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Hart woos Eugene crowd

Offers a choice 'between the future and the past'

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The presidential primary race stepped off the front pages and came to life on the Eugene mall Saturday as more than 3,000 people gathered to greet Sen. Gary Hart.



Photo by Michael Clapp

Hart is the only Democratic presidential candidate to campaign in Oregon. "Delegates from Oregon are just as good as delegates from anywhere else," he said.

Hart stopped in Eugene on his four-day tour of Oregon to seek support in Tuesday's primary. He told the crowd he is the only candidate who can beat Pres. Ronald Reagan in November and "send him back to his ranch for good."

Except for a few remarks specifically aimed at the Eugene audience, Hart's speech was familiar, but the crowd still cheered after each one-liner attacking Reagan's policies and espousing the "politics of a new generation."

"The people of Oregon will choose between the future and the past," he said. "We are tired of the politics of the past, and we want real change in 1984 and 1985."

"We cannot afford four more years of Reaganomics for the rich," Hart said. "We must not give this president control of issues of war and peace of this country and the world."

Hart said funding for the MX missile and B-1 bomber must be canceled to reduce the federal deficit. Hart also blasted Reagan for his stands on foreign policy, education and the environment.

"We must not send our sons to die without cause in Lebanon or to serve as body guards for dictators in Central America," he said.

"The enemy in the Third World is not communism, it is poverty," Hart said.

Hart accused Reagan of "selling off the nation's environment to the highest bidder," and said the United States must end acid rain and clean up the nation's 17,000 toxic waste dumps. Hart also commented on local environmental issues, saying the Northwest must protect the Columbia Gorge, set aside wilderness areas and restore salmon fishing streams in the Northwest.

America's number one domestic priority should be education and job training, Hart said. He promised to restore all funds cut from the education budget, including Guaranteed Student Loans and school lunches.

"If Ronald Reagan thinks education is too expensive, wait until he finds out how much ignorance costs," Hart said.

At a press conference following the address Hart was asked why he thought the Oregon primary was important to him. Neither former Vice President Walter Mondale or Rev. Jesse Jackson have campaigned in Oregon where only 50 delegates are at stake.

Hart said all primaries are important and "all delegates are equal."

"Delegates from Oregon are just as good as delegates from New York or anywhere else," Hart said.

"Where is Mr. Mondale?" he asked. "I don't see him in Oregon."

A recent poll conducted by *The Oregonian* showed Hart leading in Oregon with 50 percent, Mondale with 28 percent and Jackson with 8 percent.

Hart's Oregon supporters contend that a victory in Oregon will boost Hart's momentum going into the June 5 California primary. California has 345 delegates.



Takin' it to the street

Volunteers from Clergy and Laity Concerned and Student Campaign for Disarmament repaired damage Sunday to their graphic demonstration of the Reagan administration's 1985 proposed budget. The rainbow lines depicting fiscal outlays were splattered by black and white paint sometime after 2 a.m. Sunday. Joern Wettern of SCD said the groups don't know who vandalized their work, but that the destruction "stands for their viewpoint's horizon — just black and white."

The colored lines compare amounts budgeted for various departments in 1985. The yellow line representing military expenditures is 898 ft long — "twice the rest combined," Wettern said.

Dave Zauner said the painted lines "very blatantly show how the backbone of the administration's spending is in the military."

Photo by Michael Clapp

Two University students considered for board

By Doug Nash
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Few realize it, but they are probably the two most powerful students in the state's higher education system.

"They" are the two student members of the State Board of Higher Education. In the next few weeks Gov. Vic Atiyeh will select someone to fill one of those positions, and two University students are in the running.

International studies major Scott Seibert and first-year law student Paul Konka are both vying for the position held by member Randall Gill, whose two-year term expires next month. Nominated by ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss, the two are competing against students similarly chosen from each of the eight colleges and universities throughout the state.

Both point to their own unique backgrounds as evidence that they will be able to represent and articulate their concerns on the board. Konka, who has an M.B.A. in finance and investments and has worked as a naval officer, management consultant and analyst for the Navy, says his experience in financial matters will help him in the upcoming budget battle in the Legislature.

Seibert, meanwhile, is already well-versed on the ins and outs of board and legislative politics. Among other things, he has served on the State Board of Education, was student body president at Umqua Community

College, and is a certified lobbyist in Salem. His experience, he says, enables him to "walk in and feel comfortable with my ability on boards." It is an ability, he says, the current student members lack.

"Totally inadequate," he says of Gill and Walling. "Not responsive to student needs. Definitely not full participants on the board. Afraid to participate. Intimidated by the board. I don't feel they really show what the student experience is like."

As an example of the student members' impotence, Seibert recalls the recent board meeting when Hotchkiss and law student Don Corson requested the board to ask the Legislative Emergency Board for more funding. As students, Gill and Walling should have actively participated in the discussion, Seibert says.

"They didn't ask the leading questions," Seibert says. "They sat there like they'd been told not to do anything."

It is vitally important for student members to work behind the meetings, doing their homework and dealing with the other members informally, Seibert says.

"It's not what is on the agenda that's important," he says. "It's what doesn't get on. By working the system, getting to know the members as people, and getting to know their vested interests, you can be effective."

Konka, however, is reluctant to criticize Gill and Walling and does not wish to align himself solely with student needs.

"I'm not sure I see myself as strictly a student member," he says. "I see myself as someone who can bridge the gap that exists between the student board members and the non-student board members."

The 32-year-old Konka says his experience in business will enable him to "talk the language" in the coming attempts to achieve a better funding base for higher education in the state. Unless it is totally necessary, though, he says he does not favor cutting out programs or smaller institutions to solve the system's financial woes.

"To cut out duplicate programs is ignoring the feelings of the people in the outlying areas," says Konka, who has attended Southern Oregon State College. "The burden it puts on the people in Eastern Oregon or Southern Oregon is one that I don't think should be ignored."

But Seibert disagrees. Duplicating programs could have the exact opposite effect on smaller institutions, he says.

"As soon as they're able to institute similar courses in all the schools, then they'll close a school with low enrollment because it's no longer significant," he says.

So far, neither Konka or Seibert have been interviewed for the post. Two other board positions have already been filled by new members Gene Chao of Portland and Janet Nelson of Coos Bay.