

# Frohnmayer, Kerans, and Linde

Election day is just a week away and in Oregon the races for Attorney General, Treasurer, and Supreme Court are heating up. All around the state the candidates for these positions are busy on the campaign trail, trading criticisms with one another and speaking out on important issues.

In the race for Attorney General, we endorse Republican candidate Dave Frohnmayer over Democratic challenger and former State Sen. Vern Cook. While Frohnmayer has done a poor job in certain respects (for example, a number of the ballot titles he prepared were poorly written), we still believe that he is the right choice in the race for Attorney General.

Cook lacks the experience that Frohnmayer has gained while carrying out the responsibilities of Attorney General over the past four years. Furthermore, Frohnmayer has made issues, such as fighting organized crime in Oregon, the substance of his campaign. Cook has spent most of his time launching verbal attacks against his opponent. Frohnmayer is energetic, articulate and well-tested in his legal ability to represent the state.

In the race for State Treasurer the choice is clear: put your vote behind Grattan Kerans. Running for re-election against Kerans is Republican Bill Rutherford, who was appointed to the Treasurer's office earlier this year to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Clay Meyers.

It was shocking to learn during a debate at the University on Oct. 16 that as a member of the State Land Board, Rutherford was not aware of a permit that had been granted by the Land Board director, Ed Zajonc, to Arco Oil Company. The permit was to enable Arco to begin oil exploration along Oregon's coast and in the Colombia river. Arco cancelled their permit contract when Kerans began investigating it. Had they gone through with their oil exploration plans, Oregon's fishing industry would have suffered serious consequences.

Another important point about Kerans is his support of state divestment from companies that do business with South Africa. Kerans considers investment in a country as politically unstable as South Africa to be poor financial judgement. He also condemns the South African government because of its policies of racial segregation. Rutherford, however, is against complete divestment. Kerans is a man whose ideas and skills would serve Oregonians well. We encourage voters to make him the next State Treasurer.

In the race for Supreme Court Judge, we believe that Hans Linde is the right choice. A vote for Linde is a vote for an experienced Supreme Court Judge. Although challenger Albin Norblad claims that his background makes him better suited for the job of Supreme Court, we disagree.

Linde's law background certainly equals that of Norblad. Furthermore, Linde's nearly eight years on the bench have given him a national reputation for good work. This is an honor to both Linde and Oregon.

While Norblad does have a good background in law, including his work as Circuit Court Judge in Marion County during the past 7 years, we believe that he does not at this time offer a viable alternative to the long experience and good record of Linde in the Supreme Court.

**Editor's Note:** In Monday's editorial on the 4th District congressional race we stated that Republican candidate Bruce Long made a passing reference to Argentina as a country turning communist. It was not Long's intent to support this belief; rather, he made the statement to explain how some people think. Long is very concerned about Central American events and supports a political rather than military solution to the problems there. We regret any misunderstanding the editorial may have caused.



## letters

### Jesus and gays

The Emerald's article on GALA last Thursday raises some interesting points. A direct quote from GALA director Storm Fawcett stated the following: "We still have a long way to go before gays will be accepted as equals. . . . there still exists blatant discrimination." It is challenging to see what the Bible has to say about gay rights.

In the Holy Scriptures, Romans 1:27 has a direct reference to homosexuality as being unnatural: "In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion." Seeing as this is indicative of Christian doctrine, would it not be a violation of any Christian's faith on campus to pay money, voluntarily or under coercion, to support GALA? It would be like a Christian saying that homosexuality is okay. Yet in reality, every student at the University gives the equivalent of 20 cents per year from their tuition to GALA, whether or not he or she approves. Storm — do you truly believe that it is a threat to gay rights for a Christian to challenge the University's policy of forcing Christians to support GALA financially?

Practicing Christians do not hate homosexuals; they hate homosexuality, the sin, and rightly so, for Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." Christians don't believe that the traditional fami-

ly is obsolete, but that remaining Christian values, including the traditional family and normal sexual relations within the bounds of a legitimate marriage are the only things holding society together. In Christ we are "born again", no longer slaves to sin, which would otherwise destroy us. Storm, what you and your people need are not "rights" or governmental recognition, but Jesus Christ! Only then can you be truly free from the sin which enslaves all people without Christ.

Brandon Shepard  
Senior

### Legal murder

An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. . . .

On Friday, Nov. 2, 51-year-old grandmother Velma Barfield is scheduled to be executed in North Carolina.

Why is this event important to people in Oregon?

Velma Barfield's life has been a series of miserable experiences. She was beaten and raped by her father. She married to escape this home. Her husband drank heavily and threatened to do her violence. She became addicted to tranquilizers prescribed to her when she collapsed under this threat. While still addicted to the drugs, she poisoned four people.

Barfield's crimes are terrible. But nothing can bring back the lives of the victims. Since Barfield has been in prison and overcome her drug addiction, she has become a counselor, friend and "grandmother" to the other inmates. All accounts show that she is a reformed person, a model prisoner. She is helping to restore the lives of other prisoners.

What is the purpose of the judicial system, if it does not reward rehabilitation? Many believe that Velma Barfield is the victim of a bitter political contest for congress in North Carolina.

Because North Carolina allows capital punishment, this

reformed criminal will be killed on Nov. 2. Vengeance is the only motive for this murder. Don't let vengeance take this form in Oregon. Vote NO on measures 6 and 7.

Diane Hollister  
Graduate, Economics

### Discrimination?

I was sickened to read your expose on GALA. It read like a front page ad for perversion. I was also unimpressed that the Emerald used the space to knock the Reagan Administration and Republicans. Those awful conservatives just don't court the homosexual vote the way Mondale does, so they definitely deserve the blame for many of the woes of the homosexual.

"Discrimination", you say. In fact, Storm Fawcett claims blatant discrimination still exists. Well, is it discrimination or is it people sickened by homosexuality who don't want any part of it?

Ms. Pinckney seems to be against the word sodomy, and the laws of certain states against sodomy. Well, let's put it like it is Ms. Pinckney. In fact, maybe the Emerald could grace its readers with a sampling of the sex acts of homosexuals, and let the reader decide if these acts fit the definition of sodomy.

Recently, the Emerald ran coverage of the plight of the gay in the Greek system. How unfair for the Greeks not to recruit and support gays to be in their fraternities and sororities. Personally I couldn't think of anything better than to have the closeness and brotherhood/sisterhood of the Greek system jeopardized by gays.

But, let's not be negative. I have a great idea to increase the University's attendance. Let's schedule high school visitation day during Spring Term to coincide with Gay Pride Week. There's nothing like putting our best foot forward.

Fred Elledge  
Business

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