

Atiyeh opts for student involvement

Vic Atiyeh told University students Monday that he will create opportunities for their input and involvement in state government if he is elected governor. "I'm going to have a government council of Oregon's special interest groups," Atiyeh told about 75 students at the Erb Memorial Union. "I want them to get to know each other, to create bridges of communication." He plans to have the volunteer council meet with him on a monthly basis. He said the spirit of involvement characterizing his campaign will be the spirit of his government. "Bob Straub can't even compete with our involvement of all kinds of people in this campaign," Atiyeh said.



Photo by Patrick Sullivan

Ashworth casts a vote for Bob

Emily Ashworth, one of five Democratic candidates Gov. Bob Straub beat last May to gain the nomination for the state's top post, has announced her support for the incumbent.

"I feel essentially that Bob Straub has heard the people," the woman who last spring called herself the "Widow Ashworth" said Monday. "I would like to urge the 48,000 people that voted for me last spring to vote for Straub."

"Bob Straub is a Democrat with a big 'D,'" Ashworth said.

Ashworth, who is known for her anti-nuclear stand, said she had doubts about Straub last spring and summer, but that "he has shown a great deal of leadership on Ballot Measure 11."

Measure 11, if passed, would decrease property taxes by as much as 50 percent of their 1975 assessed value up to \$1,500.

"Straub is also supporting Measures 4 and 9, peoples' energy measures," Ashworth said. "I campaigned really hard for those."

"He is strong for the dentist

bill Measure 5, and he is opposing Measure 7, advocates providing a choice (in abortion) for poor women," Ashworth said.

"Straub is opposing Ballot Measure 10, saying the state of Oregon is not up for sale, and I concur with him," Ashworth said.

Ballot Measure 10 would amend Oregon's land-use planning and zoning guidelines to nullify the current Lane Conservation and Development guidelines. If passed, all land-use planning procedures would not have to conform to Lane Conservation and

Development Commission guidelines.

Ashworth said she has been coming toward this decision in the last two or three weeks. She said she thinks Straub has "gotten the message" and has "heard the people."

Bob and I don't agree on everything," Ashworth said. "But Vic (Atiyeh) and I agree on a lot less." State Sen Vic Atiyeh is opposing Gov. Straub in the November race for governor.

"Vic Atiyeh is a nightmare this state cannot afford," Ashworth said.

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