve the quality of the area.

She points out it is difficult or impossible for some residents to get deliveries made to their home or have friends over because their block is lined by cars bumper-to-bumper.

"We also get complaints about cars overhanging driveways. And we just think it would be a whole lot safer for children if there wasn't wall-to-wall cars everywhere," Childress-Ullman says.

She thinks the two-hour permit plan will give residents back some of the peace and quiet their neighborhood has lost while allow-

ing students who want to visit campus for a short time to park in the streets.

"We're really talking about 150 to 200 people who cause a lot of inconvenience for 1,500," Childress-Ullman says.

Childress-Ullman says SUNA made its proposal because, "obviously, the University isn't going to do anything."

SUNA members don't mind students parking in the area for a couple of hours, but there are many students who leave their cars in the street from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., making it impossible for residents to park in front of their own home.

A one-hour permit system was tried last year but discontinued after three months. Hanks says the plan didn't give much benefit to anybody because both residents and students were getting tickets and enforcement was difficult.

However, Childress-Ullman thinks the trial was a partial success.

"It showed us how nice it was to have all those cars out of there. It's amazing how quiet and peaceful it was," she says.

She goes on to say the one-hour time limit was too short and last year's plan didn't involve enough area; the effected area was only two blocks deep.

"So all the cars just shifted two blocks south and we got complaints from new areas," according to Childress-Ullman.

She thinks the two-hour plan will be more successful.

Hanks says the Supreme Court ruled just before Christmas, in an Arlington, Va. case, that a ban on commuter parking is constitutional.

"We asked our legal desk if that meant we could do the same here and they indicated 'yes,'" Hanks says. The city is considering such a ban, he says.

Tanner wouldn't be surprised by such action. "In the foreseeable future you'll see a ban over there," he says.

But Childress-Ullman isn't sure the neighborhood wants to go that far.

"We chose to live in the area and letting students park on our streets is a fair trade-off," she says. She quickly adds that she means student parking that is controlled.

The City of Eugene is starting an eight-month study of parking problems in the University and downtown areas under a federal grant. The study will last 10 months and cost \$8,000.

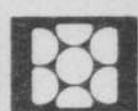
It looks like there will be some action in the never ending battle for parking around campus in the next few months.

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