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Rust never sleeps

It's election time once again, and word of the upcoming event has penetrated into the skulls of even the dumbest of the budding young scholars who flock to our campus each fall.

For the civilized minority it is, as the poets are wont to say, a bittersweet time. On the one hand, it's always pleasant to observe an awakening of political interest in those individuals whom hitherto have not distinguished themselves through knowledge or concern.

At the same time, it's somewhat disconcerting to realize that among those most eager to propagate their views are some of the most — well, one hesitates to use the word "dimwitted," but something more tactful is not available at the moment — dimwitted people around.

Nevertheless, local political action remains interesting. Just witness a couple of items:

Those growing tired of the idiocy voiced on this campus can take heart. A

new circus with a fresh new idiocy will be available this Wednesday when the Anderson-Lucey Fireball blows into town for a mercifully brief visit.

The would-be messiah's crusade has abated somewhat, but enough gullible voters remain free and unfettered on the streets of Eugene to insure a good turnout at the six-bucks-a-head breakfast the local faithful have planned.

The Anderson campaign has been rather noticeable on campus this fall, but it's been nothing like the good old days of last spring, when the mere mention of the National Unifier's name was enough to send even the most radical of our Birkenstock Bolsheviks into a swoon of love.

The drive to install Anderson as Emperor of the West still has its moments, however. At the beginning of this term, Students for Anderson showed the 1972 movie "The Candidate" and Richard Nixon's 1952 "Checkers speech" to

raise funds. The film choice is representative of the well-meaning witlessness that lies at the heart of enthusiasm for Anderson.

"The Candidate" is an account of a "liberal" campaign that begins as an attempt to offer something fresh and different but degenerates into an ultraslick exercise in media manipulation.

A group of Anderson staffers who left the campaign last month has suggested that's exactly what's happened to the Anderson effort.

The other film is a delightful little period piece that gives everyone who views it an opportunity to wallow in their own virtue as they watch Tricky Dick on the screen.

It seems strange that Anderson supporters should view their candidate as the antithesis of Nixon, especially when he supported the former president in three presidential elections and served as a civil rights advisor in his second

administration.

It's doubtful that faithful adherents of the liberal orthodoxy would be so willing to grant dispensations of this sort to other candidates.

Another noticeable event taking place this week is the first anti-draft rally of the school year, scheduled for today. Ever since last winter when I had a rather peculiar conversation with an earnest young man who was convinced that the cause of all the ruckus was the United States' invasion of Afganistan, I have possessed what I choose to regard as a healthy wariness of draft rallies.

However, discussion of that topic must wait until a later date as must examinations of the various other occurrences, both legitimate and not-so.

For now, it suffices to say that any political season that can come up with a button (recently witnessed) that reads "Reagan in '80 — Bush in '81" can't be as devoid of poetry as they say.

Student apathy dismays community groups

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The transiency of student life prevents most University students from becoming involved in the community affairs that directly affect them, says Mark Lindberg, a University professor and city councilor.

Lindberg, the councilor representing Ward 3, is one of a growing number of neighborhood leaders expressing concern over the failure of University students to become involved in neighborhood affairs.

Even in neighborhoods with a high student population, mostly family groups or older citizens become active in their neighborhood, Lindberg says.

"Student interest generally comes from professional interests, such as political science or Community Service and Public Affairs majors interested in learning the workings of the community, or specific complaints such as noise from fraternity parties.

"Once this draws them to a neighborhood or council meeting they are usually never seen again."

Lindberg says he sees a definite need to organize a coalition of neighborhood groups and students to voice community needs before the city council.

The approval last spring of the LTD fare increase demonstrates Lindberg's point that too many University

students are apathetic in neighborhood decision-making, injuring their own interests in the long run.

"With the LTD tax issue we had an opportunity to mobilize student voters — it flopped," Lindberg says.

Sam Sadler, co-chairer of Fairmount Neighbors, says student involvement in his area isn't as noticeable as that of more established citizens.

Thirteen-blocks in length, Fairmount is Eugene's wealthiest neighborhood in terms of house value. The age of neighborhood members who attend block meetings averages 35-40. And because most of Fairmount's student population consists of married couples, they frequently rent instead of buy housing and don't stay long in the neighborhood.

Student participation, however, is alive and thriving in the West University Neighborhood Association. The area's closeness to campus gives the large student population an easy avenue for involvement, says Teresa Bishow, staff coordinator for West University.

Recognized as a priority need area, West University will receive \$400,000 in federal funds during the next three years as part of Eugene's Community Development Block Grant. The funds will be channeled into a number of revitalization projects, including a community gardens program, a neighborhood outreach

program and a crime prevention program.

With 96 percent of the West University neighborhood population renting, the association is investigating ways of easing the problem of crowded quads and apartments by promoting such alternatives as cooperative living.

Campbell Club is one example of a successful co-op with a stake in the neighborhood. The club sends the only representative of co-op living to West University neighborhood meetings.

Steve Brye, Campbell Club treasurer, says he'd like to see other co-op groups send representatives as well.

"I wish the Greek houses would take an active interest," Brye says. "Families are disproportionately involved because they're going to be here for a while. There's a certain amount of isolation that comes with being a student.

"They don't give a damn about the neighborhood and why should they? Their interest is in the college. I remember, I was an undergrad once."

Jan Elliott-Wooten of the South University Neighborhood Association says students — "people whose primary purpose for being in town is to go to school" — may have trouble identifying with neighborhood concerns.

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