

Commissioner races favor Rust, Lieuallen

Two candidates are challenging Jerry Rust for his seat on the Lane County Board of Commissioners in next Tuesday's primary election — Harold Crooks and Mel Jackson.

Rust has now represented South Eugene residents for one term on the board and, as a result of his experience within county government, has grown in his ability to compromise. He is a more realistic candidate this time around but is still pursuing issues similar to those addressed in his 1978 campaign: bringing more jobs into the county, maintaining and enforcing effective land-use planning, halting the use of herbicides by means of a moratorium and developing alternative sources of energy at the local level.

As one who provides a minority voice on the commission, Rust has been forceful in a positive way. And although he has had some union backing, he has successfully avoided being used as a tool of business or other interests.

Rust's experience has also made him more effective in his dealings with the county's fiscal problems. His voting record on county spending has been responsible and consistent. His statements on these and other major issues have been clear and direct.

Harold Crooks, to distance himself from Rust, envisions running the county as a business; he emphasizes efficiency. Yet he is not conversant on county government and many of the issues facing it.

Though he has had some governmental experience in Seattle as an elected sanitation commissioner, he was too busy to study the county budget "in depth" and could not discuss specific budgetary actions taken by the board. Consistent with this tendency to generalize, Crooks was also vague on issues such as weatherization. He favors the concept, but dislikes the tactic of making such a program mandatory.

Mel Jackson is a legitimate candidate who challenges Rust's approach to county government rather than his positions on the issues. In fact, Jackson echoes Rust's sentiments on most

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policy questions. But he questions whether Rust has followed the correct political channels when putting his ideas into action. And he faults Rust for being too emotional at times.

Although Jackson has served on several state and local committees including the Lane County Willamette Greenway Committee, this experience fails to outweigh the time Rust has already put in as a working commissioner. And his criticism of Rust's political style does not justify the unseating of an incumbent who has made a serious effort to implement his campaign promises. We therefore endorse Jerry Rust for South Eugene's seat on the county commission.

The North Eugene county commissioner's race is somewhat of a mismatch. Scott Lieuallen, who has served four years on the Eugene City Council, stands head and shoulders above the other seven candidates in the field (whose views and backgrounds will be included in the Emerald's election supplement on May 19th).

Lieuallen has knowledge of the city that will contribute to mutual cooperation between Eugene and Lane County. He has demonstrated a sincere interest in the activities of neighborhood groups within the community, has a good grasp of the major issues and has seemingly researched the problems of the county very thoroughly.

Lieuallen has a good land-use planning background, is strongly supportive of LCDC guidelines and has some good ideas as to how he'd like to see the county tackle unemployment. He wants to see county government become a "policy umbrella" for public and private agencies as a way of encouraging new avenues of local employment.

Robert Reuschlein and Jim Hale are the most serious challengers to Lieuallen in this eight-man race (supplement, May 19th), but they fail to match either his city council background or his thoughtful approach to the issues. For these reasons we strongly endorse Scott Lieuallen for the North Eugene seat on the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

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Letter space

A few months ago the Emerald announced a new policy which was that once a week the Emerald would publish a full page of letters to the editor.

What happened to that policy? If anything, the space allotted to letters to the editor seems to have shrunk.

I hope you will take quick steps to rectify this as I and many others have found the letters section to be the most interesting section of the paper.

