

It's your right — go out and vote

Election Day 1984 is here. Will it be like election day in 1980, when approximately 16 million eligible student voters did not cast votes? In 1980, presidential candidate Ronald Reagan declared a landslide victory, even though only 49 percent of the eligible voters in the United States went to the polls. We hope 1984 will be different.

Young people, many of them students, are the group that least frequently votes in America. According to the United States Student Association, the decline in voting among young people which has developed over the past eight years is accelerating. At the same time, many polls indicate that students' concern about pressing issues such as the arms race, civil rights, environmental protection, and education remains well above that of the general population.

We urge students to translate their concerns into votes today. In Oregon, you can register to vote on election day. This means that there is still time to register and make your vote count in the 1984 elections. For too long, students have ignored the voting process. As a result, politicians have ignored the concerns of students.

The 1984 elections are critical for students in many ways. With the increase in military spending during the past four years, federal funding for higher education has been decreased. With the United States taking a more dominant military role in Central America, speculation has grown about the possibility of a Vietnam-like war in the region and how it might affect students.

In 1980, there were 47 million unregistered voters in the United States. One third of them were between the ages of 18 and 24. It's time to let the leaders of this country know that student apathy is a thing of the past. Remember to vote today.

Reagan advertisement unethical and offensive

As various political campaigns have heated up during the last few weeks, voters have been bombarded with media advertisements ranging from simple statements of support to vehement attacks on candidates. These ads may irritate some people, but the campaigns usually are in good taste.

This is not the case, however, with the eight-page ad that was inserted into Monday's Oregon Daily Emerald. We object to the ad, which supported President Ronald Reagan, not because of its content but because it was made to look like news coverage. It was not a product of the Emerald staff. In fact, the ad was inserted into 65 to 70 college newspapers in 21 different states.

We admit we are at fault for running the insert without first checking its design and making sure it was prominently marked as an advertisement. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused our readers and we hope this situation won't arise again.

We also want to clarify the status of The Prouder-Stronger Times. It is a paid political advertisement and not news coverage of Reagan's campaign or his term in office. In no way does it represent Emerald support of Reagan. In fact, we wholeheartedly endorsed Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro on Friday's editorial page.

The Prouder-Stronger Times also ran in Oregon State University's Barometer and Portland State University's Vanguard recently, causing confusion and anger among the readers of those newspapers, the editors say. Together with the staffs at OSU and PSU, we denounce the insert as unethical and in poor taste.



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Voters' advice

How to say it all at once means that I'll have to deal with several candidates and issues in the same letter. I urge your support for the following:

First and foremost, a vote for Mondale-Ferraro is a must. The reasons are obvious from the TV debates. The survival of the U.S. and the world are at stake.

Next: Elect Barbara Roberts Secretary of State. The endorsement editorials written in support of her candidacy (the Oregonian and Register Guard, among others) are correct. The same is true for Grattan Kerans for State Treasurer. Roberts and Kerans have won their spurs on the job.

As to state issues, I urge a YES vote on Ballot Measure 3. As your long-time, at-large EWEB board member, I can attest that the consumer will be well served by a Citizen's Utility Board. In Eugene, for instance, EWEB may be fighting for survival. A Citizen's Utility Board could be vital in a fight to preserve our independently-operated and elected EWEB board against encroachment or take-over.

As for Ballot Measure 2, vote against it. Its approval would wreck local schools and local government. Vote NO on ballot issue 2.

At the county level, elect veteran Commissioner Jerry Rust and Eugene Councilman John Ball. County government has too much to lose to do otherwise.

Finally, re-elect Carl Hosticka, State Representative, District 40. He deserves our support, as does Margie Hendricksen for the U.S. Senate.

Jack Craig
Eugene

Vote for Kerans

Many people often complain about our state government not having enough leadership or commitment to address the problems of Oregon's economy. Within our legislature there has been at least one shining example of a person who is concerned about the needs of the state of Oregon. That person is Grattan Kerans — Democratic candidate for State Treasurer.

In carrying out his previous duties as a legislator, Kerans was always concerned about balancing the budget, while still responding to the people's needs. On Nov. 6, it would be a shame for the state of Oregon to lose a man of his character.

Based on my own experience in working with Kerans, a good example of his concern for people is the fact that he has supported legislation to remove architectural barriers, long before most people knew what an architectural barrier was. By doing this, he has helped make public buildings accessible to the handicapped citizens of Oregon. In addition, he has fought consistently to preserve the budget for higher education, especially in areas which benefit students directly.

I am excited to think about what having Kerans in the state treasurer's office will mean for both the state's economy and for state employees' pensions. Let's keep the leadership we have in Oregon by supporting Kerans for the State Treasurer and vote for him on Nov. 6.

Loren Simonds
Eugene

Repulsive

I find it particularly repulsive to find the State of Oregon paying \$900,000 of our tax money to a Philadelphia law firm "to help defend a sex discrimination lawsuit against the State's College System" (Register-Guard Oct. 27).

It's a shame that certain prac-

tices are used against the women of our state by the male-dominated hierarchy of our public school system to keep them from attaining a "comparable worth" for their chosen professions.

It's even more of a shame when the same people who control the purse strings of our state force "We the People" to have to go to court while they're wasting our tax dollars airing out Oregon's dirty laundry clear across the U.S. in Philadelphia. How many different times have our officials gone outside our state for different jobs which Oregonians could have done? How much has it cost us?

Isn't it time we started treating all people with the same respect and courtesy we ourselves would expect? Isn't it about time "We the People" started asking our Oregon officials to show us how they are spending our tax money wisely before they come to us asking for more, once again?

Well...I'm sure glad Oregon still has an open records law. I wonder how much money is needlessly wasted in Oregon every year? Do you think it would put the state at a disadvantage if "We the People" only knew? I'm still for open government, Mr. Frohnmayer, aren't you?

Richard Gold
Eugene

Editors note:

During the past few weeks the Emerald has been swamped in "letters to the editor." Most of the letters have contained political endorsements of candidates and opinions on local ballot measures.

We have done our best to run as many of these letters as possible. Unfortunately, we could not run all of them due to space limitations. The letters we chose to run, however, were representative of the amount we received on a specific topic. We would like to thank everyone who took the time and effort to write a letter.

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