

# Clark runs on past experience and economic recovery plan

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Don Clark, calling himself the only candidate for governor who has "extensive executive experience and production," detailed his campaign platform Thursday in the EMU Forum Room.

Clark, Multnomah County executive officer running for the Democratic nomination, spoke briefly on social justice and responded to questions on higher education, state budget cuts, nuclear power and economic recovery.

"We are losing" America's war on poverty, Clark said. Twenty percent of America's population has an income under the poverty line and there is decreasing emphasis on fair pay, affirmative action, health, safety, and housing, he said.

"Protections against discrimination are put on the back burner."

By contrast, Multnomah County's workforce is 46.9 percent women and 9.5 percent minority workers — "the most outstanding record of any government in the state," Clark said.

To see justice in the workplace, he said, Oregon must

promote "comparable worth," paying women as much as men in similar jobs. The state should also provide an extensive day care program, Clark added.

On the question of abortion, Clark said a "sound state policy" would allow women to decide "whether to terminate or complete pregnancy."

Voters should ask the candidates for governor: "What are your values? What is your record? What have you produced?" Clark urged the audience of about 20. Only after the candidate answers the first two, ask "What vision do you have for Oregon's future?"

When asked about higher education's place in Oregon, Clark, a former professor at Portland State University, said current policy is apparently "to protect tenured faculty" while priority should be given to students.

"Higher education is extremely important for Oregon's economic recovery," he said. However, money can be saved in higher education, Clark added. Classes could be larger to avoid several professors from teaching — with a slightly different slant — only a few

students each.

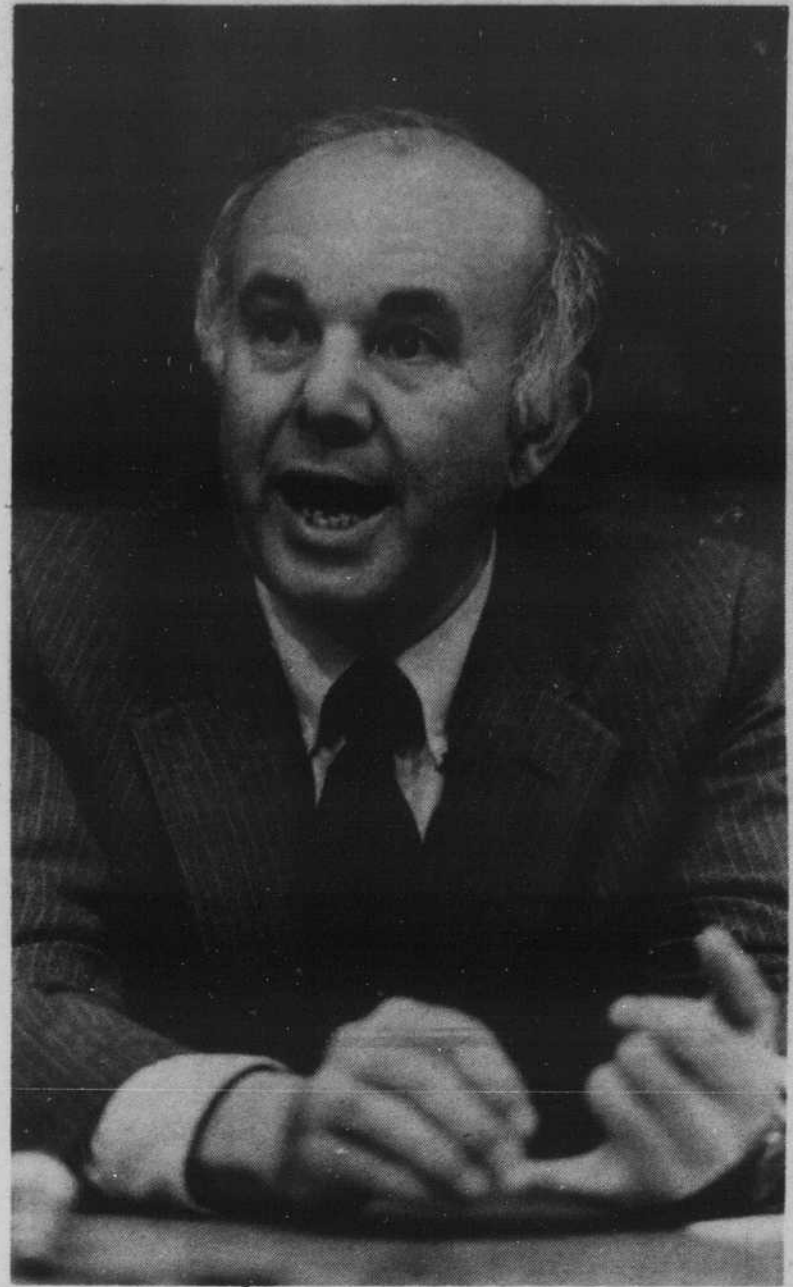
The recent special session of the Oregon Legislature should have first cut budgets to increase productivity, he said. Word processing, computers and better management techniques can all be used to save money and increase efficiency, Clark added. He supported the House income tax surcharge bill "so those who are working pay, so the unemployed don't lose their services."

Oregon's one nuclear plant is one too many, Clark said. "It should never have a second," he said.

Economic recovery is the key issue in the governor's race, said Clark, who proposes creation of an Oregon Employment Corps and Young Adult Employment Corps. These programs would provide temporary employment for over 20,000 Oregonians, he said.

If this sounds like the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps established during the Depression, you're right, Clark added.

"There's a lot of things that have been around for a long time, and they make a lot of sense for these times."



Don Clark

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March 12th	Filing date opens for all elected positions and constitutional amendments.
April 2nd - 3 pm	Filing date closes for all ASUO elected positions. Voter Guide statements due at ASUO Office, Suite 4, EMU.
April 2nd - 4 pm	Mandatory Candidates Meeting (ballot position draw) Forum, EMU.
April 7th - 4:30 pm	Mandatory Candidates Meeting - Room 167, EMU.
April 12th - 1 pm	Candidates Forum. Room to be announced.
April 13th - 5 pm	Deadline for Absentee Voting on Primary Election. ASUO Office, Suite 4, EMU.
April 14th & 15th 9 am - 4 pm	Primary Election
April 16th - 5 pm	Deadline for Candidate Expense Forms for Primary Election.
April 19th - 1 pm	Presidential Debate
April 20th - 5 pm	Deadline for Absentee Voting on General Election. ASUO Office, Suite 4, EMU.
April 21 & 22 9 am - 4 pm	General Election
April 24, 26, 27	Filing days for formal election complaints. ASUO Office, Suite 4, EMU.
April 28th - 7 pm	Election Court - Law School. Room to be announced.

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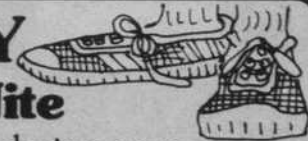
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