David Isenberg
University Vets

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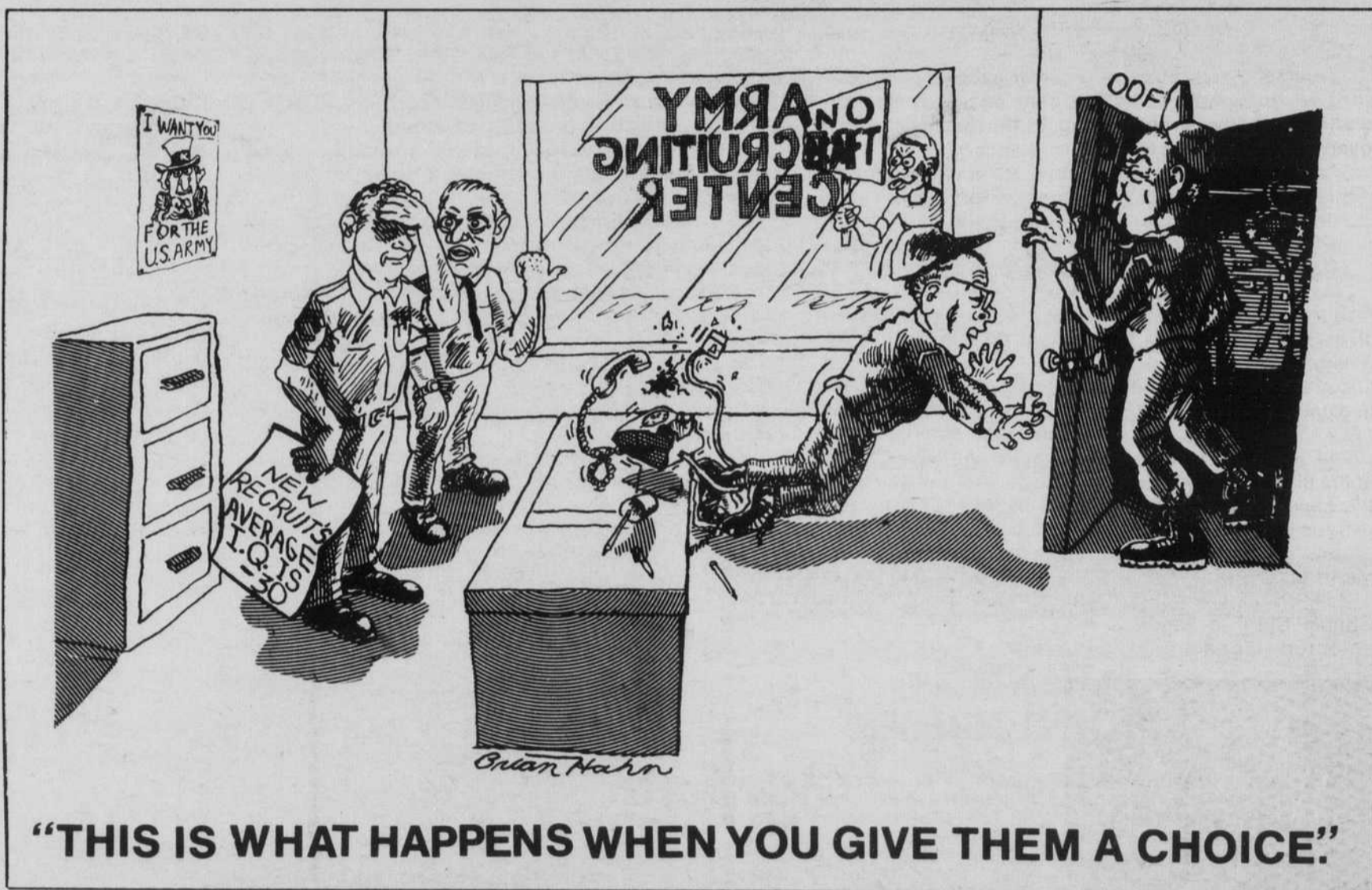
It became necessary in one of my linguistics seminars for each student to incur costs of duplicating research results in order to share them with other students, since the linguistics department is strapped for funds and could not bear such a cost. My professors have mentioned the skimpy department budget several times this year. I think I've come up with a solution.

I'd like the University student body and governing organizations to consider a proposal that a \$20 fee be appended to the 1980-81 tuition. All University students could then gratuitously attend linguistics colloquia and our annual wine and cheese party.

The credentials and qualifications of the linguistics department are impeccable:

- 1) My colleagues and I have been making thousands of dollars of long distance phone calls from linguistics offices.
- 2) I've been sending my laundry bills to the department.
- 3) Many linguistics students have received transfer credits for summer courses they never took.

Unfortunately, we are not



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currently under investigation for sexual assault, theft and robbery. But once this obstacle is overcome, the University student body and government will see that linguistics deserves the benefits of a \$20-per-student fee.

Also, please keep in mind the \$15 million domed Linguistics Convention Center we'll suggest next year, to be paid for by eliminating library hours.

Lewis Gebhardt
graduate, linguistics

Need the facts

I'm very dissatisfied with the political ethics of current campaigners. The small but mis-

leading ad in the "Events" section of the Emerald classifieds (4-28-80) shows either how much campaigners don't know about the candidates, or how much propaganda people can pull out of the past.

The Lane County Young Democrats who paid for this ad perhaps don't know that presidential candidates John Anderson and Sen. Edward Kennedy have the same position concerning the future construction of nuclear power plants. Pres. Carter's position is well enough known (if he was against future construction of nuclear power plants he would have done something by now). Kennedy plans to create a man-

datory two year moratorium on all future plans to construct nuclear power plants. Anderson says the same despite his former position on the Atomic Energy Commission. He plans a mandatory moratorium on all planning of future construction of nuclear power plants, but indefinitely. Both proposals are conditioned to revive nuclear power production once a safe disposal method and place are discovered. Suppose two years pass before a disposal method is found: Will Kennedy lift his moratorium? Anderson's will still be in effect.

Another part of the ad was a statement, "Don't be fooled..." Don't be fooled by a mud-sling-

ing campaign. When it's time to vote we'll see who has dirty hands.

Don't be fooled by propaganda — know the facts before you vote!

David Clarke
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