

Some difficult choices face voters

Given the system of strict representative governance by representatives existing on the Student University Affairs Board, at least a few student voters will have some tough choices Wednesday and Thursday.

SUAB candidates are elected by major and therefore the best person of the collective field doesn't always win. Sometimes the second or third best competitor will win.

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At least occasionally it's too bad that some of the better candidates can't be thrown in the ring with uncontested candidates or be awarded the Allied Arts position, which this time has no contenders.

Four positions all students will be able to vote for on the student representatives to the EMU Board. The board advises the EMU administration and reviews budget proposals and policies from the EMU.

That board has power to influence the biggest single share of IFC money, nearly \$1 million.

Both incumbents deserve re-election to the board to pursue the work they have begun and to offer the student view some continuity. They both understand EMU operations and have developed savoir-faire about making things happen.

Barry Pilip has worked on a committee that is examining renovation of the EMU Fishbowl to make that operation more efficient. Any degree of success in that venture is welcome and we endorse his candidacy more on the strength of his commitment to deal with the details of this and other issues than because we believe Pilip would actively pursue new projects.

Tricia Sewell also receives endorsement for her work on the EMU budget committee and the fortitude to want to again tackle what is the heart of the committee's work.

Sewell, a sophomore, has already established herself as a strong representative and with additional experience of serving on the EMU Board might become a more visible, successful student advocate in the future.

Of the remaining candidates, Rich Brown and Frank Partridge seem to

represent the most desirable additions to the board, and Bob Chestler, because of his inexperience, unfamiliarity and seeming lack of ambition at reversing both disadvantages, would be the least desirable addition.

Brown has some experience in budgeting and working with bureaucracies and hopes to trade both for some administrative experience. We find that symbiotic relationship an attractive assurance that Brown would be a serious participant on the board.

Partridge shows familiarity with the major issues facing the EMU Board, seems to be on the student-as-a-consumer side of most of them and, being a mathematics major, has some affinity for dealing with the wealth of numbers the EMU generates in its budget hearings and documentation.

The most difficult choice for one segment of voters this year is the one facing law students.

We pick Marilyn Odell as someone who has brilliantly demonstrated her willingness to work by organizing the People's Law School and serving on several law school committees.

Odell understands the politics of the University having attended as an undergraduate and would have no problems presenting or arguing student issues before the University Assembly.

Rather than becoming over-extended, we believe Odell would honor her pledge to "just do it."

Political science, history and geography students are also greeted with the pleasant opportunity of being assured of a competent representative no matter who wins.

Unfortunately, the otherwise suitable Leslie Ratley is running against the strongest SUAB candidate this year, Michael Lacey, a 28-year-old, Scotland-born candidate who has served recently as co-director of the Political Science Student Union, and brought that program from dormancy to rejuvenation.

The PSSU now has a full agenda and an active membership. We hope that Lacey can arouse the same kind of interest in the SUAB.

Having been unable to meet with both candidates for position 8, representing the sciences, we offer no endorsement.

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For Bassett

Scott Bassett is a clear-thinking individual. Because of the emotional and ego-challenging issues that face the A.S.U.O., this is a quality that no candidate can have too much of. In dealing with him as director of the Food-op, I got the distinct impression that he made no assumptions about me or the program. He listened to me and the other Food-op workers; he visited the store frequently to see what was going on; and then he made his own decision. Such sensitivity and capability are a rare combination. I ask that the students do for Scott what he has done for them. Find out everything that you can about the candidates and then decide.

Dan Klein
3rd year law

For Lee

Mike Lee
ASUO Presidential candidate



greg wasson

a quorum of one

Monday, the Oregon Senate unanimously approved the legislature's response to the Pennsylvania nuclear accident. The fact all 30 Senators favored the bill, Senate Bill 899, supports Sen. Ted Kulongowski's, D-Junction City, charge that the legislation is "illusory;" it gives the impression that the Senate did something while the body actually didn't.

The measure places a one-year moratorium on construction of the Pebble Springs nuclear plants and requires that the Dept. of Energy conduct a study of the Pennsylvania incident.

"But," says Kulongowski, "There's nothing in the law that prohibits the Energy Facility Siting Council from

granting the permit even if the study comes out unfavorable to the nuclear industry."

Those opposed to power from the atom are meeting on the capitol steps Friday at noon to listen to Dr. John Goffman, an anti-nuclear scientist who was involved in development of the fusion industry. The rally will also hear legislators and nuclear activists speak in favor of House Bill 2570, a bill that would require that there be operating, approved storage facilities for nuclear wastes before any additional plant licenses are granted.

While confessing that it was somewhat heartless, opponents of nuclear power took satisfaction in the nuclear accident

at Three Mile Island. The near-tragedy weakened arguments of utility lobbyists and insured that nuclear proponents will be on the defensive.

Consider Sen. L.B. Day, R-Salem, one of the Legislature's strongest nuclear advocates. The day after the accident, Day scoffed at suggestions that it might shake his belief in nuclear energy.

"The more we can develop our own sources of power and take ourselves off importing of oil, the better we are. Sure, there're going to be accidents from time to time in any industry but I think we have to assure that it's as safe as practical, then get on with our job without all this fussy-mussy stuff."

In a Friday interview, Day was less

emphatic. Talking about the safety of the proposed Pebble Springs plants in light of the accident, he allowed as how "we need to re-examine that entirely."

"I still feel that nuclear power offers an alternative that we should not close doors to, but I'm not satisfied with what we've seen of the safety measures at all. Watching the information that came out of Pennsylvania and all the various actors there left me a little cold.

"I remember a headline in the Oregonian that the accident was a 'media-meltdown.' I'm sure it wasn't a major breakdown of credibility for people in the power industry and the regulatory agencies that govern them."

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