

Yes on measure 88 and measure 89

Students go to the polls again this Wednesday and Thursday for the University's general elections — and to decide the outcome of the four IFC 1-year seats, four ballot measures, and an assortment of leftover runoffs.

Ballot Measure 88 would generate funds from University students to expand EMU child care services at Westmoreland Family Housing. The rate of the proposed incidental fee is \$1 per student per term — including summer term — and would generate \$62,064 to expand needed services.

We recognize that a large group of University students are non-traditional student parents, many of whom wouldn't be able to attend college without the help of child care services. It's up to all of us, parents or not, to pay one dollar per term to incidental fees to keep student parents in school. This measure is sponsored by the Incidental Fee Committee, and is, once again, endorsed by the Emerald.

Our other endorsement goes to **Ballot Measure 89**, which asks students to contribute more incidental fees to maintain "unlimited bus service within the Lane Transit District Service Area for all currently registered University students for the 1989-90 fiscal year." Students are being asked to pay \$4.50 per student per term (including summer term); law students will pay \$6.75 per term, and \$4.50 for summer. The unlimited bus service means University students may ride any LTD bus anywhere in Lane County, as often as one hankers to do so, by simply showing the bus driver a University identification card validated for the current term.

Last year we came out against the LTD measure, but have since substantially changed our opinion, given the overwhelming success and use of LTD by students. Moreover, the fee is the same as it was last year — it's hard to ask for a better bargain! Ballot Measure 89 is sponsored by the ASUO Executive, and endorsed by the Emerald.

The ASUO Executive also is sponsoring **Ballot Measure 90**, which asks student permission for the ASUO Executive to write to the University President and the Eugene City Council to express that it is the University's official policy to protect and preserve the Riverfront Research Park area as a "campus greenway area."

The Emerald does not endorse this measure. We in fact find it to be hollow at face value. As the Riverfront Research Park stands now, the issue has been taken out of the students' hands. It is unlikely BM90 will have any effect on the park's development. It is also unfair for students, most of whom live within the campus community from four to six years while in school, to seize something from the rest of the community which has lived, and intends to live here, all their lives.

Finally, **Ballot Measure 91** seeks to change the name of the EMU Forum Room to the Ben Linder Room — in memory of Ben Linder, an Oregon resident killed in Central America. We refuse to endorse this measure for two reasons: 1) Ben Linder had no ties with the University of Oregon (in fact, he was a student at Portland State University); and, 2) The name "Forum Room" breeds the idea that the room is an area designated for forum — open discussion and the free exchange of ideas. It is best that the room is not renamed after a martyr of the left, anymore than it be named after a martyr of the right. This measure is sponsored by the EMU Board, and does not get our endorsement.

We are pleased to see three of our four 1-year IFC endorsements made it through the primaries to the general election runoff. So while we continue to stand behind **Steve Maples, Elizabeth Neely and Tonija Swires**, we add **Jefferson Davis** to the list of those we endorsed in the primary election.

Davis is a member of Sigma Chi, and is double-majoring in political science and biology. Davis decided to get involved and run for a seat after "feeling humiliated and degraded by the IFC" during a former hearing process. Davis would like to see IFC members give more time to groups to help them with their budgets and with the hearing process. Davis's no-nonsense, humanitarian attitude gave him high marks with us during our endorsement hearings, and he obviously has impressed University students — considering the number of votes he garnered in the primaries.



Letters

Get smart

Most of us attend this institution to "get smart," correct? Then why is it that time and time again I see women walking home alone at night? (I see this happen not during dusk hours, but rather at 11-12:30 or so at night.) What has happened to common sense? It's just not smart to walk alone.

Look, it doesn't matter what stance a woman takes on feminist issues, what religion or belief a woman adheres to, or even what major a woman has here. No one is prepared to be attacked or raped.

I have been extensively involved during my four years here at the University and I am constantly questioned about the issue of safety on campus. The only way to be safe is to not walk alone and take advantage of campus resources. Be smart!

Is the point getting through yet? Safety is a campus issue that can only be solved through motivating the individual. Only when the individual decides to be safe can we work together for a safer campus.

Women, when you walk home alone, you put yourself in danger. If you can't think of yourself, then don't be so selfish that you don't think about how others would feel if something happened to you.

Get smart! Use campus resources and friends to get yourself home at night.

Lindy L. Holt
Senior, journalism

Cheap shots

In recent weeks, our campus has been filled with political chaos. Each of the candidates has been making vague or injurious remarks toward their opponent.

In fact, these past weeks I was reminded of all the cheap shots that occurred during our recent national presidential election. I think it's ironic that Americans were so disgusted at George Bush and Michael Dukakis' campaigns and yet we continue to practice their tactics on campus. It would be nice if I could single out just

one candidate, however I've seen slanderous activities by all candidates.

I agree with John Finn's idea (ODE, April 19) of endorsing candidates for their individual merit and political knowledge. Defacing and unfairly depicting opponents' campaigns should be left to high school elections, not a respectable college as ours.

This week is the final election and I hope the best candidates win. However, I hope it's because of their desire to make the campus better for the students, not through the use of cheap shots.

Kristi Strother
Student

Not trivial

In response to Michael Cross' letter (ODE, April 14) questioning readers' support of Roe vs. Wade, I would answer "yes." I would in each case mentioned support the woman's right to an abortion. But it is not my decision to make, and it is certainly not Cross'.

Cross lists five scenarios in which a woman's lifestyle would be drastically altered if she was to carry her pregnancy to term. In doing so, he attempts to trivialize the situations, claiming they occur "a lot more often than for justifiable reasons."

According to a recent Ms. magazine report, 76 percent of women polled listed a change in lifestyle as a reason for terminating a pregnancy. Although Cross sees a woman's desire to control her own life as unjustifiable, these women do not. Perhaps if he was forced to make this difficult decision himself, he would not find these reasons so trivial.

Cross lists health risks as the only justifiable reason for abortion, yet I find it ironic that one could care so vehemently for a woman's physical health, while blatantly ignoring any mental, emotional or psychological implications of an unwanted pregnancy.

I suggest Cross spend less time placing his moral judgments onto the lives of all women, and realize that each

situation can only be addressed by one person: the woman involved.

Tonnie Dakin
Journalism

Remain neutral

The Emerald should remain neutral in elections. A newspaper's purpose is to provide information, commentary and entertainment. A newspaper should not promote candidates. By doing so, the Emerald has turned a political commentary into news. Publicly endorsing candidates is bad journalism.

Helen Phan
Pre-journalism

Monson misses

Don Monson, the men's basketball coach, has really outdone himself this time. For those of you haven't heard about his most recent blunder, here it is: Monson failed to recruit Antoine Stoudamire of Jesuit High School, perhaps the best prep basketball player in the state.

The kid can hit the three-pointer, wanted to play for Oregon, and more importantly, performs well in the classroom. Monson wanted to use the last available scholarship for a big man. What about the other scholarships? Well, one of them was used on a seven-footer, but he falls under the "project" category, and we all know about Monson's "projects."

Where does this leave Stoudamire? He'll be playing ball at Georgetown, a basketball dynasty. Apparently, John Thompson (Georgetown's coach) knows talent when he sees it.

Where does this leave the Ducks? Stoudamire wouldn't have single-handedly saved the team, but he certainly would have helped. I guess we can look forward to another humiliating 8-21 season. The Ducks will rest in the cellar of the Pac-10, while getting hammered by Arizona, UCLA, Stanford and yes, even OSU.

Robert Clayton
Decision sciences

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