

Editorial

State races present interesting choices

State congressional races often miss the attention of students, but this election students have some particularly qualified candidates to vote for. We endorse the following candidates for the districts most students live in:

House District 40 — Carl Hosticka

Democrat Carl Hosticka is the two-term incumbent in this district and deserves another few terms or so.

As an associate professor at the University and a leader in the fight for education funding, Hosticka emphasizes correctly the importance of education. He supports providing separate limits for basic school support and higher education funding to relieve competition between these two priorities.

He supports state fund divestment from South Africa because "we'd better get on the right side of that situation soon."

He does not oppose the Oregon Marijuana Initiative, but does not campaign for it either, citing "hypocrisy in the whole area of laws dealing with intoxicating substances."

Hosticka is an intelligent, experienced legislator, and he gets our vote.

Senate District 20 — Grattan Kerans

Democrat Grattan Kerans' long experience in the legislature makes him our choice; he knows the ins and outs of the legislative process.

He sees Measure 16 — nuclear conversion — as the key issue in this year's election, saying if businesses are interested in the business of nuclear death, then "to hell with them."

He feels state funds should have been divested "years ago."

He also criticizes the competition between basic school support and higher education, saying the situation worsens the effects of economic hard times.

He supports continuing the tuition freeze, and wants to increase funding for the Centers of Excellence and faculty salaries.

We must mention the strength of his opponent, Republican Scott Carpenter, whose bright, innovative ideas make him a close second in our endorsement.

