

Pick Bailey/Stickel for ASUO top spot

A telling question during last week's ASUO presidential debate between Kirk Bailey-Sheila Stickel and Steve Maples-Diane Cushman was posed when an audience member asked the candidates to state three ways in which they differed from their opponents besides their hair color.

The question was indicative of the lack of interest in this year's presidential election. There appears to be a public perception that the candidates are interchangeable and that students are being asked to pick between blondes Ken and Barbie (Bailey/Stickel) and brunettes Reggie and Veronica (Maples/Cushman).

Both teams do possess photogenic good looks, but the perception of malleable politicians is unfair because it shortchanges one set of candidates. Bailey and Stickel are clearly better qualified to hold the ASUO post than Maples and Cushman are. For that reason, the *Oregon Daily Emerald* endorses Bailey/Stickel for ASUO president and vice president.

Bailey and Stickel are already familiar with the ASUO; Bailey is the University affairs coordinator and Stickel is advertising/publicity coordinator. During their year in the office, Bailey and Stickel have helped put together worthwhile projects such as Creating A Rape-Free Environment Week and Taking AIM, and have served on important task forces dealing with child care and gay and lesbian concerns.

Bailey and Stickel also demonstrate the greater concern over next year's "big issue" — higher education funding from the state. They promise to make it top priority and lobby constantly for it. Their awareness that next year is a legislative session is especially crucial, because they have a head start in ASUO lobbying. Were Maples/Cushman to get elected, students would have to wait for them to get up to speed at a time when we can't give them the luxury of time.

On their resume alone, Bailey/Stickel have enough to do the job. But they also have an understanding of student needs their opponents don't have, and that's what distinguishes them from Maples/Cushman.

During the campaign, Maples and Cushman demonstrated how out of touch with students — and ASUO politics — they really are. Examples are numerous:

- In the debate, Maples/Cushman talked about how an ASUO newsletter would improve communication between the office and student groups — until it was pointed out that the already existing ASUO newsletter, *Off the Record*, is being dropped for lack of readership.
- Maples/Cushman made much of their accessibility with an "open door" policy, where students could chat with them informally at Rennie's Landing, an off-campus bar that's frequented mostly by over-21 Greeks. Some "open door." When asked to state where else they would hold "open doors," they promised to meet elsewhere but couldn't name an alternate place.
- When asked about putting together a staff, Maples/Cushman pledged to follow affirmative action guidelines. But in last week's debate, Cushman demonstrated she had no idea what affirmative action is. In our endorsement hearing, we asked where they'd find staffers. Maples suggested dormitories, fraternities and sororities but completely failed to mention ethnic student unions or campus activist organizations.

Maples and Cushman are nice people. The *Emerald* endorsed Maples for a seat on the Incidental Fee Committee last year, and he's done a good job. Cushman is very involved with her sorority and in philanthropy projects. But the two haven't distinguished themselves beyond a limited campaign with limited appeal; the only major endorsement they've received has been from the Greek Endorsement Committee. On the other hand, Bailey/Stickel have been endorsed by Amazon Community Tenants, Black Student Union, Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Native American Student Union, Saferide, Women's Resource and Referral and numerous other campus organizations.

Bailey and Stickel are aware of the needs of all students on campus. They've raised important issues of higher education funding, child care, women's concerns and minority empowerment.

Maples and Cushman have raised few issues of substance and have certainly offered no answers. In a legislative year of such importance we need our ASUO executive to be a little more decisive, a little less squishy.

For this election, the *Emerald* prefers blondes. Go with Bailey/Stickel.



Letters

Go Peg

As Senate Majority Leader, I've worked closely with Sen. Peg Jolin (D-Cottage Grove) and I have come to respect her very much.

Sen. Jolin is always clear about where she stands on issues, and it's always on the side of the people she represents. She is decisive and dependable; she doesn't play games with her vote.

