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Political parties lack leaders, avoid issues, columnist says

By Sandy Johnstone
Of the Emerald

Oregon is politically leaderless, according to Oregonian Columnist Russell Sadler.

The Democrats have no comprehensive plan and are simply justifying what they have done in the past while the Republicans are unable to gain enough power to run the state, he said.

Sadler spoke Tuesday as part of the Robert Taft Institute of Government seminar being held at the University. The seminar is aimed mainly at social studies teachers and political scientists.

Sadler said that while House Speaker Gratton Kerrans has shown "political maturity," Senate Pres. Ed Fadeley had been "disappointing. And there's been no one at the wheel in the governor's office for years."

Atiyeh is a good administrator, but he is not rallying public opinion into a cohesive policy, Sadler said.

The property tax relief problem would probably be easier to solve now if the gubernatorial election had addressed the issue instead of concentrating on personalities, he said. Instead the candidates got involved in a "vicious" race.

The mud slinging started after a political poll done by Gov. Vic Atiyeh's campaign discovered that challenger Ted Kulongoski did not have a strong image in the state. Then Atiyeh's campaign concentrated on creating a perception — or misperception, Sadler said.

"With name-calling, the whole purpose of the political campaign is changed," he said. The campaign becomes less substantive, with the focus diverted from the issues, he said.

"The advice candidates are getting is don't commit yourselves to anything of substance," Sadler said. "I cover a helluva lot of speeches that have nothing in them. I'm there because they might say something. What's the alternative? Get around them with a column."

Many of the problems in politics are results of the decline of political parties, he said.

"The parties were able to govern," Sadler said. "The present system does not."

"Now there is no cohesive umbrella that reflects enough of the compromises necessary

to run the country," he said. Congressmen are swayed by individual interest groups and "no one is enforcing a consistent philosophy anymore."

Besides losing the monopoly on the nomination system when primary elections became popular, political parties have been unable to adequately fund and organize the manpower to run campaigns.

Candidates have recently been relying on their own organization to run the campaign and Political Action Committees to gain funding.

"PACs are the death knell for political parties," he said.

But the problems of political parties cannot be blamed on the media, Sadler said.

"There is some implication we (the media) have some control over the political process," he said. "We do not."

The media's coverage of the presidential campaign is all based on a simple premise, he said — "we're afraid we might miss something."

The fear goes back to 1964, when Barry Goldwater won the Republican nomination because he "sewed up the delegates" and "the media missed the story."

"That's failure in this business," he said.

The only bias journalists may have is for realistic candidates.

"After covering a few presidential campaigns it becomes clear what the people who won had to do to win and it becomes clear who has the organization and ability to win," Sadler said.

Candidates must have more than great ideas — they must have a good organization and ample money, he said.

"The media couldn't have squelched Reagan if we tried," he said, pointing to Reagan's "formidable" organization and his "liberal" financing.

People need the media because the media looks at the news objectively and tries to be fair, mainly because they usually have little economic interest in the outcome, Sadler said.

Sensationalism in the media died with Hearst, he said. "This is WASP (white Anglo Saxon Protestant) country and we are offended by sensationalism. No one reporter is expected to maintain readership."

Binge eating group initiated

The Counseling Center has established a special therapy group for students with eating disorders.

Susan Moseley, a doctoral student in counseling psychology and an intern at the center, says the group will

help students explore the reasons behind binge eating, the purposes of this behavior, and ways to overcome the disorders. Moseley has had several years experience working in the field of eating disorders.

To be eligible for the group students need not be registered for summer term, but do need to have attended the University fall through spring terms 1982-83 and should be planning to register for fall term 1984. The first meeting is June 29 and the group will meet every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the center.

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