

# Attorney general hopefuls debate

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Five of the eight attorney general primary candidates debated in the Law School Tuesday night. Republican Robert Wright, the one candidate present who isn't a licensed attorney, unabashedly attacked the four other candidates — Republican David Frohnmayer and Democrats Harl Haas, John Leahy and Henry Richmond.

In the debate, sponsored by the Oregon Women's Political Caucus, Wright contended that the state attorney general is not obligated to be a licensed lawyer or member of the state bar association.

"By having licensed lawyers serve as attorney general, there's been a conflict of interest," Wright said. "The reason more politicians and judges haven't been prosecuted by the attorney general is not that Oregon politicians are approaching sainthood. The reason is that

most of those politicians, like the attorney general, belong to the bar like the attorney general."

The other candidates concentrated on answering a series of women's issue questions.

Henry Richmond, founder of 1000 Friends of Oregon, a pro-land planning legal group, proposed setting up a stricter system of enforcing state child-support legislation.

Harl Haas, Multnomah County district attorney, said there aren't enough women attorneys in the attorney general's office and, if elected, he'll actively seek out qualified women attorneys.

Multnomah County Counsel John Leahy said it's not all that hard to find qualified women attorneys, but it is difficult to find qualified "minorities."

David Frohnmayer, University law professor and retiring District 40 Representative, said that in his three legislative terms he had a 95 to 100 percent favorable voting record on women's issues.

# Dollar shortage squeezes library

*Editor's note: Funding is the focus of the second in a four-part series examining the University library. Parts three and four will look at renovations and staffing.*

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The University is underfunded by \$11 million, says Robert Albrecht, vice provost for academic affairs. One of the clearest examples of a funding shortage is the library.

"The number of volumes in the library has taken a downward trend in recent years," says a University Facilities report prepared by a president's ad hoc committee last June. The report ranked the University library 25th of 58 research libraries in 1964-65 for volumes added and 54th in 1976-77.

In operating cost appropriations, the library ranked 40th in 1962-63 and 57th in 1975-76.

"The University of Oregon library is heavily utilized but in danger of falling seriously behind the nation's other research institutions in basic library resources," the report says.

The library's budget for 1979-80 was \$3.5 million, but funds for book purchases were depleted three months earlier than usual this year, forcing the library to suspend departmental purchase orders.

The University library's ailing budget is shared by all research libraries in the United States, says George Shipman, the newly appointed University librarian. This is largely a fault of accelerated inflation for periodicals — 25 to 30 percent, according to Shipman's estimates.

The library has slumped financially because the University was fighting to maintain course offerings in a time of dropping enrollment, Albrecht says. It couldn't simultaneously maintain the library's holdings.

But the library was exempt from the University's belt-tightening this year, when every University school was taxed 1 percent of its salaries, Albrecht says.

The University's top priority in recent years has been to replace its computers, but since this project has been funded, the library is now the University's first priority.

The library is also first in the University's program improvements budget and second in the capital construction budget.

"Every time the University has really put something at the top of the (priority) list, it has gotten what it wants," Albrecht says.

The University is requesting \$2.5 million from the Legislature to double the acquisitions budget, Albrecht says.

The University is also asking for funds to build an addition to the library and renovate the main library, says Albrecht.

The request is part of the University's \$6.5-million capital improvements request, says Jack Hunderup, vice chancellor for facilities planning in Oregon's State System of Higher Education.

Although Hunderup says it is "very unlikely" the University will get that amount, he says "we haven't put together the total package (for the entire state system) yet." Hunderup's office takes capital construction requests from the seven state system colleges and prepares a budget request for the State Board of Higher Education. The state board then makes a request to the Legislature.

The chancellor's office requested \$64.5 million for the current biennium. It received \$31 million, plus \$6 million in gifts and grants, Hunderup says.

Because the library is at the top of both priority lists, it may get back on its feet in the next biennium.

But the new biennium doesn't start until July, 1981.

The "earliest the library can get relief from space problems and its acquisitions budget would be after July 1981," says acting University Librarian Donald Smith.

Next year the library will be trying to "hold the line without falling behind next fiscal year," he says.

The University has pitched in \$13,689 for the student assistant budget to help the library hold that line, Smith says. The money will help the library stay out of the red in student salaries — essential for library staffing — this year, and it will help the library keep longer hours next year, he adds.

But the state isn't the only source of funding, Shipman says, adding that he plans to take an "active role in fund-raising rather than signing letters saying 'Thank you.'"

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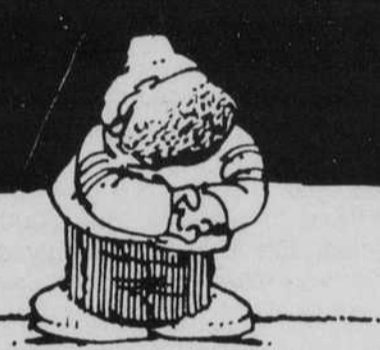
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