Sen. Jolin is also influential with her colleagues and very productive. Those who have any doubts should look at the landmark consumer protection legislation she guided through as chair of the Telecommunications and Consumer Affairs Committee last session. Junk fax, phone solicitation, labeling for organically grown foods — Sen. Jolin handled those and lots more.

We all know Jolin can dig in her heels, too. When we started to target state money to relieve the burden in school districts with especially high tax rates, Sen. Jolin stood firm, insisting that schools in her district with the worst rates be included in the relief effort. She won, capturing a total of nearly \$2.4 million for school districts in her area.

Sen. Jolin typifies the best in public office holders: she fights for those who elected her, for all the people in Senate District 22.

Sen. Bill Bradbury
Senate Majority Leader

I believe

On April 4, I challenged front-runner Dave Frohnmayer to debate the issues. I took my challenge to the steps of the capitol in Salem to show Oregonians the seriousness of my campaign.

Here's a look at where I stand:

I support economic development initiatives for logging communities hit by environmental logjams. Cooperative international manufacturing ventures can keep these communities working. Under my leadership, Oregon will focus on bringing life to finished wood products, value-added agricultural products, and tourism.

I believe that sustained economic development in this state will rest on the base of a moderate sales tax coupled with a reduced and capped property tax. The sales tax is the fairest way to give Oregon's children a sound source of school funding. New funding, under my proposal, would come from economic growth and rising property values, not increased tax rates.

I support a crime package of comprehensive diversion programs for young offenders; and guaranteed maximum sentences for habitual criminals.

Many issues point to differences between Frohnmayer and myself. I propose to bring down health care and workers compensation costs, to get the homeless off the streets, to provide day care not only to the children of working parents, but also to our ailing and dependent senior citizens.

I firmly believe that when Oregonians have a real choice they will make the right choice. And in the interest of fairness to Frohnmayer, I will keep my offer to debate open.

John K. Lim
Republican gubernatorial
candidate

Go vote

As an involved (if not overly involved) student in campus activities at the levels of my department, college and the University, I feel obliged to make several suggestions regarding the upcoming election.

First, and primarily, vote. All too often I hear the apathetic student bitterly complain about the problems inherent in the system, about the rising cost of student fees, about the powerlessness of the "common student" in University affairs. Abstaining from the vote is counterproductive, in that it actually serves to amplify these problems.

Second, and perhaps more important, make an educated vote. Research both the issues and the candidates. Remember, in dealing with serious issues, mere popularity does not an effective leader make.

Finally, and definitely most opinionatedly, I encourage you to vote the Bailey/Stickel ticket in the ASUO executive race.

Upon the following the above guidelines, I think you too will find this a clear and obvious choice.

Brian Sandy
Psychology

Experience

I am writing in regard to the personal characteristics of Steve Maples and Diane Cushman, candidates for ASUO president and vice-president.

Maples and Cushman have proven to be leaders not only in their campus activities, but in their relation to their peers and University officials. As motivated individuals, they have the intelligence, organizational and communication skills and abilities that enable them to be effective leaders in the office of ASUO president and vice-president.

Not only have Maples and Cushman held experience inside ASUO, they have had intensive leadership experience outside, which provides them with an edge to view the prospective situations as both leaders and students.

My support is with Maples and Cushman and I hope yours is too on April 19 and 20.

Paul Terjeson
Business

Satire

In defense of *The Simpsons*, the letter "Bad Bart" (*ODE*, April 13) shows that Gary Darby has missed the point. *The Simpsons* is a modern satire exposing multiple layers of our social machine.

The show is scheduled for Sunday nights rather than Saturday mornings. Its target audience is primarily high school and college students, and while there are components of the show children find amusing, the bulk of the humor is derived from painful childhood memories and adult hypocrisies which many of us can relate to.

Being reminded of these things is, if anything, good, as we will more easily recognize, and therefore more easily stop, similar situations in the present.

Jeffrey Hawkins
Eugene