

AuCoin/Packwood not worthy of vote

This is the time of year when a newspaper likes to endorse a candidate by saying he or she has earned its trust. That one of the two candidates has shown the qualities it takes to be a positive force in government.

Unfortunately, the 1992 Oregon Senatorial race has only instilled doubts in our minds about the qualifications of either candidate. Neither Bob Packwood nor Les AuCoin have given us any reason to get excited about the upcoming term. Both are career politicians whose dirty campaign rhetoric has not only annoyed voters but also raised the question, "Do either of these candidates have any ideas worth listening to?" We have concluded they don't.

Packwood has all but outlived his usefulness in the Senate. His support of log exports and his devotion to timber companies over workers indicate that he is insensitive to the average Oregonian. He has made no headway on the logger/spotted owl dilemma, despite his claims otherwise, and he continues to support trickle-down economics, a failed economic policy.

Packwood says he favors a balanced budget amendment and term limits. If those were really important to him, he would have been out of office years ago before he contributed to the skyrocketing deficit.

But what does AuCoin bring to office that Packwood doesn't? Not much. AuCoin himself is guilty of practicing the politics game more than working for real solutions. His support of the environment has been suspect. He too has extensive experience in the national politics gridlock, working for himself and against Republican leadership for the wrong reasons. He is every bit the professional politician that Packwood is.

While we tend to agree more with AuCoin on the issues, we are not convinced of his motives. Until recently, both candidates had very similar views on the timber industry. When the election started getting serious however, AuCoin adopted a more environmental stance, and Packwood emerged as the hard-liner.

Both candidates have been in Washington for too long, to the point where they are no longer in touch with their home state. AuCoin has been in the House of Representatives for 18 years, Packwood in the Senate for 24 years. And even though they both have a few promising ideas, they have shown more of a willingness to lock horns when they should be looking to work together. It's a no-win situation.

DeFazio for House

In the 4th Congressional District, Democrat Peter DeFazio is again the most qualified candidate. He, unlike the two Senate candidates, has shown genuine concern for Oregon. He has backed legislation for national health care, has a good record on log exports and is very pro-environment.



LETTERS

Cast a vote

On Nov. 3, Americans will have the opportunity to influence the shape of our country's shared future. Record numbers of student voters have the opportunity to demonstrate political power by casting a ballot on Election Day. In 1972, 18-year-olds were given the right to vote in federal elections for the first time. Many feared or hoped national politics would be revolutionized.

Unfortunately, the revolution was left for another day. Eighteen- to 21-year-olds have the opportunity to make that day today. We have a responsibility to influence how our government treats us, represents us and protects us. More university students are registered to vote in this state than ever before.

We can swing overall election returns only if we learn about the issues and candidates and vote. If we don't cast a vote, politicians and fellow citizens won't care about what we have to say and rightfully so. You have the right to vote; exercise it.

Neil Sunnell
Marna Gehrke

ASUO finance coordinators

Nine is fair

The law does not "promote, encourage or facilitate" Christianity, Satanism, Buddhism, Hinduism, any other religion or other chosen ways of life.

So why then should it "promote, encourage or facilitate" the chosen lifestyles of homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism or masochism?

Contrary to what the advocates of "No on 9" are preaching to all of us, Ballot Measure 9 does not take away jobs because of one's lifestyle outside of the work environment, take away businesses because the owner is perceived to be homosexual, ban homosexuals from use of public property, ban homosexuals from eating in restaurants, or ban books written by and/or about homosexuals from bookstores that choose to sell them. It does not legalize violence against homosexuals, and Measure 9 certainly does

not take away the choice to do whatever you want in the privacy of your own home.

If you have been told that Measure 9 will do any of these things, you have been lied to.

As far as promoting hatred and bigotry goes, the "politically correct" crowd beat everyone to it with the phrase "F--- the OCA."

Allen James
Biology

No parking

In the Oct. 21 edition of the *Oregon Daily Emerald* lay the answer to all of our parking problems. According to the Office of Public Safety, \$750,000 was collected from permits, meters and various offenses between July 1, 1991 and June 30, 1992.

I believe I speak for most of the population at the University when I say, "We need more parking."

The Bean parking lot was a nice touch, but it does nothing for those of us who live on the other side of campus. We are the greeks and students living in apartments that don't provide free parking. Together we make up more than 20 percent of this institution.

I would gladly pay \$60 a year for a parking permit if I could leave my coveted parking spot on the street and come back with some hope of finding a space in a nearby University lot.

As it is now, the tennis courts by the Education building are open for parking all day and night except between 3 and 7 a.m. Why can't we park there during these hours? Is someone else using it? Please help us out over here.

It is our money that pays the tickets given due to lack of parking. Please spend our money wisely. Spend it to help an ongoing problem.

Jason Warren
Business Administration

Clinton's show

I went to hear the great Bill Clinton speak. What I did not know was all the showmanship he puts into them. People with

special guest passes had to sit behind him so that it looked good on all the cameras. No signs referring to another person were allowed in.

I wrote Ross Perot's name on the back of my sign and it was taken from me. They said it was because no homemade signs were allowed in the building. Shortly after that, they handed out homemade Clinton signs. What a bunch of crap. What's wrong Bill, afraid that people might think you're not as popular as you try to make it seem?

Vote Perot. At least he believes in freedom of speech.

Ronda Clark
Undeclared

Profs for Holland

We, the undersigned faculty at the University law school, endorse Lauren S. Holland for District Court Judge.

Holland is a legal scholar who has distinguished herself both as a student at this school and as an adjunct professor teaching Trial Procedures, Legal Ethics and Independent Study. Further, she has distinguished herself for 14 years as a successful attorney in private practice, handling those types of cases that are heard in district court.

Finally, she has distinguished herself as a productive, constructive citizen serving on the Lane County Community Corrections Advisory Committee, the Governor's Task Force on Corrections Planning, the Board of the Lane County Relief Nursery and numerous other public and private boards and organizations.

As individual law professors and faculty, we join other Lane County lawyers who recently gave Holland their overwhelming vote of confidence in the Lane County Bar Poll.

Holland is smart, fair, honest and shows good sense. These are the qualities that judges need. We encourage every citizen of Lane County to join us in supporting Lauren S. Holland for District Court Judge.

Prof. Caroline Forell
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and 29 co-signers

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