

Emerald's roundup of election stances

Democratic presidential nomination: Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton. Clinton addresses issues needing attention, issues that have long gone ignored during the Reagan-Bush era. This candidate offers a chance at change, and we need one — fast. Jerry Brown offers a similar, if not more, "in-touch" message, though we doubt his actual ability to carry it out.

Republican presidential nomination: George Bush has assured himself the nomination, but he has goofed his big chance, having shown his ineptness in every relevant area ranging from the environment to the economy to domestic issues. Sorry, even another Desert Storm couldn't win him this vote.

U.S. Senator: Democrat Les AuCoin. Now U.S. representative, he offers to balance Oregon's environment and economic well-being via continued successful environmental protection legislation and investment in job training and education. His focus for Oregon is on research and technology, resource management and trading status.

Oregon Secretary of State: Democrat Phil Keisling. While a state legislator in 1989, he successfully pushed legislation for increased child care benefits for families with low and middle incomes; a loan program bringing doctors and nurses to Oregon's rural communities; and the initiation of a toxic-chemical reduction plan.

Attorney General: Democrat Ted Kulongoski. As an attorney, legislator and director of the Department of Insurance and Finance, Kulongoski has the necessary experience to do a good job. His advocates are consumer protection, child support enforcement, crime/gang control and civil rights.

State Representative, District 41: Democrat Cynthia Wooten. She is managing partner in her public relations firm and boasts credible governmental experience. Her proposals include job re-training for dislocated workers and tax reform that protects homeowners, renters and working people while attempting to preserve social programs and education.

County Commissioner, Position No. 3: We pick Jerry Rust. The incumbent has worked to establish the Willamette International Trade Center; led local response to homelessness and affordable housing and organized the first Oregon Hardwoods Conference. He proposes to develop environmental technologies to create jobs; build a Juvenile Campus for youth detention, education and drug treatment; and create a local model for responding to the ozone crisis.

County Commissioner, Position No. 4: We choose Michael Linick. An attorney, he advocates health care, drug education and rehabilitation, and services for seniors; increased focus on recycling and conservation; opposes Alton Baker Park's golf-course proposal; affordable child care; and suspension of ordinances that contribute to higher rents.

Eugene Mayor: Ruth Bascom. A Eugene city councilwoman for eight years and a former teacher, she advocates "jackhammering" the Eugene mall fountain; keeping the Hult Center; building affordable housing; and working for a balance between wetlands and jobs.

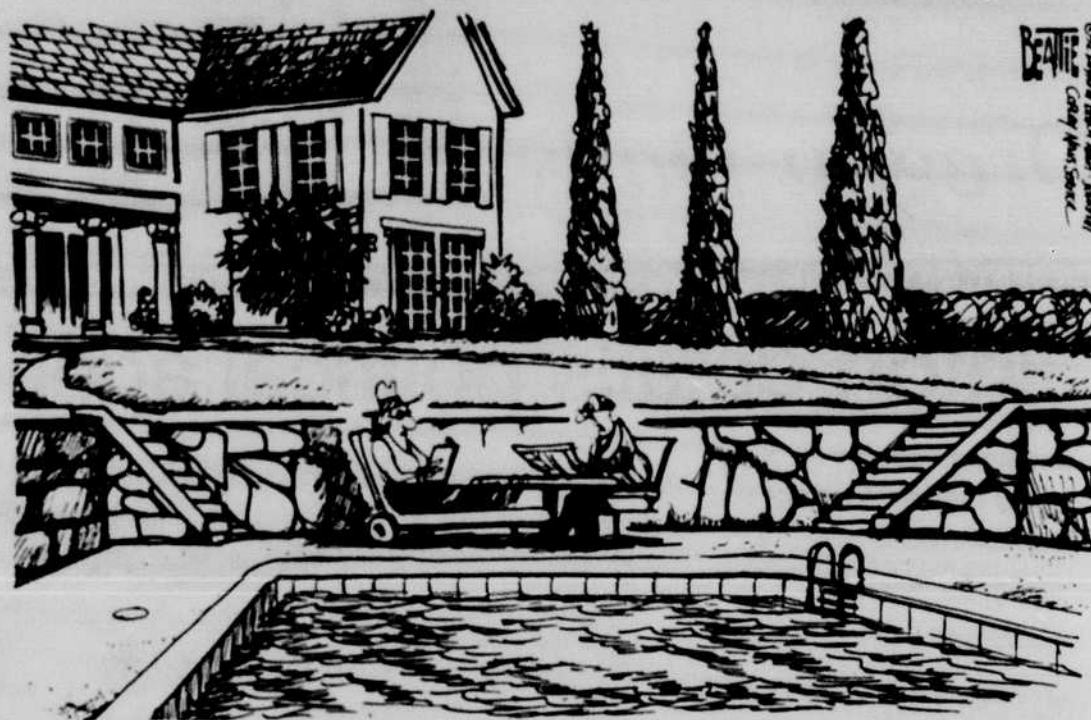
For City Council, Ward No. 3: Eben Dobson gets our vote. His proposals include building an economy by helping existing businesses and attracting new ones; extending human rights action; and re-creating downtown into "an example of Eugene's future prosperity."

