

Good for Brand; bad for University

Just when the going got tough, University President Myles Brand got going — to Indiana University. Stricken by Ballot Measure 5, just two years after taking the University's helm, Brand sailed the ship quite well. But he's decided to leave at a time that is unappealing for many new prospects to fulfill his position.

How appealing would the position of University president be in the midst of what lays ahead? Entering the third biennium of Measure 5, the financial outlook is bleak. Potential impact includes managing a budget for 1995-1997 that's an estimated \$100-\$120 million less than the 1993-1995 level and \$450-\$500 million below the 1990-1991 level for state General Fund support. Certainly students will be forced to look elsewhere than Oregon for higher education with the proposed cuts resulting in lower enrollment, which just presents another hurdle to jump.

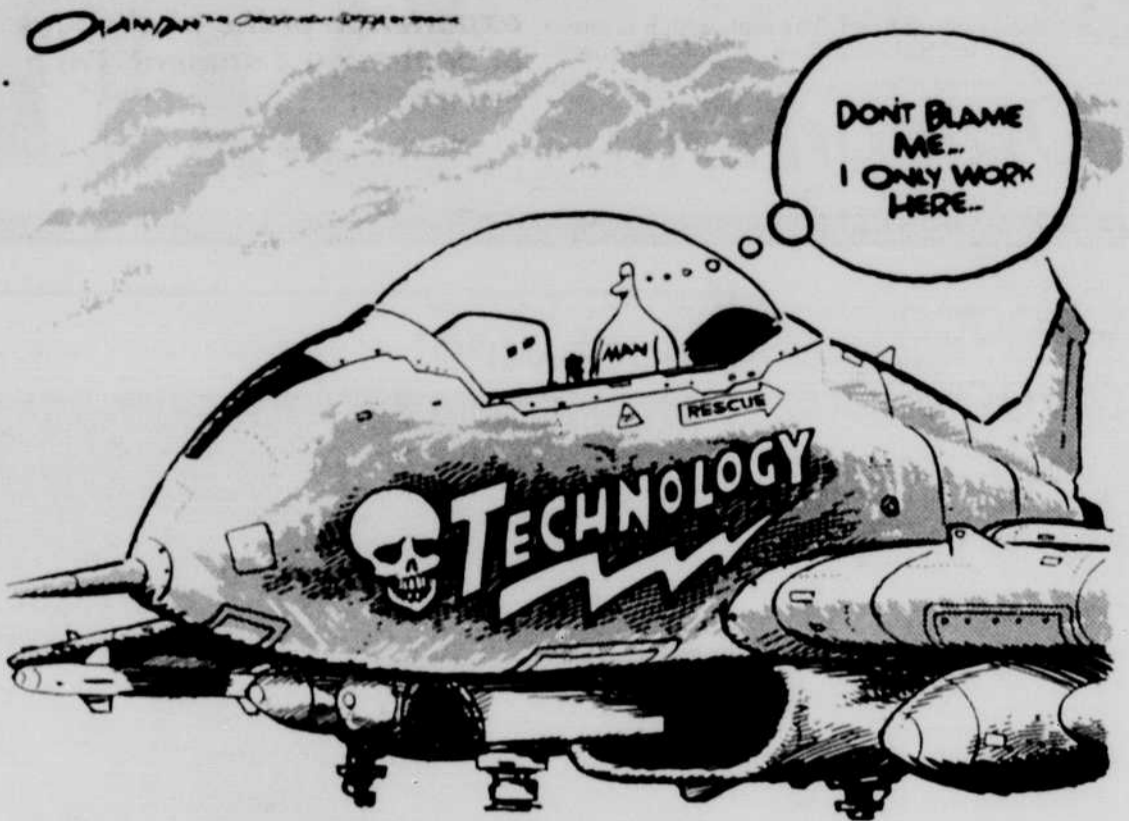
The University is at a vulnerable point, as is education in Oregon. It is a crucial time for positive leadership. However, recruiting a president willing to take the position with full knowledge of what ails the University, most likely won't provide the most desirable candidate. Sure the area is nice, the campus is nice, the faculty is great and Oregon is appealing, but higher education in Oregon isn't.

Brand's resignation isn't the only one. Provost Norman Wells is retiring, and a search, already underway, will be suspended probably until a new president is hired. This will leave an acting president and an acting provost temporarily filling the positions. Simultaneously hiring a provost, the second highest administrative position under president, and hiring a president could make the change in leadership a little alarming.

Certainly Brand's decision, in self interest, is a good one. His new position comes after a life-long quest for something of its kind. His time at the University has been equated to a stepping stone to something bigger and better, merely using the University as training wheels for a position like the one at Indiana University. Unfortunately for him, Measure 5 came like a plague. Squandering over money, he was in a position that did not allow for changes, making it difficult for him to show his true capacity.