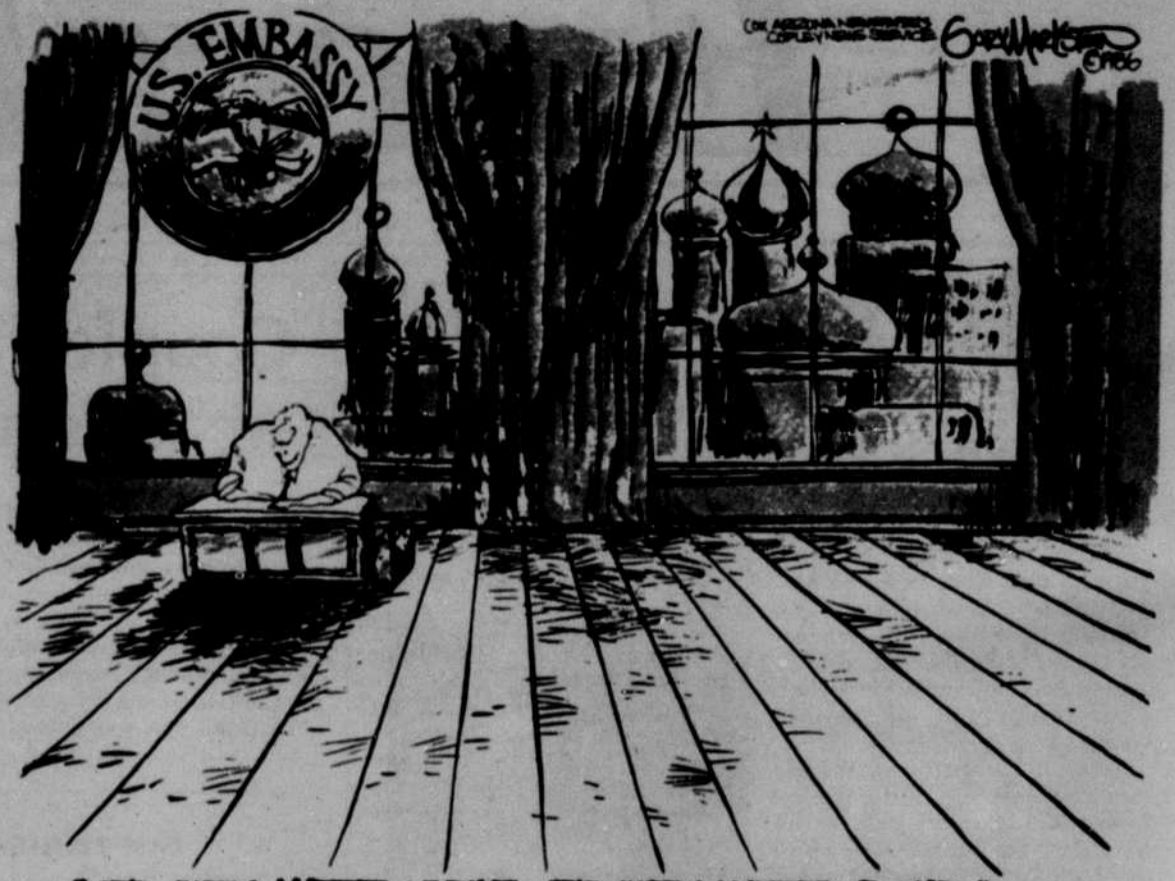
Senate District 21 — Larry Hill

Democrat Larry Hill gets our vote for this race because of his thoughtful stands on the issues.

He supported the tuition freeze and funds for advanced sciences buildings and the Centers for excellence. He also supports a state student-loan program to protect students from financial aid cuts at the national level.

He also supports a tuition waiver for the top two percent of Oregon high school graduates, seeking to encourage the best students to stay in the state.

In addition, he supports giving Oregon contractors an edge in bidding for state contracts, just as California and Washington give preference to their contractors.



"IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME...IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME..."

Letters

Animal rights

Sunday morning some people decided that what the University was/is doing with their animal test subjects was/is wrong and took matters into their own hands. They broke some expensive equipment, spray painted some slogans on walls and took some of the test animals from the "lab."

The University claims that, and I quote, "Ironically, the only equipment damaged had to do with the care of the animals." In a picture on the front page of the Oct. 27 issue of the Emerald there are a number of syringes on the floor.

I didn't know that syringes were required for the proper care of rats, hamsters (of any breed) and cats.

The University says it is considering no longer using the facilities.

Does this mean the end of "care" for the remaining animals?

The University finds it important to repeat and repeat documented experiments on live conscious animals — to prove that the text books are right?

Violence and vandalism are

never good answers. Let's try to see what these people are saying. People all over the world are fighting for the rights of animals. This is not an isolated incident.

P. Brandt
Eugene

Beware

This is a letter to the people who broke into the animal care facility at the University. I implore you to educate yourselves about that which you have destroyed.

You have two options: to be honest or dishonest. If you are honest, come out into the open. Join up with you ideological relatives, the people who bomb abortion clinics. Start a movement; wear green jackets with white crosses. Roam the country and enforce morals using violence.

If you are dishonest, you must hide what you've done. However, dishonesty without intelligence spells disaster. Ask your friends if you have enough intelligence to be dishonest. They may tell you to get a green jacket.

If you have intelligence, learn biology. Discover how knowledge in biology is obtained. If you disagree with experimental methods, you will be able to raise a question publicly. You may even grasp the motive behind the use of animals in experiments. I suspect that you have chosen ignorance about biology to suit

your urge for violence. Many of us have long hours of effort invested in our work. By your destruction, you have destroyed the work of many well-planned hours. If you come back, we who work in the science building will attempt to battle you with reason, in the hope that we are dealing with humans. Beware if you are an animal wearing a green jacket with a white cross — YOU will end up in a cage.

Mark Grimes
Molecular biology

Pick it up

On my first tour of the University, I was impressed by the beauty of this campus. It was a contributing factor in my decision to attend this university. Other factors included the freedom of expression exhibited by students and the energy directed toward environmental and human rights issues.

While leaving Condon Hall last evening, I was stunned at the amount of garbage strewn about the steps and lawn — all within twenty feet of a large trash dumpster. I refuse to believe that students here are too ignorant or lazy to clean up after themselves. Think of the time and energy spent on issues that are big enough to require voting, large amounts of money, and activism. We often feel as if the "powers that be" have not listened to our voices, or control is not in our power.

Here is an issue that we can control, in fact, one in which control is in our very hands!

While I am aware that the maintenance department has money appropriated for "litter patrols," wouldn't it be much more efficient to use such money for better uses? Or maybe not even spend it at all?

As a final request, when you have finished reading this paper, please put it in the proper place. Thank you.

Dave Wechner
Eugene

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