Ward No. 8: Nancy Nathanson. A database manager for the University and planning commissioner, she plans to address issues including below-standard fire and emergency services; congested traffic; the lack of neighborhood parks and community centers; and opening Downtown to private development.

Ballot Measure 1: No. Voting yes would send future fuel tax increases and vehicle registration surcharges to road policing. We would rather see the funds used in other ways to improve our transportation system — for example, road repair and bicycle paths.

Measure 20-01: Yes. This would restrict future activities and structure building along the McKenzie River. This protective measure is imperative to the river's long-term survival. Not only is it Lane County's primary drinking water source, it is a resource deserving protection in and of itself.

Measure 20-08: No. Passage would delete governmental rights for gays and lesbians. Every person in this country deserves to have their protective rights intact — simple as that. Any measure limiting these rights deserves to fail.



"It doesn't feel like the rich got richer during the '80's, Boopsie. All our extra money went into home security systems."

LETTERS

Yahoo

The front page of the *Emerald* Wednesday, April 29, carries a photograph of a pod of BWOC flexing their political muscle in front of Johnson Hall. Among their distinguished number are Teresa Naillon, former IFC candidate, and Sue Dockstader, current IFC member. From the accompanying text, one may infer that one of them had just misused her ASUO position to obtain the use of a ladder belonging to the EMU, which ladder they have then used to destroy a banner belonging to the University, which they feel was insufficiently diverse.

Having discarded the wreckage on University property, presumably in the expectation that someone less diverse than themselves would clean it up, they appear to be having a collegial chat. Perhaps they are discussing the previous evening's IFC meeting, chronicled on page seven, from which an athletic department employee was driven in outrage by Dockstader's gratuitously foul language.

It used to be the jocks and frat boys who expressed their contempt for their civilization, its history and its institutions through pointless vandalism and smirking yahooism. You've come a long way, babies.

Jerome Berryhill
Physics

Logistics

Close-mindedness and censorship (ODE, May 11)? How about narrow-mindedness and inconsideration?

I'm not talking about those people who took down the summer session banner. I'm talking about those who don't consider the banner as anything more than a decorative summer session advertisement. I'm also talking about the University administration that once again has shown that despite its claim of being a "university...committed to cultural diversity," it's only committed when it is logistically convenient.

Diversity is indeed an important part of society. Is it not also a part of summer session?

According to the banner, the only interesting people we'll meet are of white, European descent. Not everyone got the brochure.

It was — I'll admit — a nicely designed banner. But if the University is as committed to cultural diversity as it says it is, why not look to create a banner from that perspective? Instead, the University is resorting to a logistical excuse.

Commitment is a binding agreement, not subject to logistics. Until the University demonstrates a true commitment, it should withdraw its claim.

Gary Hoh
Co-director
APASU

Courtesy

Well, OK. All I wanted was a basket for my Schwinn bicycle. I walked into Pedal Power with my Duck Buck coupon for 20 percent off and asked if they had any baskets. "Yes," the man said and pointed to the wall where there were four types. I pointed to one and asked, "How much?" \$9.95. Great, I'll take it.

He started to put it on the bike. I noticed that it had a sticker on it that said \$9.50, so I asked why am I being charged \$9.95? His nasty reply was that I was getting it for 20 percent off, and he was installing it for free (standard, believe me), and he wasn't going to charge me for the bolts that were 50 cents each (not), and besides, it was an old sticker price anyway.

He told me I couldn't have it for that sticker price and started removing the basket. He told me to take my money back. I can't help but wonder how did all that happen. ... Suddenly, I remember the restaurant scene in *Five Easy Pieces* where Nicholson wants to order some toast. Later in the car when the hitchhiker is telling Jack how cool he was in there with that — waitress ... and ol' Jack says,

"Yeah, but I still didn't get my toast."

I just want to say it wasn't about \$1.45 for me. It was about a man lacking courtesy and fair business practice.

Terian McComb
Student

Inward

In the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict, I have heard repeatedly both publicly and privately that, as a white person, it is "not really my business," and I have sensed a sneering suspicion that whites who appear to care may have some other motive.

I grant that some may, but as someone who has always striven for fairness and kindness in my personal relations with others, it disturbs me a bit to be so summarily judged. Although I will never be in someone else's skin, there is a terrific human emotion called empathy. It means that one person can vicariously experience the feelings of another.

While I was growing up, I myself was an ethnic minority in my schools. I was occasionally verbally or physically threatened by students and staff alike because I was a "person of color" — the wrong color. I do not say this because I want a star on my forehead, but to point out that discrimination takes on many forms.

Taking advantage of power has always been a curse of the human character. No person or group is exempt. We will never be able to change our institutions without first looking inward to root out our own prejudices on an individual basis. In the process, we may be able to accept the fact that we are human beings first and everything else second.

Matthew D. MacArthur
Eugene

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