

Debates won by no-contest

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If a race could be won or lost simply on the grounds of who appeared for a debate and who didn't, the Democratic candidates for House Districts 39 and 40 would have the election all sewn up.

Still, political campaigns aren't so simple.

Ron Eachus, a candidate for District 39 state representative, and current District 40 State Rep. Carl Hosticka were both found lacking in opponents at a public forum held Tuesday afternoon as part of the Politics '84 symposium organized by the ASUO.

The Republican candidates for the offices, Carl DiPaolo and



Ron Eachus

Mitch Hammerstad who also are running for Districts 39 and 40 respectively, failed to appear at the debate, leaving the microphone as well as their side open for Democratic attack.

Hosticka opened the discussion with an appeal to students to take more of an interest in this race, as legislators like him play an important part in higher education.

"I believe we need to make the commitment of tax monies and state funding for higher education," Hosticka said. He added that higher education is experiencing increased enrollment, revenues and improved attitudes from the tuition freeze implemented during the last legislative session.

Hosticka said he sees a "hypocrisy factor" in the Legislature, where people are willing to vote for increased spending without supporting an increase in taxes as well. These legislators are comparable to people who don't plan ahead when dining out and come up cashless when it's time to pay the waiter, he said.

"My view is that we can't afford freeloaders like that in the Legislature," Hosticka said.

Eachus said his campaign is based on a "don't sell the voters short" philosophy. He said

DiPaolo's platform is much different because he opposes pro-



Carl Hosticka

posals that Eachus believes are important to the district, such as property taxation.

"It's important because we can't keep going through Ballot Measure 2's every time we go through an election," he said. Eachus said he prefers to provide property-tax relief through homeowner and renter exemptions financed by income taxes, instead of the adoption of a sales tax.

Eachus also supports Ballot Measure 3, the Citizen's Utility Board initiative, which he said DiPaolo views as a "pseudo" issue.

"It's very much a pocketbook issue," Eachus said. "I don't think the threat of a 2- to 300-percent telephone rate increase within the next three years is a 'pseudo issue' "

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Political Symposium schedule

Today's ASUO political symposium events feature a debate on Oregon Ballot Measures 6 and 7, the death penalty, in the EMU Forum Room at 2:00 p.m.

Each day of the symposium, the Emerald will run a boxed schedule of that day's events. Today's schedule is:

- 11:30 a.m. — Change in '84 will present a panel discussion in the EMU Forum Room.
- 12:30 p.m. — Debate on Ballot Measure 8: Victims' Rights or a Prosecutor's Wish List? EMU Forum Room.
- 2:00 p.m. — Debate on Ballot Measures 6 and 7: The Death Penalty, EMU Forum Room.
- 7:00 p.m. — Debate between Dave Frohnmayer and Vern Cook, candidates for attorney general, EMU Ballroom.




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