

Debate rhetoric clouds voter's choice



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Gov. Vic Atiyeh will defend his tenure as Oregon's top official during tonight's debate in Medford.

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Once again voters will have the chance to compare the platforms and rhetoric of Gov. Vic Atiyeh and his Democratic challenger Ted Kulongoski as the two gubernatorial candidates step into the ring for the third and final round of their verbal sparring match.

After witnessing or reading about the first two debates, voters may wonder if they'll learn anything from the clash in Medford tonight.

Both contenders have been criticized by debate experts and media for being too general, not concentrating on issues and using "wild rhetoric."

In Eugene Sept. 20, Atiyeh set up an early defense of his term in office, claiming in his opening statement that the points of his platform are "not new schemes based on new tactics for a campaign."

The claim anticipated Kulongoski charges of late action or inaction which, sure enough, came up.

"I don't think there's a person in this room or the television audience who can say they are better off now



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Democratic challenger Ted Kulongoski will square off against Atiyeh, delivering his pitch for the gubernatorial office.

Kulongoski's "You will have a governor who takes control," bits of solid policy could be recognized.

Atiyeh said he wants to revitalize the timber industry by improving sawmills and making educational reforms for reforestation.

Kulongoski proposed an economic development strategy which he claimed would create new jobs for Oregonians. It included "reaching out" to small business, expanding markets in the state, encouraging people to "buy Oregon" and assisting distressed businesses.

Atiyeh supported the "sunsetting" of temporary tax measures brought up during the Special Session to avoid an overwhelming state deficit. Kulongoski wants them continued as a revenue-raising option.

At times the debate took on a "did so," "did not" pattern.

Kulongoski wanted to know why Atiyeh hadn't urged support for medical aid programs. Atiyeh said Kulongoski's legislative body eliminated the program.

Atiyeh wanted to know why Kulongoski supported \$47 million in tax increases to avoid the deficit. Kulongoski passed the buck back to Atiyeh, focusing on errors in "your" revenue department.

Kulongoski wanted to know why Atiyeh took credit for \$87 million saved in workers' compensation payments. Atiyeh said it was because he appointed an effective task force in the area and "deserved" credit.

As the debaters put on their gloves tonight for the final round, voters must prepare to wade through the rhetoric to choose a candidate.

Libertarian gets left out of gubernatorial debate

While Gov. Vic Atiyeh and candidate Ted Kulongoski are debating tonight in Medford — Libertarian candidate Paul Cleveland will be outside, in the cold.

Cleveland, a 41-year-old service support planner for a Beaverton computer company, says he has been "denied" inclusion in the debates even though on issues, such as land-use planning, he claims substantial representation.

"I represent well-over 200,000 Oregon voters," he says.

Cleveland was not included in the Eugene debate between Atiyeh and Kulongoski. He finds it curious that the Lane County Bar Association sponsored the debate and that they did not recall the "Free-and-Equal" clause to the Oregon Constitution.

"Atiyeh should be upholding the law," Cleveland says.

Cleveland is convinced he can win, in spite of his exclusion from the debates.

"I'm saying what the people want to hear — there's too much tax and too much government coercion."

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than they were four years ago. The record speaks for itself," said Kulongoski.

Atiyeh shot right back: "To blame me for the economic recession that has hit Oregon is something that Oregonians don't believe. I made hard decisions. Mr. Kulongoski was silent."

In spite of Kulongoski's accusations that Atiyeh's crime program began 2½ years after he took office, the incumbent stressed law enforcement as a "top priority of this governor since 1979."

Atiyeh said he supported an enforceable death penalty and abolishment of the insanity plea.

Later, both candidates were forced to comment on the touchy issue of higher education when a panel member asked what each would do to strengthen state colleges.

Atiyeh defensively claimed higher education had taken fewer cuts than human resources. He said his last proposal, which Kulongoski opposed, made no cuts in either area.

The governor then proposed designing a stronger, more efficient education system.

Kulongoski's ideas for strengthening the system included raising standards of admissions and eliminating duplication of community colleges and four-year institutions.

Both candidates claimed opposition to Ballot Measure 3, a 1.5 percent tax limitation proposal that some say would seriously threaten higher education's share of state revenue.

