

opinion

Emerald endorses Higher-ed advocates

It is vital that students, faculty, and staff vote to aide the University, Oregon's economy, and continued protection of the environment in next Tuesday's election.

With these objectives in mind, the Emerald makes the following endorsements for University area races to the Oregon State Legislature:

For Senate District 21, the area encompassing the University, most of northern Eugene and Springfield, the obvious choice is the incumbent, Senator Ed Fadeley.

Fadeley, a democrat, is currently the chairman of the Joint Ways and Means committee in the Senate. A tried and true supporter of higher education, human resources and progressive taxation Fadeley's voice in the Senate is one of the greatest assets of the University.

Fadeley's opponent Mike Cross, a political science student at the University, is a conservative Republican with strong right-wing beliefs. He has no prior experience in government. We admire his campaign spunk, we do not admire his political opinions.

Senate District 20, encompassing Eugene south of 18th Avenue and West Eugene spars the incumbent, Republican George Wingard, against one-term District 40 representative Democrat Margie Hendriksen.

Wingard and Hendriksen agree on most of the issues. Both oppose Ballot Measure 3, the injurious property tax relief measure, and 6, the repeal of the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Both have a grasp on the Legislature and the possible chaos it will be in, in the upcoming session.

The difference lies with Hendriksen's unwillingness to settle for a coalition of moderates in the Senate and Hendriksen's outspoken support of social, civil rights, and education issues.

Hendriksen has proved a quick study in her one term in the legislature. She has a viable plan for raising revenue — the crucial issue in the next term. We support the challenger Hendriksen.

The race for State Representative for District 41, the area encompassing the University, downtown Eugene, the Sheldon High School and Gateway, Springfield areas, pairs incumbent Mary McCauley Burrows, and University professor Mike Grove.

Burrows is a uniquely liberal Republican. She has voted consistently for the University, revenue raising bills, pro-environmental and social issue causes. Her position on the House Revenue Committee is a valuable asset for the district. She opposes Ballot Measures 3 and supports the nuclear freeze initiative.

University economics professor Mike Grove agrees with Rep. Burrows on most of the issues. He seeks office to strengthen the position of the University and lend his economic prowess to the legislature. He also would be a valuable asset to the district.

Regretfully only one can win. Rep. Burrows supports land use planning at the state level and therefore opposes Ballot Measure 6 — the key difference between her and her opponent. Rep. Burrows has proven herself for three terms, her voice on the Revenue committee should not be lost. We support her re-election.

Three contestants vie for House District 40, the seat covering Eugene south of 18th Avenue. Democrat Carl Hosticka, a member of the University faculty, is running against Citizens Party candidate Laurel Paulson, a financial aid officer at Lane Community College and Republican Robert O'Reilly, an industrial consultant.

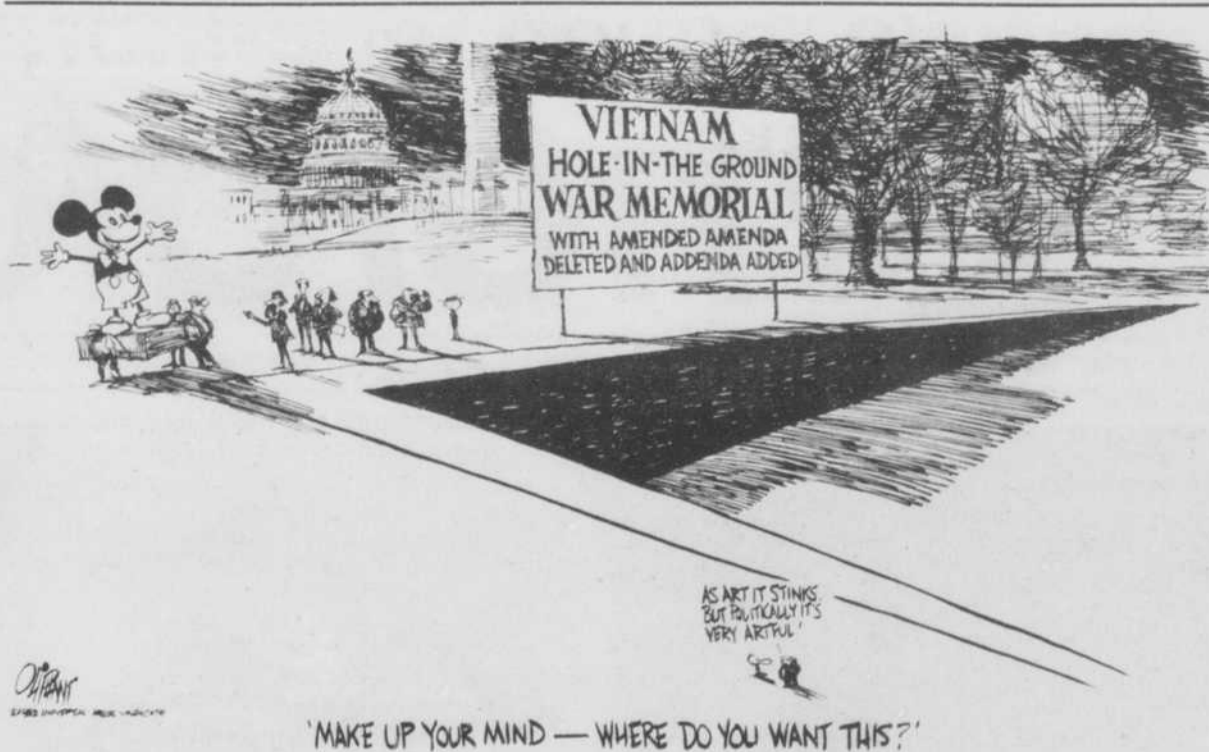
Paulson and Hosticka agree on most of the issues. Paulson supports public aid for businesses and farms to create jobs. Both oppose Measures 3 and 6. O'Reilly stays well within the Republican party line, he opposes higher corporate taxation and thinks government should turn over functions to the private sector.

