

What happened to the election results?

Section 13.5 of the ASUO Constitution states: "The wording of all proposals must be approved by the Constitution Court prior to the circulation of petitions and placement on the ballot..."

Shuffling through election results, two of the ballot measure results are still a mystery. Ballot Measure 3 and 13 were not counted. The two measures should not be counted and should not have appeared on the ballot for election.

Both measures were stopped by an injunction and await their outcome in the ASUO Constitution Court. The measures were slipped into the election in hopes of being passed. Procedures were not followed, and neither of the measures were approved by the ASUO Constitution Court prior to voter approval.

When Ballot Measure 3, the recreation and fitness center project, was placed in front of the ASUO Constitution Court, it did not pass. Under the ASUO Constitution, ballot measures are deemed unconstitutional if they have multi-year funding. Measure 3 had a 30-year funding process. But, ASUO President Eric Bowen said the Court was wrong and went ahead with the measure. Bowen is wrong. An injunction was filed and an outcome will, most likely, say so.

For the sake of argument, say Measure 3 was deemed constitutional and allowed to appear for voter approval. Certainly the facilities would be nice for students, but full disclosure should accompany the bare minimum, as was stated when Measure 3 was proposed.

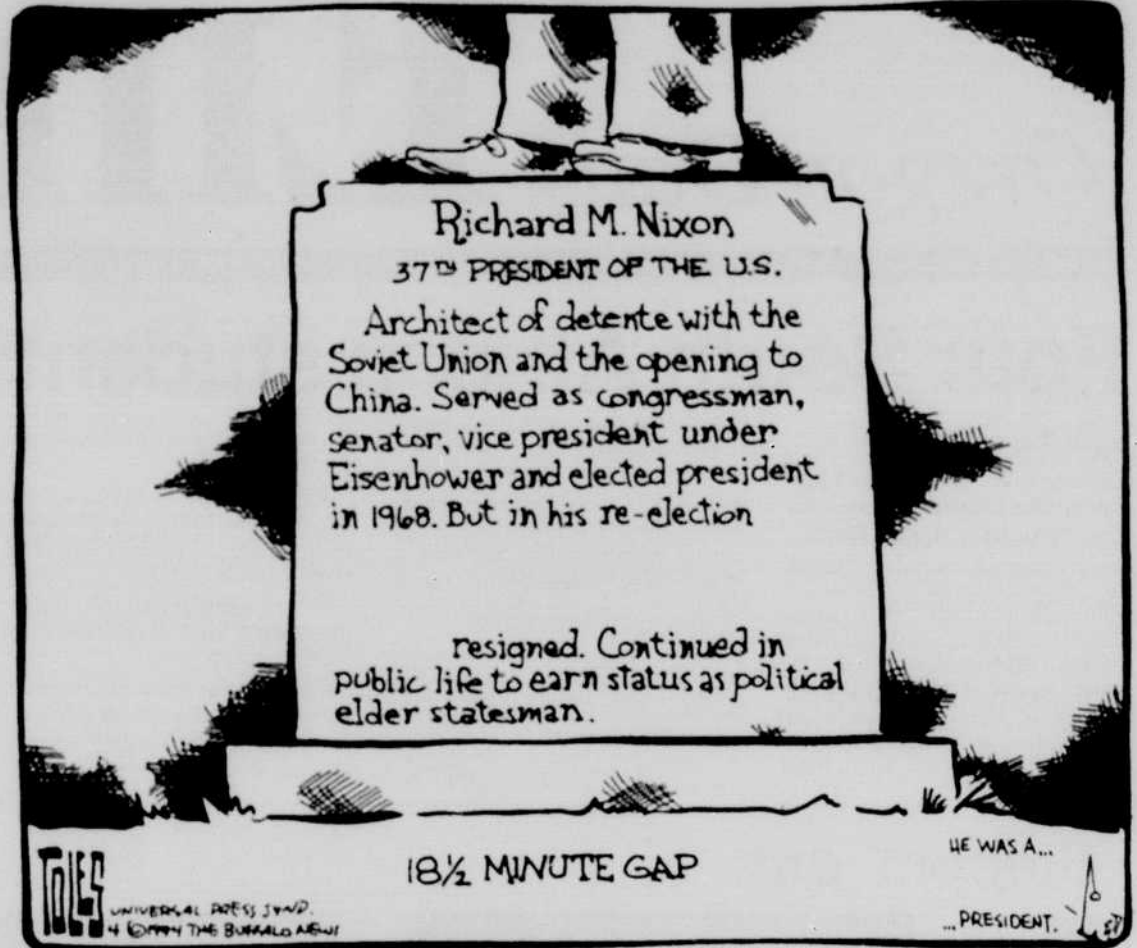
Full disclosure would clearly show that Measure 3 was nothing more than a "shot in the dark." With students asked to pay for half the facilities, it is reasonable to assume that the other half of the money would have been secured, but it isn't.

All the facts would show little facts. The recreation center plan seems to be merely a perceived plan. Existing in the preliminary phases, Measure 3 asks students to fund something that is barely even a set of blue prints.

