

EDITORIAL

DeFazio deserves another two years

Democrat Peter DeFazio gets our endorsement for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives, District 4. He is running against Libertarian Tonie Nathan.

DeFazio voted *against* the Savings and Loan bailout. He wants to catch the crooks, throw them in jail and recover as much of the stolen money as possible. He doesn't think the working class should have to pay for the fraud.

DeFazio is constantly fighting to get President Bush to abide by the War Powers Act, which requires the president to consult Congress before engaging in overseas military actions.



DeFazio is fighting the unfair tax system of our country in which the wealthiest Americans pay a lower rate of income taxes than many middle-income workers.

DeFazio introduced legislation to permanently ban state and federal log exports from Oregon, keeping wood products industry jobs in the state.

DeFazio voted repeatedly against the funding of the *contras* in Nicaragua, and he is very vocal in cutting aid to the brutal, oppressive, U.S.-backed El Salvador government.

DeFazio is a co-sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment. He supports a woman's right to choose. And he's always in the forefront of the fights for civil rights for everyone.

DeFazio has passed legislation protecting many Oregon rivers, and is fighting to protect the last free-flowing stretch of the Klamath River from hydro-electric projects.

DeFazio knows what is happening in Congress. While 90 percent of the House members twiddle their thumbs and wait for PAC money before making decisions, DeFazio acts on his knowledge, integrity and guts.

DeFazio knows the issues, knows Oregonians and will continue to lead the progressive battle in the 1990s.



Return Edmunson, Hosticka, Dix to House

Voters should return incumbents Carl Hosticka, David Dix and Jim Edmunson to their state House of Representative seats.

In District 40, current House Majority Leader Carl Hosticka is the obvious choice.

As a University professor, he has been a strong supporter of campus needs in the past. In addition, his experience in Salem make him a valuable ally for University students in these budget-crunching times.



Republican challenger Paula A. Walsh has led a tough campaign, but her lack of political experience should concern voters. Hosticka's experience and influential position in Salem are assets that Eugene and Lane County cannot afford to lose.

In the race for the District 41 seat, Democratic incumbent David Dix is the best choice. His opponent, Republican Marie Bell, is opposed to legal abortion. Dix, on the other hand, is solidly on the side of a woman's right to choose.

In a time when the Supreme Court has passed the abortion decision on to state legislatures, it is important to keep pro-choice advocates in the House.

Dix's record in Salem has also shown consistent support for higher ed funding and the University.

Edmunson also has done a good job as District 39's representative to the House, where he has served since 1987. He is a strong advocate of individual rights and believes in strong state laws to protect them. Edmunson's three years of experience make him an easy choice over Libertarian challenger Bob Favre.

LETTERS

Choice votes

I have been working with Students for Choice. We have registered nearly 2,000 students to vote, and I think we have done a pretty good job of informing these voters that the pro-choice vote in the coming election is no on 8 and 10.

These ballot measures are the most immediate threat to our right to make our own decisions on the abortion issue, so most of our work has been to defeat them. However, many of the candidates also threaten our rights.

Mark Hatfield believes that the unborn child, regardless of the circumstances of conception (including rape or incest), possesses an inalienable right to life. Hatfield is running for senator against Harry Lonsdale, who is pro-choice.

In the gubernatorial race both candidates are pro-choice, but Barbara Roberts received the endorsement of the pro-choice groups because she did not waffle about coming out strongly against measures 8 and 10.

Finally, David Dix is the pro-choice candidate in the District 41 Oregon House race.

I am not encouraging single issue voting, but please consider the choice issue when you enter the ballot box Nov. 6, and remember the pro-choice candidates are Lonsdale, Roberts and

Dix. And don't forget — No on 8 and 10.

Molly Eness
Eugene

Side two

Last September Jeanette Turk, executive director for the statewide No on 8 and 10 campaign, declined an invitation to debate with Measure 10 backers. Anti-choice advocates "misstate facts and misrepresent statistics," Turk declared. "It's not in the public interest to put forth that kind of confusion."

I'm inclined to believe that Turk's accusations are a projection of the pro-choice movement's own deceptive strategies.

The Becky Bell case is a perfect example. Sponsored by the Fund for the Feminist Majority, Becky Bell's parents have been speaking nationwide on behalf of their daughter who died of pneumonia, which the Bells believe was caused by an illegal abortion (allegedly obtained in Indiana, where parental notification is the law for minors).

The *Oregon Daily Emerald* printed a news article regarding Becky Bell's parents. Becky's alleged abortion was referred to as though it were proven fact. Yet Dr. John Pless,

head of forensic pathology at Indiana University Medical Center, who performed the autopsy, has said that he "cannot prove that she had an illegal abortion" or that she "had anything but a spontaneous abortion." (*Cleveland Plain Dealer*, Sept. 9)

Genna Southworth, who coordinates the National Abortion Rights Action League locally, insists that exactly how Becky Bell died is not important. On the contrary, if the public is being presented with speculation as though it is truth, I feel it's imperative that this be pointed out, especially in light of the fact that Becky Bell was scheduled for a legal abortion in Kentucky on the day following her death.

Star Holmberg
Eugene

Good measure

I am a low-income parent who did not appreciate your editorial against Measure 11.

You forgot to mention the nearly \$400-a-month-per-child fees assessed by the schools for crossing district boundaries. This in effect already restricts the poor from attending the better schools, as they cannot afford to move nor can they pay those ridiculous fees.

Measure 11 would at least allow us to choose according to our child's academic potential,

rather than have a choice forced on us due to our finances.

I daresay most parents would gladly transport their children a fair distance if they thought they would get a better education by doing so, and that would certainly be less costly than trying to move to a better district.

It is already so difficult to find a good school; don't slam the door of opportunity in our faces. Vote yes on Measure 11.

Nancy Carre-Smith
English

For Dix

A common complaint about elections is that there is little difference between political candidates.

The race for state representative for District 41 provides a marked contrast. Representative David Dix has served for two terms and during his tenure has done more for the University, the community and the state than any representative from this district in recent memory.

His opponent, an anti-choice conservative, would likely represent the special interests of the far right. Being aligned with elements such as the Oregon Citizens Alliance, she would be ineffective in passing legislation important for this community as a whole.

David Dix has worked for the entire community. For the University he has successfully sponsored legislation for athletics, architecture and the library. For the people he has fought for freedom of choice and human rights. He has supported legislation to ban oil drilling on the coast and lower taxes. His legislation covers child abuse, the elderly and the family.

This election will affect you as students and community members long after graduation. If you want to have a voice in your future, go to the polls and vote — take a friend. You make a choice about your future whether you vote or not. Which will it be?

Dale Grace
Eugene

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