District 40 is the seat abandoned by Margie Hendriksen. Hosticka would fill her shoes well. He opposes Measures 3 and 6 and has experience working on tenuous budgets as a member of the Lane County Budget Committee from 1980 to the present. He supports progressive taxation plans, such as Hendriksen's.

In other Eugene area House races, the Emerald endorses Grattan Kerans for House District 39.

Kerans, a democrat, is the incumbent and hopes to be the speaker of the house if re-elected. Kerans supports increases to education as one key to economic recovery within the state.

Kerans's opponent is Jerry Riley, a minister. Riley advocates a conservative watchdog form of government, Ballot Measure 6, and capital punishment.



letters

Register, vote

OSPIRG has been working in conjunction with ASUO for voter registration and our overall success has been tremendous. The ASUO registered 2,000 students and in addition to that, OSPIRG registered over 500 students.

However, our efforts are not stopping there. I cannot stress how important it is to get out and cast your vote. Registration was the first step; now use the privilege you registered for — VOTE.

Gretchen Brevoort
director, OSPIRG

On Weaver

I'd like to respond to Rep. Jim Weaver's comments concerning the Congressional tax break.

Fact: Weaver claims he voted against the tax break which translated into a \$19,650 pay increase while the rest of us are being told to live with less.

Note: The final vote on this measure was a voice vote so nobody can prove whether he voted for it or not. Actually the Congressional Record shows he voted "yea" on the initial, recorded, vote.

Fact: Whether Weaver voted pro or con he took the break — every last penny of it. My source wasn't Ross Anthony.

Note: If Weaver did vote against it then isn't it a bit unethical for him to take advantage of the salary subsidy? Isn't this especially true since he sent a letter to the Fourth District voters claiming he has been fighting pay increases for congressmen?

Weaver took advantage of the break and that's all that matters.

I could understand Weaver voting for the break - then taking it - but for him to deceive voters by telling them he fought against the proposal (while failing to mention that he wasn't at all ashamed to take full advantage of the benefits) is dishonest.

I think we deserve a better representative than one who is a master at the art of double-talk.

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Biased

Michael Prothe's "clarifications" of the ASUO Political Faire failed to clarify one important fact: Prothe is actively campaigning for Ross Anthony. According to Ross Anthony Campaign Headquarters, Prothe is a lawn-sign coordinator.

It is a serious conflict of interest for the coordinator of a political debate to be actively supporting one of the participants in the debate. Anthony, himself, said he would participate in a debate only if it were sponsored by a non-partisan group. Hopefully, the ASUO is non-partisan; the ASUO should ensure that their coordinators are non-partisan as well.

Prothe's letter, coupled with a slanted article in the Emerald the following day, cast Jim Weaver and his staff as non-responsive. The letter came from a biased source. The article was composed of a few statements made by Weaver, conclusions drawn by Prothe, and statements by Anthony's campaign chairman. This is not balanced reporting.

When a congressman makes a commitment, one expects he will keep it. Why should Prothe

assume Weaver's previous engagement in order to meet ASUO's schedule? Multiple contacts are always necessary when schedules conflict, and scheduling flexibility is necessary on the part of the ASUO in an event such as the Political Faire.

Prothe should have acknowledged his involvement in Ross Anthony's campaign in his letter and when he was drawing conclusions for the reporter who quoted him in the story that followed.

And yes, I am a strong supporter and campaigner for Congressman Weaver.

Chris Orsinger
rhetoric and communications

Defamed

The Register-Guard allowed unnamed critics to label Congressman Weaver "ineffective." And in the same Sunday edition, its Washington reporter, Steve Forrester, credited Weaver and Senator Leavy with saving most of the scientifically approved regulations for managing national forests from slaughter by the Reagan administration.

The Guard also printed charges that Weaver voted for the Congressional tax break and waited a week before printing evidence that these charges misrepresented the facts.

It defamed Congressman Weaver in the news section and endorsed him on its editorial page.

I agree with the editorial. I'd rather have Sir Launcelot than Sir Galahad represent me in the Congressional jungle.

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