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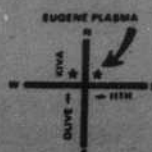
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Gender-gap theory questioned

By Dave Berns
Of the Emerald

The belief that women vote as a monolithic bloc is a distortion of reality and a serious political miscalculation, says political science Prof. Harmon Ziegler.

"In choosing Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate, Walter Mondale overestimated the cohesiveness of the women's vote," said Ziegler. "Women are so heterogeneous as a group that the candidacy of a woman for office will not simply cause a woman to vote for her."

Rather, he believes it is the political philosophy of the candidate that will determine whether or not a woman will vote for that candidate.

"Progressive female voters would not vote Jeane Kirkpatrick into elective office simply because she's a woman," he says. Ziegler believes women will only vote for candidates whose political philosophy matches their own.

In his recently published book, "Women, Public Opinion and Politics," co-written with Larry Poole, a former University political science professor, Ziegler concludes that female voters have been improperly labeled as "liberal Democrats."

"There is much stereotyping of women and the so-called women's vote by candidates, the media and many political scientists," Ziegler says.

Women will divide their votes in this year's presidential race as they did in 1980, when a plurality of women cast their votes for Ronald Reagan, Ziegler says.



Harmon Ziegler

Ziegler feels that the political philosophy of the Mondale-Ferraro ticket falls to the left of the American electorate. For this reason Ziegler expects a majority of women to vote against Walter Mondale.

Ziegler also believes that because of state Sen. Margie Hendriksen's liberal views, a majority of female voters in Oregon will vote against her in her race for the U.S. Senate against Republican incumbent Mark Hatfield.

"The true manifestation of the women's rights movement in this country is the fact that women are found all over the political spectrum," Ziegler says. "The acknowledgement of this reality confirms that women are truly on the road to equality."

Student rise a 'mixed blessing'

By Michael Doke
Of the Emerald

Enrollment is up at the University — much more than expected — but officials are viewing the news as a mixed blessing, says University Pres. Paul Olum.

While it's good news that more students are in campus classrooms, it's bad news that the boost in enrollment came during a time of budget cutbacks for higher education at the University and state, Olum says.

So far only three institutions in the state, Western Oregon State College, Southern Oregon State College and the University, have seen an increase in enrollment for fall term. As of the second week of classes, University enrollment is up by 1.8 percent over the same period last year, according to reports by the State System of Higher Education.

It was predicted last year the University's enrollment would go down by 2.7 percent. But as funding was based on this ex-

pected decrease in enrollment, the forecast caused a few problems, Olum says.

As of Thursday, 15,669 students paid their fees in Oregon Hall, which is 600 more students than was projected in January, says Jim Buch, director of admissions. He predicts approximately 15,800 students will eventually put their money down for the term.

"It is a bigger problem than in the past because of budget cuts. This year our operating budget is so tight, but we need the extra money," he says.

Lower-level classes in composition, computing and literature are now in great demand and the classes need to be provided, Olum says. Since math and languages are now requirements for freshmen, more classes in these departments are needed as well.

Freshmen registration is also up, he says. But as freshmen enrollment increases, class space for seniors and juniors becomes scarce, Olum adds.

"You (have) got to make classes available for graduating seniors. It's a shame not to," he says.

More faculty have been hired and the University has made a "heroic effort" in making classes available, Olum says.

The University must provide classes for students "if we are going to keep students coming here," he says.

All dollars available from savings in energy and fringe-benefit funds that have realized windfall investment returns have gone into making classes accessible to students, he says.

Tuition from every state college goes directly to the state chancellor's treasury, says Paul Holbo, vice-provost for academic affairs. At the end of next week, the last week for University enrollment, the student headcount will be final and the state office may reroute some of these dollars back into the University's pocketbook, he says.

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Later that evening, debates between Barbara Roberts, Donna Zajonc and Don Clark for the office of secretary of state will take place in the EMU Ballroom



Helen Caldicott

at 7 p.m. Another debate between Grattan Kerans and Bill Rutherford, candidates for state treasurer, will be held at 8 p.m. in the Ballroom, concluding the "State of the State" portion of the symposium.

As part of the Wednesday "State of Justice" presentations, Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer and Vern Cook will participate in a debate at 7 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

Three important ballot measures will be the topics of two debates in the EMU Forum in the early afternoon, including a discussion on Ballot Measure 8 entitled "Victim's Rights or a Prosecutor's Wish List?" will be held at 12:30 p.m., and a debate on Measures 6 and 7 on the death penalty in Oregon will follow at 2 p.m.

Panel discussions on Wednesday will include "Human Rights in Central America" at 8:30 p.m. in the

EMU Ballroom and a presentation by Change in '84 at 11:30 a.m. in the EMU Forum.

On Thursday the symposium will take on the theme of "State of the World," beginning with a speech by Congressman Jim Weaver, the Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress, 4th District, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 167 EMU.

Winding up the political symposium at 7 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom is Margie Hendriksen, who will talk about the ramifications of foreign policy under the Reagan administration and a Republican controlled Senate.

Finally at 8 p.m. in the Ballroom, Dr. Caldicott will give the closing address, "A Prescription for Ending the Arms Race."

For more information on the symposium, contact members of the ASUO Executive in Suite 4, EMU.