

# Editorial

## Straight Demo ticket for U.S., state reps.

Currently, the Oregon ballot shows two candidates for U.S. representative, and two candidates each for state representative in District's 39, 40 and 41. However, we feel certain candidates have shown a commitment to issues important to the quality of the state, so we are endorsing a straight Democratic ticket for the representative positions.



Because the economy, the environment and education in Oregon should be of priority to voting citizens, we urge you to cast a yes vote for the following candidates:

**Peter DeFazio, U.S. representative — Yes**

As the current U.S. representative for Oregon's 4th District, DeFazio has been courageous and aggressive — and he's made a difference.

Working for peace, DeFazio slammed his party's leadership and voted against a bill that would have raised state taxes and increased federal military spending by \$3 billion. He also led the House of Representatives to halt military escorts of Kuwaiti oil tankers, and to force President Reagan to comply with the War Powers Resolution.

DeFazio also has made a difference for Southwestern Oregon — he was the first to open permanent congressional field offices in Coos Bay and Roseburg.

Finally, DeFazio was the only Northwest representative to vote to impose tougher sanctions on nations that engage in unfair trading practices.

Re-elect Peter DeFazio. He believes America's strength lies in the diversity and productivity of its people. We believe in DeFazio.

**Edmunson, Hosticka and Dix — Yes**

Jim Edmunson is currently an attorney for disabled workers and formerly a journalist and cannery worker. He stands for jobs, schools, the economy and the environment. We stand for Edmunson.

Edmunson believes local school funding deserves increased state financial support to decrease the burden on local property taxes. He believes a commitment to Oregon is a commitment to Oregon's natural resources. And, Edmunson believes we all have a right to peace, safety and happiness.

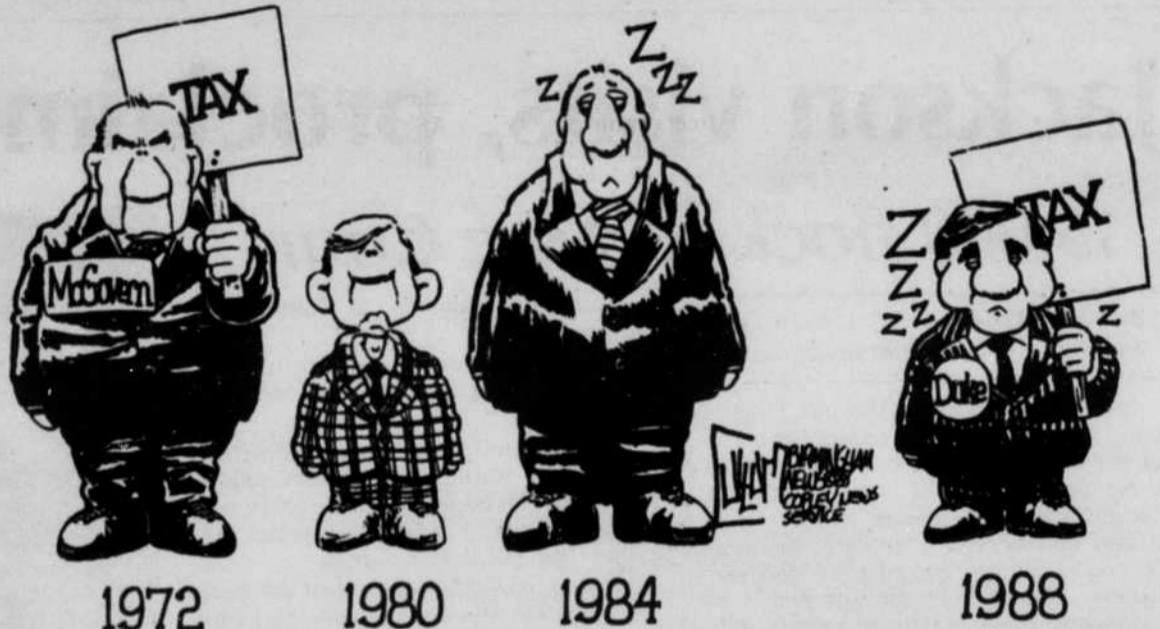
Carl Hosticka, a University associate professor of public affairs, currently serves as a state representative.

