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Undecided voters weigh debate issues

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This time it wasn't the republican incumbent facing off against the democratic challenger. It wasn't even a duel between two contenders for the vice-presidency. Instead it was three representatives from the College Republicans debating with four students supporting the democratic ticket.

Sixty-six people turned out Tuesday night to witness representatives from both tickets vie for support from the few remaining undecided voters.

Barbara McCarthy spoke for the democrats on social issues declaring that "President Reagan's tax cuts have been disproportionately aimed at low income programs. He has favored men over women and the rich over the poor."

But Patricia Conrad of the College Republicans contended that "the Reagan administration has been plagued with misunderstanding and misconceptions concerning its record."

"Reagan is not a pawn of the new right, and is not down-trodding upon the minorities of America and especially women," she said.

The debate turned to economic issues when Doug Green of the College Republicans maintained that the Reagan Administration is offering college students the ability and opportunity to move upwards.

"This economic policy has created the type of environment that makes sense for

American business. We are generating new jobs and new economic opportunities," he said.

Dan Malarky, representing the democrats focused on the deficit.

"The free-spending democrats were doing pretty well compared to this fiscally conservative republican," he said.

"What's wrong with the deficit is that in the short term it can cause high interest rates, but in the long term we're either going to have to raise taxes in the future or stifle investment spending."

On the topic of defense and military issues democrat Bill Hallmark emphasized that there is not a more pressing problem than the nuclear arms race.

"Walter Mondale has proposed a nuclear freeze," he said. "He's making a step for a more secure America and more secure world."

Sterling Coke for the republicans stated that the Reagan Administration has two aims.

"One of Reagan's aims is arms control negotiations and the other is in moderization of nuclear and conventional forces," he said. "In order to negotiate, we have to be patient."

Regarding the issue of foreign policy, republican representative Doug Green noted "Reagan foreign policy is based on the realities that are faced. Some are bad and some are good, some are opportunities and some are challenges. And our primary goal is human rights."

But Betsy Boyd who spoke for the



Photo by Michael Clapp

Party representatives present views in hopes to gain support of yet undecided voters.

democrats claimed that those concerned about communism are not better off with Reagan.

"Ronald Reagan advocates military intervention as a way to solve foreign policy disputes. The best way to handle foreign policy is to work within the United Nations," she said.

Sponsored by the University forensics team, the debate was designed to give

undecided voters a chance to make an intelligent decision said Dave Sterns, director of the forensics team and mediator of the debate.

Each side had four minutes to make its presentation, which was followed by a two minute cross-examination period by a member of the opposing team. Following the cross-examination period, both sides were permitted a one minute rebuttal.

Costume fads unchanged

By Lori Steinhauser

Of the Emerald

An abundance of gangsters, flappers, witches, devils, nuns, monks and popes, will be stalking the city tonight, along with cats, mice, and men in drag, according to what area merchants say have been the most popular costumes for this year's masquerade celebration.

After a steady stream of clients all week,



Photo by Michael Clapp

Costume retailers offer a wide variety of Halloween apparel for Halloween prowlers.

costume merchants will witness a full-scale flood of sales until closing tonight. Everybody waits until the last minute says Marcia Dahlquist, owner of Eugene's Timewarp Costumes.

At St. Vincent de Paul Salvage Bureau downtown, business skyrockets from an average some 100 daily customers to 300 or more per day the week before Halloween, says store manager Joy Rupe.

At Backstage Dancewear and Theatrical Supplies, downtown, costumes range from \$2 for a little makeup on up to \$100. Clients spend an average of about \$10 on costumes, owner Don Zadoff says.

At Timewarp Costumes rentals range from \$5 to \$100. Most people spend between \$15 and \$45 though, Dahlquist says.

"For the third year in a row nuns, monks and popes seem to be in great demand," she says. These costumes run from \$10 to \$35.

Favors beauty salon on the downtown mall has been busy painting faces and hair. Pirate, wizard and cat faces have been in popular demand this Halloween, says owner Peggy Mollen.

Costumes will be flaunted in costume parties at several area halls and bars tonight. Listed are but a few to start an evening's prowling.

The WOW Hall will host a Halloween Costume Extravaganza, with an "I Love Lucy" look-alike contest and music by the Cashiers and Single Mary, starting at 9 p.m. Admission is \$4.50.

The 8th Annual Halloween Ball begins at 8 p.m. at the Eugene Hilton, featuring music by the Robert Cray Band, Curtis Salgado & In Yo' Face and The Party Kings, a costume contest and meandering magicians. Tickets are \$5.96 in advance and \$6.96 at the door.

Spooky shows will air at local theaters. A double feature, with "The Night of the Living Dead" and "The Dawn of the Dead" begins at 9 p.m. in 150 Geology. Admission is \$2. At the Bijou, the late night movie is "The Evil Dead," at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$2.

Gandhi assassinated extremists take guilt

From Emerald and wire service reports

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India was assassinated outside of her home in New Dehli Wednesday morning (Indian time).

Gandhi reportedly was on her way out to make a video news recording when three of her personal guards opened fire on her, hitting her eight times in the lower abdomen and chest.

Other security guards at the scene shot and killed two of Gandhi's assassins. The third gunman was arrested and taken into custody.

Gandhi was rushed to the All-India Institute of Science, the country's most prestigious medical institute, where, according to ABC News, she died while undergoing surgery.

A religious extremist group known as the "Sikh Brotherhood" took responsibility for the assassination. In recent months, the group has launched a series of political assassinations while demanding the creation of an independent nation for Sikhs in India's Punjab region.

Gandhi had been under tight security in recent weeks because of assassination threats made by the Sikh Brotherhood.

The Sikhs are a religious minority in India, but not all of them support the activities of the Sikh extremists. Tensions climaxed between the government and the Sikh Brotherhood when Gandhi ordered government troops into the Golden Temple, the holiest shrine of the Sikh faith. Sikh terrorists had been using the temple as a headquarters for their activities.

Gandhi was the daughter of Jawarahal Nehru, India's first prime minister. In 1966, she herself became prime minister of the world's largest democracy. She lost the election for prime minister in 1976 to Moraji Desai. Four years later, a landslide vote carried Gandhi back into office.

With Gandhi's death, according to India's parliamentary system her son Rajid, the secretary-general of the Congress I Party, will likely be sworn in as prime minister.