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Former Pres. Gerald Ford spoke Thursday afternoon at a press conference in Eugene.

Ford advocates support of U.K.

The United States should support Great Britain if peace negotiations fall through in the Falkland Islands dispute, former Pres. Gerald Ford said Thursday.

"I think Secretary of State Haig, under the leadership of President Reagan, has been doing what should be done," Ford said at a Thursday afternoon press conference at the Valley River Inn. If non-military solutions fail, "The United States has to step up and support Great Britain."

Ford said he "basically supports" Reagan's domestic and foreign policies although he criticized the administration for not foreclosing on \$71 million in loans due from Poland.

"In effect you are subsidizing martial law in Poland, and getting the Soviet Union off the hook," Ford said.

The United States and the Soviet Union should reduce their stockpiles of

nuclear weapons through a mutual agreement. "A bonifide reduction by both the Soviet Union and ourselves is the answer."

Ford, in town for a Boy Scout banquet and to campaign for Gov. Vic Atiyeh, criticized Reagan and Congress for not compromising on the federal budget. "They have to give up political posturing. If there's no compromise, both should be blamed."

The best way to improve the economy — and lower interest rates — is to reduce the federal deficit, Ford said. He suggested that Reagan balance the budget by increasing revenues and stretching the proposed 5-year defense budget over 5½ or 5¾ years.

But Ford cautioned that his defense budget plan doesn't imply he is softening his endorsement of a strong military. "I was a hawk, I am a hawk, and I intend to be a hawk."

Balfe wins close race; Emerald, RIM get nod

By Dane Claussen
Of the Emerald

C.J. Balfe won the ASUO presidency Thursday defeating Kevin Kouns by a slim margin in the general election, held Wednesday and Thursday, which attracted the highest voter turnout in 28 years. Almost 2900 students cast ballots.

Balfe's victory margin of 4.4 percent and a 4-3 split on the Incidental Fee Committee between rival coalitions indicates that there there was not total support for the "Greek-law school" tickets.

"There's nothing like a competitive race," Balfe said at a celebration party after the election. He added that the margin was just about what he had predicted.

A junior in psychology, Balfe was backed by the Interfraternity Council and the *Oregon Daily Emerald*. He received 1,508 votes to 1,363 votes cast for Kouns and his running mate, Ken Packman. Kouns and Packman campaigned on the Students for a Progressive Agenda platform.

"I have respect for them," Balfe said of the SPA. "I'm proud of them because they're a coalition that stood up for what they believe in."

Balfe is currently administrative assistant to ASUO Pres. Rich Wilkins, while Kouns is co-director of SEARCH and Packman is an ASUO comptroller.

"I'm disappointed not so much because we lost... but because I had hoped that if we ran an issue-oriented campaign that affects students, students would turn out to vote," Kouns said.

He also said that he was disappointed that voters supporting Balfe "see student government as having tunnel vision to

only concentrate on a single goal — preserving higher education."

"I hope C.J. proves me wrong... and that he is a change from Rich Wilkins," Kouns said.

Balfe called his victory "one of the greatest things that ever happened to me." He also said, "I couldn't have done it with out the help of my best freinds."

Both referendums on the ballot — one requesting increased funds for Recreation and Intramurals and one polling students about subscriptions paid to the Emerald through incidental fee money — were ok'd by substantial margins.

The RIM referendum increasing incidental fees \$1.50 per student per term will raise \$56,000. The ballot measure was approved 1,801 to 1,058.

