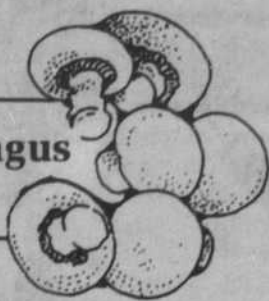


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Fans flock for Ferraro despite rain

By Paul Ertelt

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The sun shone for Gerry Friday.

After a bout of Oregon weather, the rain clouds broke long enough for Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro to address an enthusiastic crowd of several thousand on the EMU's east lawn.

"With the risk of mixing religion and politics," she said looking at the blue sky, "look at what happened today."

In her 20-minute speech, Ferraro said the presidential race was not over and that Walter Mondale could still beat President Ronald Reagan. Recent polls have shown Mondale trailing Reagan by between 12 and 20 percentage points.

"Ronald Reagan and George Bush have said this election offers voters the clearest choice in 50 years," she said. "And for once they're right."

Ferraro called the election a referendum on the economy and attacked the economic policies of the Reagan administration.

"America is not back and standing tall until the loggers of Oregon, the steel workers of Ohio and the farmers of our country are also standing tall," she said.

Ferraro also said that she and Mondale are committed to ending the arms race and support a mutual, verifiable nuclear freeze.

"Mr. Reagan is the first president since Herbert Hoover who has not met with his Soviet counterpart," she said.

Quoting late Republican President

Dwight Eisenhower, Ferraro called the arms race "theft from those who are hungry and not fed and from those who are cold and not clothed."

"And no one ever questioned President Eisenhower's commitment to a strong defense," she said.

Ferraro also assailed Reagan's plan to develop a space-based nuclear defense system, the so-called "Star Wars" defense, and his proposal to share the technology for such a defense with the Soviet Union.

"Enough is enough. The sky is the limit," she said. "Instead of sending the arms race into space, we should put a stop to it here on earth."

Attacking Reagan's human rights record, Ferraro said his assertion that the United States must back President Ferdinand Marcos to prevent a communist takeover in the Philippines only encourages Marcos to violate human rights in that country.

"I want the president to understand the effects of his words," she said.

Ferraro also criticized Reagan for the U.S. decision Tuesday to abstain from a U.N. Security Council vote, condemning apartheid policies in South Africa. The council voted 14-0 for a resolution calling for an immediate end to that country's official policy of racial segregation.

"The United States was the only nation to abstain from that vote," Ferraro said. "I want a president who will tell the government of South Africa that the racist system of apartheid must finally



Photo by Steven Wall

During a brief dry spell Friday, Geraldine Ferraro told Eugeneans, "With the risk of mixing religion and politics, look at what happened today."

end."

Ferraro said Social Security benefits must be defended, and criticized Reagan for his civil rights policies and his opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment. She also accused the Reagan administration of selling off our natural resources to the highest bidder.

"I want a president who takes polluters to court and not to lunch," she said.

Ferraro was interrupted several times in her speech by chants of "Gerry, Gerry."

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Use of animals in research raises questions of ethics

By Steven Van Hook

Of the Emerald

An old advertising adage asserts that nothing catches the public eye like children, pretty women and furry animals.

Well many eyes were focused on the University this summer as more than 100 supporters of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals flocked to campus from around the state to picket the experimentation on animals in University laboratories.

PETA is a national activist group opposed to all forms of animal oppression and exploitation.

Research involving animals is a multibillion dollar industry, and research institutions have a vested interest in continuing torturous experimentation on animals — even when the tests are uncalled for, say local PETA representatives Jan Golick and Shoshana Thielle.

Greg Stickrod, director of Animal Lab Services on campus, says he did not mind PETA's presence when it first surfaced two years ago. "It makes us question things — If you're functioning correctly, you can always stand up to scrutiny."

The direction of the animal rights group has since changed, Stickrod says, and he now expresses strong objections to what they're doing.

"They're purposefully misinforming the public, saying that no animal research has ever done any good for mankind... That's so incredibly absurd, it's malicious," he says.

Stickrod observes that "animals had rights in this country before children did. Parents could work their children 18 hours a day but not their horse."

He adds, "It makes me wonder: What are the priorities of the animal rights people?"

Stickrod is responsible for overseeing the care and invasive use of all animals (such as surgery, injections and blood withdrawal) on campus.

There are 20 labs on campus doing animal research on warm-blooded animals. The majority of animal research programs here are funded through such federal granting agencies as the National Institute of Health. Experiments are currently performed in areas including gene, brain and vision research.

Though the long-term goal of PETA is complete abolition of all forms of animal experimentation, the short-term aims are for a reduction in the number and redundancy of experiments, better facilities where the lab animals can interact and play, and community representation on the committee that reviews animal experiments, Thielle says.

"It's not comfortable for us to live in a community where we feel something so cruel and unethical is going on. The scientific community needs to realize it's responsible to the greater community for what it does. Right now they have a free license with no checks and balances... We're not even allowed into the labs to see what's going on," she says.

Stickrod responds that an animal welfare committee screens all grant proposals and intended use of animals. The committee is comprised of Stickrod, animal researchers, other University staff and a veterinarian. He says all animal research is regulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and

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Pumkin carving

Some 20 handicapped and mentally retarded children from Eugene schools turned out Sunday at the Gamma Phi Beta sorority to celebrate Halloween at a party sponsored by the sorority and Chi Psi fraternity.

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