Debate features initiatives

By Thomas Henderson Of the Emerald

Ballot measures took center stage Wednesday night when Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer and his Democratic challenger Vern Cook debated in the EMU Dad's Room.

Cook attacked Frohnmayer's handling of ballot measure titles, charging that the attorney general's mishandling of his official responsibilities has resulted in unclear wording of the ballot measures.

"In one case, the sales tax ballot title, if you voted 'yes' you thought you were voting 'no,' " Cook said.



Dave Frohnmayer

Nuclear activist Dr. Helen

Caldicott will discuss the

nuclear arms race and her

recommendations for stopping

it in the EMU Ballroom tonight

Caldicott, a native or

Melbourne, Australia, was in-

fluenced as a teenager by Nevil

Shute's "On the Beach," a

novel about the effects of

nuclear war. But it wasn't until

after the birth of her first child

that Caldicott's concern became

personal responsibility for stop-

ping the nuclear arms race,'

"At that moment I accepted

In 1971, Caldicott began pro-

testing French atmospheric

testing of nuclear weapons in

the Pacific Ocean. Later, the

at 8.

her cause.

she says.

Adding that reviewing ballot titles should be a primary duty of the attorney general's office. Cook charged that "23 out of 28 challenges to Mr. Frohnmayer's ballot titles have been found to be unfair, misleading and insufficent" by the Oregon Supreme

'Challenging ballot titles is the oldest political game in the book," Frohmayer said. Additionally, he said, anyone who thinks reviewing ballot titles should be a primary duty of the attorney general should introduce legislation to abolish

According to Frohnmayer, most people decide how they will vote on ballot measures before they go to the polls. "I trust the voters more than my

opponent," he said.
The candidates also collided on their views regarding Ballot Measure 8, the "victims" rights" initiative, which revises numerous criminal laws concerning police powers, trials, evidence and sentencing.

Frohnmayer said he supports the measure as a means of balancing the inequities of the judicial system. "Virtually everything in that measure has been before the Legislature before in one form or another" but has been defeated by 'strategically placed' legislators, he said.

"I'm not really suprised Dave Frohnmayer supports the

Australia and New Zealand,

and the French halted the tests

her first book "Nuclear Madness: What You Can Do!"

She is a past president of Physi-

cians for Social Responsibility

and founder of Women's Action

"The 1984 elections are a

political crossroads that may

determine our survival as a

planet," Caldicott says. "We

have to use this opportunity to

elect a president and a congress

who are committed to

multilateral nuclear disarma-

Caldicott's discussion, which

is part of the ASUO-sponsored

political symposium, is free and

ment as their top priority."

for Nuclear Disarmament.

In 1978, Caldicott published

Caldicott speaking tonight

in 1972.



Vern Cook

measure," Cook said, "because he has such little regard for the Oregon Constitution.

Cook said he opposes the measure since several of its provisions would likely be judged unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court, particularly a provision allowing victims to participate in criminal sentencing.

Such a provision, he said, would promote vindictiveness instead of rehabilitation.

Both candidates oppose Measure 2, the property tax limitation. Although Frohnmayer said he understands concerns over property taxes, he said "it makes no sense to shoot at the Legislature through our heads."

Cook said he opposes the measure, but he charged that Frohnmayer's office did a "miserably poor" job in preparing the ballot title.

Both candidates also expressed opposition to Measures 6 and 7, which would reinstate the

death penalty. Cook said he objects to capital punishment not on moral grounds but because it is not an effective deterrent to crime.

However, he added, "I'd rather have nine guilty men on life sentences than execute one innocent one."

Frohnmayer voiced similar objections to the measures, saving "if mistakes are made in the adjudication of capital punishment, it is irrevocable.

Nonetheless, both said they would enforce capital punishment as attorney general if the measure passes.

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The 1984 ASUO political symposium concludes today with a discussion on nuclear arms by Dr. Helen Caldicott at 8 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

Today's schedule also includes a discussion on peace negotiations in Central America by Felix Kury, who directs the San Francisco office of the coalition currently engaged in discussions with El Salvadoran Pres. Napoleon Duarte.

Today's symposium schedule is:

•12:30 p.m. - Congressman Jim Weaver, Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress, 4th

•2:30 p.m. — Eugene Council for Human Rights in Latin America presentation: Felix Kury. U.S. representative for El Salvador's Democratic Revolutionary Front.

•7 p.m. - Margie Hendriksen. Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate.

•8 p.m. — Dr. Helen Caldicott, Physicians for Social Responsibility.

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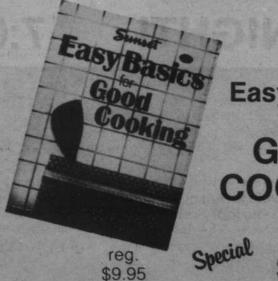
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