Hosticka's record is a shining example of his commitment to education, tax reform, economic development and environmental quality. He has worked to keep educational control from drifting into the hands of state politicians. Hosticka has also led the fight for protection of Oregon's natural resources.

Hosticka's experience proves he is an advocate for Eugene and Lane County.

David Dix, currently a state representative and small business owner, is well-versed in the legislative process of the state.

In 1987, Dix pushed for (and got) finances for restoring the University's Hayward Field, handicapped accesses and a new building for the Arts and Architecture Department. In the future, Dix hopes to fund the expansion of the University library. Dix is a champion for the University.



## Letters

### Call someone

Let's talk about something sobering: the references to drunk driving in some recent letters to the Emerald. I would like to think that the authors of those letters were wrong, that drunk driving won't increase as a result of the new regulations.

However, naivete won't make a problem go away. Therefore, I make this request of my fellow students, with regard to drunk driving — don't do it! It took the death of a former girlfriend at the hands of a drunk driver to make me fully aware of the dangers involved. No one here should have to learn at that price.

For those of you who have by now decided that I'm a bible-stomping, self-righteous zealot, I have to confess that I like a good party as much as the next person. I do try to use some foresight, though, when I have plans involving alcohol, and I urge you to do the same.

Don't get behind that wheel drunk! Make other arrangements for transportation. Call a friend, or Mom, or Dad, or a taxi or your long, lost aunt.

In fact, call me before you drive drunk. My number's 345-7056, and I'd rather get out

of bed and drive you home than have you drive drunk. If you're a person who would be willing to help by driving others, give me a call. Maybe we can prevent a tragedy.

"In order to act wisely it is not enough to be wise."

**Rudy Asercion  
Computer science**

### Thanks GALA

Congratulations to the members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, under the leadership of Tora Johnson and Tim Hughes, for organizing a very successful Gay Pride Week. The multitude of events held throughout the week included forums on gay issues, outstanding films, a well-attended banquet, a dance and an enthusiastic (though wet) rally.

Prominent speakers included Karen Thompson, Amani Jabari and Vito Russo.

Although I was unable to attend all the events, those I did attend were very enlightening on the subject of sexuality, particularly homosexuality.

I feel we of the gay community in Eugene are very fortunate to have such a supportive group as GALA in the relatively accepting atmosphere of the University.

I want also to congratulate Tora and Tim for the cool and humorous way they handled the homophobic "frat boys" who tried to disrupt the rally with their constant heckling. Particularly satisfying was the way they were reprimanded by the notable heterosexual speakers on the program, namely University President Paul Olum, County Commissioner Jerry Rust and

ACLU Co-director Dave Fidanque.

Thanks again, GALA!

**George J. Link  
Eugene**

### Stop sign

As members of the ASUO Elections Board, we would like to respond to the allegations made by the Emerald Editorial Board. The editorial dated May 2 stated that the Elections Board needed to "train pollworkers so they know what is proper behavior in the voting booth."

The truth of the matter is that these pollworkers, including Ken Sutton and Melanie Tunick, were properly trained and informed of the proper procedures that were to be followed while working in the pollbooth.

Sutton even furthered his "education" by bringing up a hypothetical situation while waiting in the elections office for his shift to start. He asked if pollworkers were allowed to voice their opinions or preferences on candidates or issues while working.

A member of the board told him in no uncertain terms that this was strictly prohibited under the ASUO Elections Rules. This fact was explicitly expressed at the ASUO Constitution Court hearing on April 28, at which Emerald Editor Stan Nelson was present.

Clearly the Elections Board is not at fault here. Sutton and Tunick were neither uninformed or misinformed. They simply chose to break the rules.

It might help the Editorial Board to compare the situation to a stop sign. All drivers know that they are required by law to come to a complete stop when they reach one. However, there are always a few individuals who decided that they don't need to stop.

**Barbara Hankins  
Manuel F. Rivera  
Elections Board  
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