Between emotional appeals and unsupported deadwood such as Atiyeh's "The differences between the two candidates couldn't be more clear" and Ku-

et al.

MEETINGS

Students for a Nuclear Free Future (SNuFF) will hold a meeting tomorrow at 5 p.m. in 111 EMU. All are welcome.

The Returned Peace Corps Volunteer organization of Eugene will be holding a meeting tomorrow in 101 EMU from 7 to 9:30 p.m. All former volunteers and anyone else interested in the Peace Corps are welcome to attend. Slides will be shown and refreshments will be provided. For information call Marsha Swartz at 686-3235.

The University Badminton Club, sponsored by Club Sports, will hold a general meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in 54B Gerlinger. All interested please come.

There will be an ASUO Constitution Committee Meeting tomorrow from 7 to 10 p.m. in Century Room E of the EMU.

International Studies students are needed desperately tonight to establish the I.S.A. office in 818 PLC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come as you are, bring energy and ideas. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

The University Ski Team will have an organizational meeting tonight in 109 EMU at 7:30. All interested please attend.

All students interested in Personnel are welcome and encouraged to attend the first meeting of the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in 110 EMU.

Students for Kulongoski will be having an organizational meeting today in Century Room F at 3:30 p.m. Topics to be discussed include arrangements for Kulongoski's Oct. 14 campus appearance. If you have any questions, please call Kelly Buntjer at 345-7100.

SPEAKERS

Mike Cross, candidate for State Senate, Dist. 21, will discuss his views on how the Oregon criminal justice system should be reformed tonight at 7 in the EMU Forum Room. Admission is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the College Republicans.

INTERVIEWS

Oct. 4 — Interviewing Procedure Workshop, noon to 1 p.m., Forum Room, EMU.

Oct. 6 — Job Outlook for the 80's, a discussion on the "hot" job prospects for the current decade, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., 246 Susan Campbell Hall.

Sign-up for interviews begins on Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. in Susan Campbell Hall. The following recruiters will be on campus the week of Oct. 11-15:

Oct. 12 — American Microsystems, Inc. (Fall grads —

M/Ph.D. — CS for Software Engineer)

Oct. 12 — M & M Mars (Fall grads — B/M — Bus for Sales Trainee) Group Meeting — Oct. 11, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Dad's Room, EMU.

Oct. 12 — K-Mart Apparel — Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer grads — B — Business related majors for entry level management trainee positions.

Oct. 13 — Gulf Oil Corp (Fall Winter grads — M/Ph.D. — Geology for Geologist) in Geology

Oct. 14 — U.S. Foreign Service — group Meeting only — 11:30-12:30 p.m., Rms. 110-111 EMU.

Please sign up immediately if interested in interviewing with the following recruiters:

Oct. 6 — Ford Motor Credit Company (Fall, Winter grads '82 — B — Fin/Mktg/Acct/Econ/Business)

Oct. 8 — U.S. Marine Corps (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer grads — B/M/Ph.D. — All majors for Career in U.S. Marine Corps)

Additional information on recruiter requirements available at Career Planning & Placement. Sign up in 246 Susan Campbell Hall for the following seminars which begin the week of Oct. 11: Making A Career Decision and Go Hire Yourself an Employer. A Computer-Assisted Career Exploration is available every Wednesday from noon to 3:30 p.m. Sign up is necessary.

Orientation sessions introducing the services of the Career Planning and Placement Service are offered every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in 246 Susan Campbell Hall. Free Resume Writing, Interview Skills and Job Search Strategies workshops starting Oct. 4; other Counselors are available daily from 10 to 12 and 1:30 to 3:30 starting Oct. 4; other Counselors are available by appointment. Arrangements for handicapped students are available by calling 686-3235.

Spend an Afternoon on the Job at Frederick & Nelson. Enjoy an on-site visit and learn about career opportunities in the field of retail on Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sign up today in 246 Susan Campbell Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS

The University School of Architecture and Allied Arts will be holding an AAA Exhibition Oct. 4 through Oct. 14 in Gallery 141, the school lobby and courtyard. The reception will be held today from 7 to 9 p.m. The Gallery is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Author Ralph Salisbury will give a reading from his own work today at 8 p.m. at the Homefried Truckstop, 740 E. 14th Ave. The reading is sponsored by the University Creative Writing Program.

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