When Measure 3 surfaces again, it should surface with all the facts. It should not be slid under the noses of student voters, especially when it entails something like a 30-year \$7 million debt to be swallowed by students and paid for with more than 10 percent of student fees each term.

Ballot Measure 13, the EMU charter, appeared with a clause, "This ballot measure has not been approved by the ASUO Constitution Court." It clearly states in the Constitution that measures need to be approved before they are put on the ballot. Nowhere does it state that an added clause saying procedure was not followed deems a measure to meet voter approval.

The ASUO Constitutional Court serves its purpose if its purpose is used. Following the constitution is in the best interest of all the students. Ballot Measure 3 and 13 are not in the best interest of the students. Procedure should be followed, and it wasn't. Students enjoy the right to vote, and issues voted on should adhere — at least — to the ASUO Constitution. The results of both measures should remain uncounted.



LETTERS

Shocking

Judge Miller ruled OCA's initiative unconstitutional. Shocking, but not surprising! This is a prime example of the homosexual community and the ACLU controlling today's judiciary. Historically, initiatives' constitutionality wasn't judged until it passed, preventing activist judges from invalidating initiatives contrary to their political beliefs!

Miller's decision is a blatant political maneuver to remove the constitutionally guaranteed initiative process. The homosexual lobby and ACLU can't control the initiative process, which frustrates them.

The ACLU mentality doesn't believe mainstream citizens, like supporters of the OCA, are educated or qualified to participate in direct law-making. They fear conservative values being debated and voted upon in today's market place of ideas. They're conducting an arrogant and politically correct crusade to censor society of conservative ideas, those values and beliefs which made this country great.

If the homosexual lobby and the ACLU succeed in controlling Oregon's judiciary, citizens must implement safeguards to preserve their constitutional rights. A grand jury of common citizens should hold judges accountable for deliberate unconstitutional rulings. Without substantial influences, ordinary citizens can't afford the legal process to protect themselves from the ACLU and homosexual political agenda. Hopefully, the constitutionally guaranteed initiative process will be preserved so all citizens may participate in direct law-making. Continue signing the OCA petition!

Loretta Neet
Communications Director
Oregon Citizens Alliance

Socialist pigs

To all you non-homeowners out there that still gripe about the property tax cut of 1990's

Measure 5, shut up! You are all a bunch of socialist cry babies because someone else is not paying the bill for you.

As a homeowner and a student, I pay both property tax and full tuition fees. But people say, "Well, you got a house," as if it arrived in the mail one day. I worked damn hard and made major sacrifices to earn it. Now there are people that think I should owe them something because I have something they don't. In other words, I'm being punished for wanting to succeed. You people are a bunch of lazy asses that think you can bilk the people that do all the work to earn money. When the days come that you have sweat rolling from your brow and live on macaroni and cheese to make your dreams come true just to discover people trying to milk you for all you've got, you too will be mad as Hell. Get off your asses and work!

John Eccleston
Student

Peace

About two weeks ago (ODE, April 13-15), there was a series of articles about Devon Gray and her complaint against professor George Kokis and his "Origins of Mark and Image" class. As one of the students of this class I feel that her ongoing attack is extreme and unfounded. Classmates past and present feel the same.

It is not difficult for me to imagine that her description of what occurred is exaggerated. Her consistent use of emotionally loaded language has twisted what actually happens in the context of that class. There is an unreasonableness about her and her claims which make it necessary to speak up. I don't know anyone who would paint George Kokis as a malicious or malevolent person. The class he teaches is a uniquely valuable exploration of art-making. It is unfortunate that the role-playing caused her to relive a trauma. As a woman, I am sensitive to her concern for her own physical integrity, but her vengefulness

against professor Kokis is not reasonable. Her anger is misplaced and obsessive.

Although it seems unlikely, I hope Devon Gray finds relief from her need to place blame and find vengeance. I wish her, and George Kokis, peace.

Anne Hadden
Fine Arts

Nixon's victims

It's unfair to Richard Nixon's victims, including democracy, for you to write a eulogy (ODE, April 25) that trips over itself in kindness, ignoring how he harmed this nation.

My memories are long enough to recall the pre-presidential Nixon — the one whose earlier actions in government forecast the "amoral, calculating, sneaky" president accurately described by your 1974 editorial page editor, Lee Siegel, whom your editorial quoted with unnecessary embarrassment.

Nixon revealed his flawed character as a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, where he was second only to Joseph McCarthy as a vicious attacker of freedom; and in his 50s senatorial race against Helen Gahagan Douglas, that set new lows for dirty campaigning. He left a legacy of inept judgment on the Republican Party, which insisted Eisenhower keep Nixon as running mate, even though Ike twice tried to dump him.

The GOP never learned: it gave its blessings as Nixon's vice president to Spiro Agnew, who left office in disgrace; it thumbed its nose at statesmanship in 1980 when it nominated a man who could only play-act as president; and again in 1988, accepting a substandard legislator as George Bush's vice president.

That's the legacy of Nixon. Happily, the *Emerald* went more than "full circle" on Nixon by reprinting the insightful 1974 words of Lee Siegel: the most accurate eulogy for the man.

George Beres
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