

Lonsdale for Senator, time for fresh ideas

Harry Lonsdale gets our endorsement for United States senator. He is running against incumbent Mark Hatfield, who is seeking his fifth six-year term.

Lonsdale's biggest asset is that he has never held an elected seat in government. He is not a career politician. He is not controlled by political action committees and corporations, and does not have to make empty promises to receive donations.

Hatfield is a career politician. He receives most of his money from corporations and PACs.

Hatfield's power in the Senate brings a lot of federal money into Oregon. But he makes promises to other senators for pork-barrel projects that turn into wasteful projects much like the Superfund.

Hatfield was a big supporter of the Superfund project in which \$10 billion was allocated to clean up nuclear waste sites. But the money in that program cleaned up about 10 percent of what it was supposed to. And we still have Trojan.

Lonsdale is more in touch with average, working-class Oregonians. He started his own business 15 years ago in Bend and works in the private sector. He knows what working people need to do to survive without having to ask, like a career politician must.

Hatfield must tour towns to learn about everyday working people because he has spent the past 24 years in Washington. While Hatfield is busy courting industry contributors, Lonsdale is pounding the pavement meeting working-class Oregonians.

Lonsdale wants a total ban on all raw log exports. Hatfield supports a ban on logs from federal lands, but not on state lands.

Hatfield supports a constitutional amendment to ban all abortions, while Lonsdale supports a woman's right to choose.

Hatfield did not take Lonsdale seriously until two weeks ago. Hatfield has never lost a political race, and he obviously thought this one was in the bag.

The two candidates should debate. Hatfield has refused to debate Lonsdale, considering him a non-entity. But now that Lonsdale and Hatfield are dead even in the polls, Hatfield must change his holier-than-thou attitude.

The federal deficit, drug problems, civil rights issues and the savings and loans debacle are not being dealt with.



Students have power to bring back Dead

How many letters does it take to get to the chewy center of University decision making? According to our story's wise old owl, University Vice President Dan Williams, so far it takes 12.

That is how many letters it took to persuade Dan "There-are-no-toxins-at-the-research-park" Williams to ban the Grateful Dead from Autzen Stadium. Even though Eugene police have repeatedly said the concerts are relatively trouble-free, the accusations of drug use at the concerts have driven Williams to make his arbitrary decision.

Where was the opportunity for Dead supporters to voice their opinions?

There were only 30 drug-related arrests and citations at the two shows this summer. Williams is ignoring input from nearly 60,000 people because of a small number who got into trouble over drugs.

Obviously there is something more to this decision. The reputation of rampant drug use is only part of the issue.

If Williams made this decision based on the content of 12 anti-Dead letters, then

what happens if his office is swamped by hundreds of letters from Dead fans protesting the decision? Will he rescind the ban and invite the Dead to beer gardens?

Something about his reason for the ban smells. If it only takes 12 letters to make policy, why doesn't the University just get rid of administrators like Williams and let the post office make the decisions? The lost revenue from the concerts will have to be made up somewhere.

The summer Dead concerts, which pulled in more than \$200,000 for the University, made up the amount that was lost by sending the football team to the Independence Bowl.

That's all right; maybe Dan can talk Myles Brand into lifting the enrollment cap and stuffing more unsuspecting "customers" into this institution of higher learning.

Concerned fans should send letters to: Dan Williams, vice president of administration, University of Oregon, 97403.

Make Johnson Hall the University's Dead letter office.

LETTERS

Join the gang

This letter is in response to the heartwrenching, emotional outpour that dealt with the saving of seats.

Your rather sensationalized editorial (ODE, Oct. 19) was nothing short of hilarious. This was particularly true of the passage that attempted to equate seat-saving (and its "attitude") with major societal problems — a mild exaggeration.

You would think that a responsible editor for such an honorable publication (not!) could shine some lights on topics with a little more social relevance.

And where did you get the idea that people who have seats saved are "irresponsible members of society"? It would seem to me that reactionary journalists are far more damaging and "irresponsible."

The seat saving will most definitely continue, in one form or another, so focus your feeble efforts elsewhere.

Here's a thought: Join one of those organizations that you are so quick to condemn and maybe a seat will be saved for you.

Then again, maybe not.

Mark A. Evertz
Student

Real men

At 5:30 p.m. Oct. 20, I arrived at Autzen stadium in hopes of getting a good seat for the UO vs. Arizona State football game. As I entered the student section and took a seat, I was approached by several fraternity pledges who informed me that the seat I was sitting in was being saved for their brothers.

Not only were a few seats being saved, but six rows were being carefully guarded!

When myself and the three friends I was with refused to move, we were told that we would regret sitting there. How right they were! When the other members arrived they were told to "give (us) a bad time."

One very verbal member proceeded to yell many obscenities at us, and telling us to get the "blank!" out. When I confronted this member, he told me, "I'm a frat dick, so what?" He then

pushed me to the ground.

The other members rallied behind him spitting tobacco chew on us.

This verbal abuse and physical assault continued until the end of the game.

On Sunday I went to the fraternity to speak with the president of the house about the incident. In meeting him, I recognized him from the game the night before. He admitted that he was at the game and that he had watched his subordinate verbally abuse us.

What kind of president would condone such actions? What caliber of fraternity would allow this to happen?

I just wanted to enjoy a good football game.

Amy Hope
Political science
Education

It's just emotion

I am writing in response to the "Get Off My Case" and "Outta My Face" letters published last week.

Enna M. Dole addressed an important issue in her letter: Many women feel frustrated

and degraded when lewd stares and obscene remarks are directed at them. However, Dole allowed her emotions to affect her presentation, and she alienated many readers who otherwise might have given this problem some serious consideration.

I hope the men and women who read the letters will not ignore the seriousness of the issue simply because its presentation was inappropriate and alienating.

Ann Swanson
Rhetoric/communication

To the point

Grateful Dead is not a crime.

Matt Ramsey
English

Space invaders

In response to Ronando Long's and R.J. Christiano's letters (ODE, Oct. 18):

Many women feel threatened when their personal space has been invaded by men with their lewd comments, unsolicited stares and unexpected encroachments.

We feel threatened because we are afraid and with good reason. Violence against women is epidemic.

For rape alone, the statistics show that one out of three women will be raped and that rape is the most unreported violent crime. One out of 10 rapes is actually reported and the figure may be grossly underestimated, especially in regards to acquaintance rape, which is rampant on college campuses.

It is encouraging to know that there are men who are sensitive to the issue. I applaud the group Men Against Rape who are working to dispel the myths that surround rape.

I imagine it takes tremendous courage to take the stand they do, and I hope that more men and women will educate themselves about the horrendous nature of rape and how it affects the lives of all those who experience it either directly or indirectly through a sister, mother, partner, grandmother or daughter.

Lora Dolan
Eugene