Brand must be commended for keeping the University solvent up to this point. Leaving at this time will, obviously, benefit him, but the University's future is repressed by a president who will proceed Brand at a time when interest in the Oregon's education is not positive.

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LETTERS

Shannon's work

The position of ASUO president and vice president requires experienced leadership representing student concerns to fellow student leaders and administrators. Shannon Varney and Joey Lyons have demonstrated their ability to put students first while remaining accountable, approachable and reliable.

Leadership demands time and energy and a will to see things get done and change in some cases. Shannon's work with OSPIRG and the EMU Board has dealt with many student issues. Joey has also shown his capabilities to keep students No. 1 with his work on the IFC and the EMU Board. I have had the opportunity to work first hand with both Shannon and Joey and have confidence that they will represent the student body candidly.

Working with Shannon and Joey, I know they are responsible people committed to a common goal of making this University a better institution. They do not quit mid-stream when the times may be stressful. They tend to dive head-on into the issue to resolve it.

For the good of the students and for the good of this University, I stand behind the leadership and the possibilities the next year has to hold with Shannon Varney and Joey Lyons as our next ASUO president and vice president.

Margaret Chatfield
Biology

Ernie's informed

Todd Barnhart states he is the voice of low-income families and is involved with the "Amazon Review," although he did not define what he meant. What he doesn't say is that he submitted a statement to the City Council in opposition to historical designation of Amazon. When Westmoreland residents were asked to voice their support for Amazon, he unprofessionally stomped out of a Westmoreland tenants' meeting so their council wouldn't have a quorum to vote on it; he believed it would pass.

I wish him the best, but the real candidate informed on Amazon

is Ernie Woodland. He has attended co-op and Amazon community tenant meetings. He is a professional, caring, conscientious candidate and he has a strong running mate, Johanna Kinberg, who, like Ernie, is educated on the issues and is not afraid to confront them.

Suzanne O'Shea
Physics

No fear

I'm tired of hearing women say they live their life in fear of being attacked. Fear will never help you. Even if you were never attacked your life will be a waste because you live in fear. If a man wants to assault you he will smell your fear like a dog and it will strengthen him.

This University offers courses in at least three types of Martial Arts. Take one and learn how to fight back or just fight. Take taekwondo and learn how to use those strong feminine leg muscles. Or take Judo and you will be able to throw any man on the ground and step on his face if you want. If you think this is not enough, visit one of Eugene's many gun stores and pawn shops and invest in self-protection. Better to shoot in your self-defense than to be a victim.

Women, prepare yourself for the worst and overcome your fear. Do not live your life imagining the horrible things that might happen to you. Imagine the villains and rapists of the world spitting blood as they reel from the blows of your hardened fists.

Britt G. Hornett
Eugene

Aloha Leslie

It was only a week or two ago when my friend told me she would be running for ASUO president. Before then I was expecting her to leave me here stranded at the University. However, she has decided to stay, and I believe it will be for the better of all of the student body.

Being from Hawaii and coming to Oregon, I was not prepared for the climate or distance change. My friend made up for this. She has made my stay here, and it is not so far away from the hearts of the people back home to me. Many people in Hawaii call this

Aloha or Hawaiian Spirit. It is a feeling of love and kindness for all things. It is a spirit of giving and unselfish generosity. It is friends like her who watch over me when I am homesick and make me feel like home here in Oregon.

If you want someone who is here for you, if you want someone with heart — vote for my friend Leslie Warren.

Kevin Chang
Psychology

Same old sheet

Bruce Tucker believes the parallel I drew between the shooting at Temple Beth in Israel (skinheads have been arrested and charged) and the Oregon Citizens Alliance's ongoing political violence attacking homosexual Oregon citizens was an inappropriate parallel (*Register-Guard*, April 6).

Perhaps Tucker and other skeptics might review new footage by local TV stations depicting uniformed skinheads marching on Albany City Hall prior to the November 1992 vote on OCA-sponsored anti-gay Ballot Measure 9. Skinhead signs proclaimed "The OCA is right... but not Pro-White." Clearly even the skinheads recognize some common beliefs they share with the OCA.

When skinheads witness the OCA's organized political attack on a minority, it sends them a message that it's open season on minorities, be it Jews, blacks ... or homosexuals. Skinheads act on this societal green light much like Hitler's brownshirts enacted violence in the years leading to the Holocaust.

Of course it wasn't the OCA's actual hands on the triggers pumping bullets into the temple. But it is their hands behind political violence being spread throughout Oregon, political violence that encourages discrimination and incites violence. Documented hate crimes against homosexuals virtually soared in the months prior to the OCA's anti-gay Measure 9 election. It was no coincidence.

OCA leaders are the suits behind the jackboots. Very much the "same old sheet."

Carol Berg
Eugene

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