

All the right choices: Voting the 'ODE' way

It's your money, so go to the polls and spend it.

Measure 1 (Saferide) — Despite the incessant complaints that it discriminates against males, Saferide continues to provide a vital service to women on this campus. An average of 100 women ride Saferide vans every night. Another \$6.67 per student, per term is a small price to pay. Vote yes. And guys: Quit whining.

Measure 2 (OSPIRG) — This program provides students with invaluable hands-on leadership experience.

One big complaint: If OSPIRG really wants to be an advocate for "good government," then it should be willing to lobby for a funding process that doesn't provide student voters with an all-or-nothing proposition. If voters reject OSPIRG's budget increase, then OSPIRG will receive no money at all next year. So voters have no choice but to agree to OSPIRG's increase or zero-fund the group altogether. This time, vote yes. But if they're back in two years asking for more ... nyet.

Measure 4 (Recycling) — Good for the Earth and a good example for other Universities. It's time to take campus recycling the next step. Vote yes.

Measure 5 (LTD) — Same old measure we know and love. \$6.20 per student, per term buys unlimited LTD bus service for all University students. Students who don't ride the bus can get a refund at the beginning of each term. Another "Good for the Earth" good idea, which deserves a yes vote.

Measure 6 (Family Center) — The Family Center should be applauded for coming before the voters with a budget request which does *not* ask for an increase. Vote yes. It's only 25 cents a term.

Measure 7 (Multicultural Center) — Voters are still smarting from the sneaky way the Multicultural Center got its funding last year. After being rejected in a ballot measure just like this one, its supporters went before the Incidental Fee Committee and asked for the money anyway, and got it. If the voters refuse to fund the Multicultural Center again this year, then that should be the end of it. No last-minute reprieves.

Measure 8 (Mentor Program) — Anything that will help students land a job after graduation is probably a good idea. After all, that's what college is for.

Measure 9 (Safe Run) — By providing trained dogs to joggers, runners and walkers for their protection, Safe Run is a cheap way (\$.15 a term) to bring more safety to campus.

Measure 10 (Athletic Department) — Reinstates the old system (prior to last year) under which students get free tickets to every football and men's basketball game. Eliminating the \$2.00 ticket price for these games will increase attendance and, theoretically, improve the teams' play. Good idea. Vote yes.

Measures 11 and 12 (USSA Membership, Funding) — The University chapter of the United States Student Association has not shown itself to handle its money well. Its funds were frozen in January pending an audit, the results of which were only recently released to the press. The verdict: no mismanagement occurred. However, it was mainly the heavy hand of the ASUO, stepping in to force the USSA to make good on some questionable expenditures (hundreds of dollars of personal phone calls, for example) that kept the mismanagement tag from being applied.

USSA as a national organization is a powerful force for students. But this University's chapter has lacked the organization and the fiscal responsibility that would justify a favorable vote. Vote no on both.

Measure 13 (Change "Charter" to "Governance Document") — Since this measure has not been approved by the Constitution Court, it is void.

Measure 14 (Constitution Court Review) — This measure is another attempt by the ASUO Executive to solidify the power grab it made in last month's special election. The change will permit the ASUO to act on illegal rules before the court has an opportunity to invalidate them. Regardless of the Executive's position, checks and balances should be taken seriously by students. Vote no.

Measure 15 (SHIC Deletion Amendment) — Sure.

Measure 16 (Family Housing Tenants Council Eligibility Amendment) — At present, only enrolled students can receive stipends for serving on a family housing council. Stipends are designed to help students afford to spend the time on the council. Non-students do not have studies to take up their time, so they should not receive stipends. Vote no.

Elections at the University provide the opportunity to spend student funds as students see fit. Take advantage of the situation and vote. Today's the last day.



LETTERS

Snapple snafu

Offhand, I can't think of anyone who works harder than Karyn Kaplan and her dedicated staff of recyclers. Definitely a herculean task often performed against the present "make a buck" tide.

Recently, a crisis has developed over the growing popularity of Snapple on campus. It's more of a nightmare, I'd say, since tons of bottles thrown into the trash is not what an avid recycler wants to see. After letter writing to the Snapple company, meetings with the distributor, and finally a threatened boycott, Snapple agreed to provide 90 gallon totes for their empty bottles. But guess who does the sorting and toting to the docks and cleaning of broken glass that doesn't make it into the bins?

