

The University is still in good hands

Dave Frohnmayer seems to have a knack for being in the right place at the right time.

Just three years ago, Frohnmayer found himself in just the right spot to be made dean of the University's law school — a place where he taught for eight years before becoming the state's attorney general in 1980.

Then, as former University President Myles Brand left for a position in Indiana last spring, Frohnmayer quickly became the preeminent choice to be Brand's temporary, two-year replacement, while a permanent successor was being sought.

Friday, that search came to an end, before it even really started.

Frohnmayer's strong base of support among faculty, students and community members persuaded the state board of higher education to appoint him permanently to the University presidency, without even bothering to conduct the nationwide search that was originally planned.

That Frohnmayer would be selected with so little debate speaks volumes about his standing in both the University community and in the state. After only a year as interim president, Frohnmayer has shown he is able to perform the duties of president as well as any career college administrator, and in some respects, significantly better.

Frohnmayer is a native Oregonian who has been heavily involved in state politics ever since serving three terms in the state house of representatives between 1975 and 1980. At a time when higher education must compete for its share of increasingly limited state resources, having a president who is widely respected by political leaders from both parties can be of immense value, and Frohnmayer fits that bill perfectly.

The state board must have been impressed with Frohnmayer's commitment to the job, too, in light of other demands on his time. While his daughter Kirsten was hospitalized in Minnesota following a bone marrow transplant and a subsequent stroke, Frohnmayer stayed with her. But he was still able to conduct the University's business from afar, via e-mail, fax and telephone.

Now, with the "interim" removed from his title, President Frohnmayer becomes even more responsible for the long-term success of the University. The task of leading this institution into the next century may seem a daunting one, but if he lives up to expectations, Frohnmayer is more than up to it.

We wish him luck.



LETTERS

Thank you

Democracy is not a spectator sport — for it to survive and flourish, we all must become involved.

This is the message I heard from 456 high school students representing 38 Oregon high schools who recently participated in the Close Up Foundation government studies program in Washington, D.C.

For a full week the students had the opportunity to develop a better understanding of our democratic process. By observing Congressional proceedings, questioning journalists and meeting with government experts, the abstracts of history and the process of governing were transformed into concrete experiences. In addition, students were able to share their views with their peers from other areas of the country.

Participants returned home with a deeper awareness of their responsibilities as citizens and the realization that a single individual can make a difference. Their enthusiasm for involvement in the democratic process is to be admired.

The Close Up experience was made possible through the strong support of parents, teachers and schools. Also, various companies and organizations helped make Close Up fellowships available to students in financial need. These sponsors include a number of local individuals and businesses which support Close Up's work in civic education.

On behalf of all of us at Close

Up, I would like to thank all who made the experience possible.

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Illusory

The Oregon Taxpayers United Memorial Day advertisement is proof conclusive that Bill Sizemore (the heartbeat of the organization) uses deception in his attempts to pit private sector workers against public sector workers. So shocked was I by the \$29,471.26 "Average of All State Workers" presented in contrast to the \$23,340.80 "Average for all Private Sector Workers," I made numerous calls to state agencies to discover the truth behind Sizemore's most recent display of statistical wizardry.

Readers may have thought of the Oregon Public Employees' Union (and our recent strike) when they saw a state workers "average" that's \$9,000 more than my gross annual income. But, in actuality, the figure includes faculty and management professionals, most of whom make far more money than myself. For example, coaches, athletic directors, and university presidents, just to name a few.

Sizemore's "Average of All Private Sector Workers," on the other hand, includes the wages of retail and restaurant workers, multiple-job holders and far more short-term employees. Not counted in the Employment Department records (and thus Oregon

Taxpayers United's calculations) are bonuses and stock options, or wages brought in by the self-employed or business owners. Clearly, there's a great deal to read between the lines of the biased advertisement.

The best way to educate Oregon taxpayers on the subject of wage differences is to make job-for-job comparisons. But this apparently does not fit well in Sizemore's agenda. He prefers to rely on illusory tactics to lash out at public workers.

Star Holmberg
Eugene

Eye-salve

How can any of the one-life-time moneymaking mountains of this world be cast into the sea, as Matthew 21:21 states? It's easy, if the moneychangers would anoint their eyes with Reincarnation Eye-salve and be born again into heaven where God rules supreme. But the media sees to it that they remain blind to the truth, as do the spiritual Caesars of churches in robbing the poor. Why would anyone prevent the truth from becoming known for the common salvation of humanity (per Reincarnation acceptance)? That's easily answered in Jude 3 and 4 in the (John 16:11/Jude 16:11) 1611 King James bible. Can anyone deny this biblical answer given in the only true bible in existence? Of course, political leaders teach by example to deny one's errors.

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