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Fadeley remains best for senate

Students and other residents in Senate District 21 have a friend in Sen. Ed Fadeley and, by supporting him again Nov. 7, they can return that friend to the Oregon Legislature.

As chairer of the crucial Senate Ways and Means Committee for several terms, Fadeley has the kind of accessibility to political decision-making that benefits the district.

Of special importance to students, staff and administrators is the priority the incumbent places on higher education. Fadeley remains an effective lobbyist for the concerns of the University and the state's system of higher education in general.

In Salem, the senator from Eugene consistently has demonstrated his knowledgeability, his political astuteness and his humanistic approach to legislation. The latter quality has been amply evidenced in such matters as his opposition to discriminatory bans on abortion aid for low-income women and support of human-rights issues generally.

By contrast, his opponent — a political neophyte — displays a limited understanding of legislative operations, confusion over the processes and needs of such institutions as the University and an uninspired, conservative approach to political issues.

We encourage your support of Ed Fadeley.

Students need Rep. Burrows

Rep. Mary McCauley Burrows receives our strong endorsement for re-election. Burrows, a Republican, has been one of the most liberal members of the Legislature in her three terms in the House.

Burrows' District 40 includes a large student population. Burrows has well represented student interests in the Legislature. Last session, she was sponsor or co-sponsor of every bill pushed by the Oregon Student Lobby and she received a 100 percent rating by that group. In fact, she led the fight for many of those bills on the House floor.

Burrows has 100 percent ratings from both Oregon Environmental Council and the Oregon Women's Political Caucus. We agree with her stands against nuclear power and against cuts in the higher education budget.

And, we like her personal area of expertise: the rights of institutionalized persons.

Chalmers' bid draws endorsement

Given the choice between two competent University representatives serving House District 40, we suggest that students support the one tied more closely to student interests — Don Chalmers, D-Eugene.

His opponent, incumbent Dave Frohnmayer, R-Eugene, has been on the right side of most issues and has served competently. But his strictly administrative affiliation with the University, as law professor and legal adviser to the president, favors administrative rather than consumer solutions to state problems.

We believe Chalmers will look at problems, especially in higher education, from a student perspective and hold student interests as a higher priority than would Frohnmayer.

Chalmers has worked four years as the director of the ASUO Office of Student Advocacy, has a law degree and has worked as a citizen lobbyist in the last five legislative sessions. While those credentials don't overpower Frohnmayer's legal and political background, they do suggest that Chalmers has the energy and background to work effectively as a state representative.

In addition to education and political interests, Chalmers has been active in the community, chairing the Eugene Commission on the Rights of Youth, serving on several citizens advisory committees and with the coalition for community television.

These activities demonstate his willingness to work hard and seriously for others.

We commend his efforts and endorse his candidacy as District 40 representative.

Incumbent merits aid

We support Ted Kulongoski for re-election to the House of Representatives, District 22.

A two-term incumbent, Kulongoski has displayed the skills and viewpoints that best serve students and other residents of his district. He deserves another opportunity to further our interests in Salem.

Kulongoski's support for higher education and working men and women cannot be faulted.

By contrast, his opponent, although apparently well-informed on political issues and government operation, represents a style and special interests that will not provide the district or the state with the innovative law-making they require.

We urge your vote for Ted Kulongoski on Nov. 7.

Retain Kerans for his expertise

In two terms, Democratic Rep. Grattan Kerans has become one of Lane County's most influential voices in Salem; and, he uses that influence to push progressive legislation into law.

As well, Kerans has assumed the unenviable task of becoming a tax expert. He has put this expertise to good use. During the Legislature's recent special session, he helped design Measure 11, the Legislature's alternative to Measure 6. Measure 11's benefits go primarily to working people. Two-thirds of Measure 6's benefits go to businesses.

Kerans was also the sponsor of the Homeowner and Renter Rebate Program (HARRP) expansion in 1977. This program refunds property taxes to lower-income residents, including students and senior citizens.

Kerans' opponent, Republican Gary Wright, is a conservative who would poorly represent voters. His campaign of distortion is enough evidence that he should be turned away by voters.

Kerans is likely to become the Democratic Majority Leader in the House. A liberal legislator in that position will benefit his district, the Bethel and River Road areas, as well as Lane County and the state.

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Efforts earn vote

While countless candidates consume themselves in campaign cliches, District 42 incumbent Nancie Fadeley, D-Eugene, continues to support sound, imaginative ideas for guiding Oregon's future.

Her flawless legislative rating with environmentalists and her forceful advocacy of energy alternatives again win our endorsement for her reelection.

In 1973 Fadeley maneuvered the Oregon Bottle into law and has continued to push for broad-based laws that can make a difference.

As chairer of the House Energy and Environment Committee in the last session, Fadeley sponsored energy legislation that became a prototype for Congress and legislatures of other states interested in promoting energy conservation and alternatives.

We would like to see her returned to Salem to build on that foundation.

We particularly support her desire to coordinate legislation that rewards conservation while providing incentives for production of energy from renewable resources — wood waste, geo-thermal and solar.

Students sensitive to the demands of the future would serve themselves well by returning Nancie Fadeley to Salem.