Now, as a real slap in the face, Snapple vending machines with non-deposit aluminum cans have been installed at various places around campus. Karyn wasn't notified or given time to plan for ways to deal with the new influx of valuable recyclable material that most likely will end up in the trash.

She knows that students will not carry their empties home to be recycled at curbside, and as previously seen, Snapple is not interested in recycling unless threatened with a boycott.

It's clear that our current and outdated bottle bill needs to be expanded to include deposits on non-carbonated drinks. But until that time, I hope Karyn has the energy to deal not only with Snapple but with an administration whose philosophy seems to be "do what you can, and don't expect a lot of help from us."

Susan Scott
Eugene

Mud-slinging

In his letter to the *Emerald* (ODE, April 18) Sean Smith could not be more on the mark when he tells of the lack of equal time on the Oregon campus for those not in accordance with the liberal doctrine. However, at a time when Republicans should be working toward cohesiveness, it is most disappointing that he would engage in petty name calling and public mud-slinging against fellow party members in

the College Republicans.

Publicly referring to fellow Republicans as "impotent" and "pathetically unorganized" only leads to the kind of inter-party bickering that gave us Barbara Roberts and the Patrick Buchanan campaign in 1992. It seems Mr. Smith forgot Ronald Reagan's 11th Commandment of "Thou shall not criticize other Republicans."

Sean, if you have a problem with the way College Republicans is run, then please drop by an information table Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. in the EMU, or come to one of our meetings, Wednesdays at 5:30 in the EMU. Also our office is located right next to Campus Copy, if you have the time we would love to hear from you.

It is too easy to complain and not do anything to fix the problem. If you are willing to commit your time and energy into transforming the "pathetically unorganized" group into a major political force on campus and in the state, then please contact us.

We are on the same side, Sean. If you would still like our help in furthering Mr. Garrett's campaign, you know how to reach us.

Thomas McCarthy
College Republicans

No leader

An open letter to the patrons of the Church of Kurt:

"What an asshole," said Courtney Love, Cobain's wife.

"He's an idiot for doing it," said Cobain's mother.

Kurt Cobain was not a leader of our generation, only a member. His lyrics didn't speak to me because I couldn't understand a damn word he said. Kurt Cobain wrote damn good songs, became a star, became an addict, became a father, and finally became dead by his own hand. A hero? A martyr? No. A tragedy? Absolutely. His baby daughter will never know him.

Leigh Latta says she "can't watch another suicide be treated unjustly." Well, Leigh you tell Frances Bean why her father was such a great man and should be forgiven for leaving her.

This is not coming from someone who is not a fan. I saw Nirvana live twice and have all the albums. His lyrics do not mean

anything more now that he's dead. (They didn't mean that much to him in the first place.)

Remember the music. Remember the man for who he was, not for who he wasn't. That's all I ask.

Stephen Thomas
Student

Affront

The Lesbian, Gay Bisexual Alliance celebrated its 25th Annual Gay Pride Week with an HIV/AIDS awareness rally Monday in the EMU Courtyard. Speakers focused on HIV/AIDS awareness within the straight, gay and bisexual communities as well as the communities of color on this campus.

For the third consecutive year, the *Emerald* chose not to cover a significant annual event sponsored by the LGBA. The absence of coverage as it pertains to such an event construes a direct affront to the queer community on this campus.

Leyla Farah
LGBA Member
Jodi Mai
LGBA Co-Director

Great loss

The attention given to the departure of Myles Brand has overshadowed another great loss to the University. Professor Peg Brand's departure is just as devastating to this campus as her husband's is.

I have been a student of hers on multiple occasions and have enjoyed every class. She is one of the best instructors this or any other University could offer. She mastered a subject area dominated by men and has an uncanny ability to express complex and abstract ideas with ease. Her professionalism and dedication are of the highest caliber and will be missed.

I find it ironic that her final lesson to me, although not intended, is that all too often the accomplishments of women go unrecognized.

I am ashamed that this University and the *Emerald* have not given Professor Brand's departure the attention or respect that it deserves.

Charles Wahr
Sociology