

opinion

You gotta have Hart

Of the remaining Democrats still actively campaigning for their party's presidential nomination, Colorado Senator Gary Hart looks to us to be the best person for the job.

Hart, in an attempt to differentiate himself from the other Democratic hopefuls, calls himself the candidate of new ideas. While we may quibble that Hart's ideas aren't "new," we won't quibble that Hart has a new outlook and possibly new solutions.

Hart was the only Democrat to bring his campaign to Oregon and to Eugene. That shows us something; that Hart is more determined to bring his candidacy to the voters of each state. He isn't the type of politician who plays the strategic game and ignores states because they don't have a big Democratic machine or delegate votes in triple figures.

Walter Mondale represents the same old tried and not necessarily true Democratic approach. It's time for a new approach in economics, diplomacy and the social well-being of this country. Hart is willing to try a new approach.

Finally, Hart appears to be the only Democrat who can put together a campaign that can defeat Reagan and defeating Reagan is a necessity.

Wheatgerm best medicine

With all this chatter about nursing Eugene back to the health enjoyed a few short years ago, we believe a mayor named Wheatgerm is the best medicine.

We understand that Brian Obie is the only real contender; that the other candidates are just pretenders to the position, but, like, Jerry "Wheatgerm" Campbell could loosen-up a November run-off.

What we see as Obie's economic solution — saving Eugene by creating an appealing climate for new business and industry — is not, like, holistic enough.

Obviously we'd like to see Eugene's economy healed, but the best medicine for Eugene, and Obie, may be a dose of Wheatgerm in a November election.

Burks for Sheriff

To explain it simply — David Burks has courage and we admire that. He has the courage (not necessarily the political savvy) to sue Lane County when his department suffers a serious budget shortfall. He has the courage to speak out when he is unable to do the job of law enforcement the state requires.

Burks came up through the ranks of the sheriff's department and is a proven leader.

Ballot measures

- Number 1 — Yes
- Number 2 — Yes

Nonpartisan races

- County Commissioner 3 — Jerry Rust
- City Council, Ward 3 — Deborah Ehrman
- Supreme Court Justice — Hans Linde
- Lane County Dist. Judge — Winifred Liepe

Democratic races

- U.S. Senator — Margie Hendriksen
- U.S. Representative — Jim Weaver
- Secretary of State — Barbara Roberts
- State Treasurer — Grattan Kerans
- Attorney General — Vern Cook

Republican races

- U.S. President — Ronald Reagan
- U.S. Senator — Mark Hatfield
- U.S. Representative — Bruce Long
- Secretary of State — Donna Zajonc
- State Treasurer — David Chen
- Attorney General — Dave Frohnmayer
- State Rep., Dist. 39 — Mary McCauley Burrows



letters

Supporting...

The Lane County Democrats are proud to endorse Debra Ehrman for City Council in Ward 3. We endorse only in races where we find differences among Democrats on bottomline party platform issues.

Ehrman's progressive advocacy of issues ranging from budget decisions to human rights prove her to be representative of her constituency. For the past several months, she has been spending many hours of her day going door to door, talking with residents of her Central Eugene and West University Neighborhood. She understands the campus and community mix of citizens in her area. As a University alumnus, a long time resident of Eugene, a respected attorney and public defender, and an active Democratic party worker, Ehrman has worked inside her community, helping to keep it strong. As your City Councilor, she will continue to work for you. She deserves your support May 15.

Susan Sowards
lane county democratic committee

Voting for...

Students don't normally exercise their right to vote in local elections. Whether this is because they just don't care, or because they don't think that it really makes much difference, the result is the same: someone else decides for them.

This year, with an exciting

primary election in progress, more students may be voting than would be in a normal, non-primary year. When students vote this May 15, they will also have an opportunity to vote in some important local elections, including Mayor and City Council of Eugene positions. These positions directly affect the quality of our lives here in Eugene, and student votes are very important — to the candidates, and to the students.

Debra Ehrman is a candidate for Ward 3 (which includes the area around the University) and should be elected to the Eugene City Council. She was my predecessor as president of the Student Bar Association, here at the University, and as a former student, Ehrman understands our concerns and needs. Ehrman is presently an attorney with the Lane County Public Defender's office, where she has continued her record as an extremely hard-working advocate for the rights and interests of others. Ehrman more nearly represents the kind of person we, as students would want to represent us on the Eugene City Council. A vote for Ehrman is in our best interests, and I highly recommend her to the students at the University.

Ken Ford
pres., student bar assoc.

Puppet show

Last Wednesday, Pres. Ronald Reagan in a nationally televised speech asked the American people to support his Central American policy. He asked us to help stop the "communist reign of terror" and to "support freedom in this hemisphere."

Who is Reagan asking us to support? Do these people really represent freedom? If Reagan was to do his homework, he would find that he is asking us to support rich puppets of U.S. corporations and of our government. In El Salvador, he would find that 80 percent of the land is owned by 2 percent of the people. He would find that U.S. corporations own 60 percent of all the industry in El Salvador. He would find that the government he is asking us to support is sponsoring, with our money, death squads that have killed 40,000 people in the past five

years.

According to Reagan, all people in Central America who do not approve of their governments, do not like starvation, would like to have a home, and are asking for the basic human rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are commies. Come on folks, let's not swallow all the rhetoric and propaganda without question.

So when Reagan asks for more of our money, let us ask what for. Why should we wish to oppress fellow human being in Central America? Why is the government of El Salvador using napalm and white phosphorous on their own people? (For details on this read the *National Catholic Reporter* May 4, 1984.)

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Antisemitic

On May 8, I heard Lyndon LaRouche, a fringe candidate for the Democratic party nomination for president, call Henry Kissinger a Soviet agent. This statement came in a radio spot bought on KZEL-FM 96 radio station.

LaRouche is an extreme racist whose National Labor Party is a forum for his extremist views. He views all non-Germanic people as part of a conspiracy to subvert America.

I remember being severely harassed (while waiting in a Seattle airport terminal) by some of his Labor Party people 13 months ago and know for a fact that his party people are not interested in abiding by the constraints of the democratic system in this country. I was photographed and spat at because some of his people become somehow convinced that I was Jewish.

My comment is that LaRouche and his Labor Party people should be treated with contempt if all they want to do is libel and slander governmental servants because of their paranoid fantasies. Don't let distaste for Dr. Kissinger's policies take away from understanding that Kissinger was slandered because he is Jewish.

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