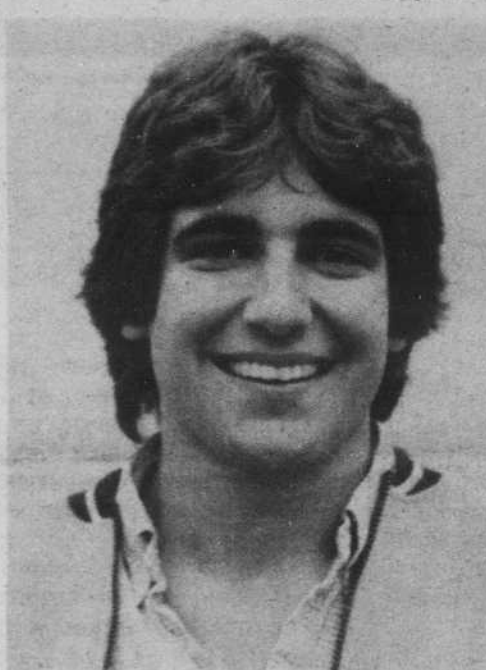
The non-binding opinion about the *Emerald* subscription was passed by voters 2,327 to 522, an 82 percent margin.

In the race for the Incidental Fee Committee, the vote totals of those who won posts, are: Mary Catherine Shrauger, 1,403; Betzy Fry, 1,373; Jeffrey Nudelman, 1,349; Mary Alice

Holmes, 1,295; Bart Hill, 1,221; Rick Braun, 1,203; Dianne Ritterband-Mason, 1,193.

They were followed by Devin Wate, 1,178; Gordon Mallon, 1,109; David Lesser, 1,007; Ted Marks and Stephen Pacheco, 997; Mark Spence, 612; Bob Mead, 554.

The results for Student University Affairs Board positions that required a vote were: 2-Journalism/Speech: David Bauer, 151; Cathryn Curran, 126; 3-Business/Economics: Pat Widner, 300; Erin-Michelle Willis, 156; 12-Psychology/Anthropology/Sociology: Scott Herbers, 74; Mike Rivers, 66.



C.J. Balfe

Ruling places restrictions on financial aid

By Ann Portal
Of the Emerald

In a reversal of previous financial aid policy, the University's administration has decided that students can't receive financial aid for more than three terms during the 1982-83 academic year, according to an announcement Thursday by the University financial aid office.

Students will be able to choose the three terms they want aid, but will have to find other funds — possibly Guaranteed Student Loans — if they want to attend all four terms, says Ed Vignoul, financial aid director.

The change is necessary because of a dramatic shift in the number of students requesting aid and in the amount of aid available, Vignoul says. More University students have requested aid each of the last six years, while every federal financial aid program has stayed the same or declined.

"Obviously, changes have occurred and we had to reassess our policies and consider the most equitable way to allocate our limited funds," Vignoul says. "I don't think this is unreasonable."

The same three-term policy was adopted by Oregon State University last year.

A letter explaining the new policy is being mailed today to the 1,250 students who requested aid for all four terms. The letter asks students to indicate the three terms they want to receive aid and return the letter to the financial aid office by May 3.

Altogether, about 4,700 students completed the financial aid application process by the March 1 filing deadline. Vignoul says there probably will not be enough money to fund requests received after that date.

However, he says the new policy should enable the financial aid office to assist more students than it did last year. Of the students who applied by the March 1 deadline last year, 700 didn't receive aid because they were eligible for less than \$2,000.

"This (the new policy), hopefully, will allow us to pick up everyone who completed the application process by March 1," he says.

The cutoff date for applications has moved forward drastically over the past six years. During the 1976-77 school year, students who applied by December still received aid for spring term of that school year. Two years later, the deadline had moved up to May 1. For the past two years, the official deadline for funding has been March 1.

Vignoul says he doesn't expect the change to have a significant effect on summer term enrollment. Although more than 1,000 students requested aid for all four terms, a large number typically decline summer aid after they receive it, because they change their summer plans, he says.

In addition, it shouldn't be difficult for students to obtain Guaranteed Student Loans for the term they don't receive funding, Vignoul says. He encourages students to apply for GSLs as far in advance as possible.

However, only GSL applications that include this summer are being accepted at the moment, because the federal government has not yet determined the guidelines for loans for next year.

The interest rate for GSLs remains at 9 percent and begins compounding six months after the student permanently leaves school. The GSL forms issued according to revised federal regulations should arrive sometime in June, Vignoul says.

The financial aid office still is hoping to send financial aid offers by June 1, but Vignoul says students who want aid for summer term should know that none will be available until July 1, when new federal regulations become effective.