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Not your common panelist

Former presidential candidate Barry Commoner visited Eugene Wednesday to campaign for his party and to join a panel discussion on "The Politics of Economic Renewal."

Commoner, who ran for president in 1980 on the Citizens Party ticket appeared at the Eugene Public Library with city officials and with Laurel

Paulson, Citizens Party candidate for the District 40 representative race.

Author of the book "The Economics of Energy," Commoner and his running mate LaDonna Harris garnered nearly 250,000 votes

However, a 1984 attempt at the White House isn't a possibility, Commoner said.

Kulongoski errs, but still insists poll is incorrect

PORTLAND (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ted Kulongoski says because the pollster has worked for Gov. Vic Atiyeh, he doesn't believe the results of a poll last week that showed him trailing Atiyeh.

However, J. Roy Bardsley, of the Portland-based market research company Bardsley & Haslacher Inc., denied Kulongoski's claim that he is currently working for Atiyeh.

"The charge by Mr. Kulongoski that Roy Bardsley is on the governor's payroll is completely fallacious, and I could take him to court on that," Bardsley said.

Kulongoski press aide Jim Christenson admitted that his candidate had mistakenly said in an interview with KXL radio Wednesday that Bardsley is currently doing polls for Atiyeh.

"What he should have said was that Bardsley was on Atiyeh's payroll (in the past)," Christenson said.

Atiyeh campaign manager Denny Miles said Bardsley & Haslacher did a broad issues poll in June for Atiyeh, but that the governor used a Santa Ana, Calif., company for polling in the primary and general elections.

Christenson said Kulongoski still believes the poll is inaccurate, however. The copyrighted poll in Wednesday editions of The Oregonian newspaper showed that 56 percent of those surveyed favored or leaned to Atiyeh compared with 32 percent supporting or leaning to Kulongoski.

Christenson said his campaign found particularly questionable a figure that 39 percent of the Democrats polled favored Atiyeh, with only 49 percent for Kulongoski.

"We don't feel it's really an accurate indication of what's going on out in the field," Christenson said.

Campus area retailers hit by tight budgets

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A 7.5 percent smaller University student population apparently is shopping more frugally to offset the cost of this year's increased tuitions and cost of living. And University area businesses are noticing it.

According to some University area businesses, students this fall eat out less, buy clothes more prudently, and select less expensive groceries — all in fewer numbers.

The Campus Shoe Shop offers an example of the new student spending trends. Patrons, most of whom are students, are opting for a new sole in place of a new style, say owners Vic and Pearl Bogner. Sales are down, repairs are up, they say.

But the total number of customers is down slightly in the 35-year-old business.

Anderson's Sporting Goods on campus has changed its merchandise to suit lower student budgets, says owner Harvey Fox. The more economical goods have helped the store to continue increasing its sales to a better rate of business "than ever before," he says.

Sugar Pine Ridge also economized its inventory of sports products, says co-owner Al Tarpenning. "I think (students) are doing a little shopping around a little bit more," he says.

"I have heard a lot of rumblings" about a falling of business due to fewer students shopping in a weak economy

says Jamie Douglas, board member of the University Small Business Association. But the USBA has not discussed the matter formally, she says.

Douglas, also manager of Kinko's Copies, says that both the decrease in student enrollment and an increase in student thrift may be reflected in the East 13th Avenue store. Patrons, in slightly fewer numbers, now make greater use of cost saving self-service copiers and place orders requesting lower quality paper or bindings, she says.

Douglas adds that Kinko's does not face a substantial drop in profits.

But "less essential" goods are losing popularity among University shoppers.

Rather than buy Michelob, students now buy Rainier, says Larry Swartz, owner of Hilyard Street Market. He says profits are the lowest they have been in the five years he has operated the store.

Things will get better, Swartz predicts, calling himself an optimist.

The popularity of cheaper used books has increased.

Despite a slightly shorter line at the cash register in his used bookstore, "we've experienced an increase in business due to the economic hard times," says Delbert Smith, owner of the Smith Family Bookstore.

A 10-percent loss in sales of new books at The Son of Koobdooga, a 13th Avenue bookstore for 11 years, means "we'll be closed (permanently) by the end of next month," owner Fred Austin says. The store saw an even greater decrease in sales last year, Austin says.



Photo by Kevin Clark

Retailers in University area are ringing up fewer sales this year.

In contrast, Austin's second bookstore, at the Fifth Street Public Market, is doing well. The market's customers are more diversified, he says.

Neighborhood restaurant business has also shifted. Burton's at the Campus still fills with students for lunch, but evening business and beer sales have decreased by 10 percent, says owner Ross Burton.

Similarly, lunch is still busy at Old Taylor's while evening business has fallen off noticeably, says co-owner Kam

Taylor.

However, students are still willing to spend for something which will last, says Roger Neustadter, general manager of Kauffman's clothing store. The store is doing well because it offers traditional or classic fashions that can be worn for a number of years without becoming outdated, Neustadter says.

Students find savings in buying an expensive, top-of-the-line sweater which lasts, he says.