

Dobson for Ward 3 council position

The difference between the candidates for Eugene City Council Ward 3 is not so much about issues as it is about effectiveness.

Both candidates, Eben Dobson and Kevin Hornbuckle, are pro-environment, oppose Ballot Measure 9 and oppose a restaurant tax in Eugene. They believe in individual human rights and progressive tax structures that will relieve the strain for poor citizens.

The only major differences on issues is that Hornbuckle is less sympathetic toward business than Dobson, and while Hornbuckle favors a progressive income tax to solve Eugene's budgetary woes, Dobson prefers a utility tax with a low-

income exemption.

Essentially, the battle between Dobson and Hornbuckle comes down to how each candidate would work with the City Council. After much discussion, we have decided that Dobson would be the more effective candidate. Both candidates met with the *Emerald* editorial board and offered several arguments worthy of consideration. It became apparent that Dobson would be more willing to work with other members of the council than would Hornbuckle.

Although Hornbuckle's agenda is progressive, he left the impression that he would be unwilling to compromise on issues when necessary. While strong leadership qualities are commendable, the City Council requires discussion and cooperation rather than rigid idealism.

Complaints against Dobson include his business background. But this is not necessarily a negative. All business people are not natural enemies of the worker and, in Dobson's case, he indicated a genuine compassion for worker interest. Although Hornbuckle says Dobson is anti-worker because he does not favor unionization for all businesses and has accepted campaign money from past unions-busters, Dobson realizes that such a move would only create more big business robots and would weed out many small businesses.

We also favor Dobson's stance on a utility tax. A utility tax is a fair option, especially with a low-income exemption, because it encourages citizens to conserve energy to save money. With a two-percent increase in rates, citizens will only need to use two percent less energy. It's an intelligent option, especially when compared to a consumer tax disguised as a restaurant tax.

Both candidates are strong on the issues. But Dobson indicates a more open-minded approach to the city council. He is genuinely committed to the Ward 3 community. Vote Dobson for City Council.

Wooten for 41st Dist. State Representative

Cynthia Wooten is the most qualified candidate for State Representative from the 41st District. She appeals to the interests of University students much more than her opponent, Marie Bell.

Wooten is pro-choice, whereas Bell is anti-abortion. With the U.S. Supreme Court leaning toward giving states more authority on abortion rights, we need more legislators who support a woman's right to choose.

The viability of the University is a primary concern for Wooten, who acknowledges the University's important role in the community. She campaigns actively on campus and is in favor of seeking replacement revenues to offset the effects of 1990's Ballot Measure 5. Wooten is genuinely interested in the voice of students.

Conversely, Bell has not adequately represented the University in the last two years. She joined House Speaker Larry Campbell in voting against allowing Gov. Barbara Roberts to submit her tax reform plan before the voters. This demonstrated her unwillingness to allow voters a chance to solve the state's financial crisis.

Based on her commitment to the community and the University, we urge voters to elect Cynthia Wooten as 41st District State Representative.



LETTERS

Not drastic

I find Portland General Electric's sensible-sounding advice to vote against "drastic" Ballot Measure 6 extremely offensive.

Trojan has been shut down for most of the last two years with no adverse effects on our power supply. In fact, it was cheaper to buy replacement power than to produce it at Trojan. Why did PGE do nothing to develop alternative power resources even when they knew Trojan was unreliable? Because they knew they didn't need it.

Trojan provides such a small percentage of the power Oregonians use (1 percent to 5 percent) that simple conservation efforts could easily make up the difference were Trojan shut down. Conservation is by far the cheapest, fastest and safest way to replace Trojan's power.

The only thing "drastic" is Trojan continuing to operate for four more years. PGE wants to keep Trojan open even though cooling ponds designed for short-term storage of spent fuel rods are packed with 16 years worth of waste, almost three times the amount of waste for which they were intended. Add to that the fact that these same ponds are perched on the banks of the Columbia in a known earthquake fault system, and it turns out PGE has the "drastically" irresponsible and dangerous position on this issue. As another campaign has suggested, "we can't afford four more years."

Let's deal with this problem once and for all. Vote yes on Measure 6.

David Anderson
Eugene

Pro-timber

As a graduate of the University, I am concerned about the current anti-timber industry sentiment on campus. Although I graduated twelve years ago, I understand that University professors such as economics Professor Ed Whitelaw still teach anti-growth and anti-timber industry philosophy.

I can't understand why the University faculty is so opposed to those of us in the surrounding community who help support the University financially and also work in the local timber industry. It is time that students and faculty recognize that white and blue collar workers in the surrounding community who work in the timber industry subsidize the University through their taxes.

And like it or not, there is an economic correlation between the rising tuition costs and the politically contrived reduction in timber harvested on public lands in our state. Oregon's public school system, which includes the University, benefits greatly from timber receipts from timber harvested on public lands.

Hopefully today's students will think for themselves as our graduating class did and won't be conned by politicians seeking office at your expense. Remember that green is the color of money and today's "Greens" and their attorneys are benefiting financially at everyone's expense while they tell you what to think and what they want you to believe is "politically correct."

Suzanne Penegor
Eugene

Monied interests

I've been trying to decide who to vote for in the Eugene City Council race, Kevin Hornbuckle or Eben Dobson. Both candidates are adamantly against Ballot Measure 9 and both appear to be concerned about protecting the environment.

Looking into the matter further, however, I've noticed a profound difference between the two candidates. Hornbuckle's campaign is being funded by modest contributions from residents, whereas Dobson's list of contributors reads like the who's who of Eugene's big money — the Giustinas (local millionaires), K.L.M. Management (owners of Valley River), Jon Anderson (owner of Random Lengths, a national timber pricing paper), W.H. Gonyea

(wood products business), Alan Babb (Delta Sand and Gravel), the Ritchies (jewelry store owners), and a dozen real estate investors and developers, to name a few.

I've lived in Eugene all my life and am currently a student in biology. I know that any candidate backed by the area's timber industry and developers will not be able to serve the real needs of this community or protect Eugene's deteriorating environment. I commend Dobson for being against Measure 9, but Kevin Hornbuckle is against Measure 9 and against monied special interests.

Vote for Kevin Hornbuckle. Vote no on Measure 9 and no on monied special interests.

Lisa Gibson
Student

Only for myself

It was Rabbi Hillel who said: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?"

During this election season we can see no better call to action. For it is truly a time for action. Students, your vote is not enough! Everyone must get involved in order to defeat Ballot Measure 9. Starting this Wednesday and until the election, members of the Jewish Student Union will be volunteering to work for Lane County No on 9.

We encourage all students to join us in the fight against a measure that reminds us of the Nuremberg laws that stripped various peoples (e.g. Jews, homosexuals and Gypsies) of their legal rights. For more information on helping out, please come to the JSU office, Suite 5 of the EMU, or call 346-4366.

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Letters deadline

The *Emerald* will not run letters endorsing candidates or ballot measures as of Monday, Nov. 2.