

Candidate advocates student political involvement

■ CAMPAIGN: Lane Commissioner hopeful says he understands the district's, students' needs

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Community Reporter

A candidate for Lane County Commissioner said he wants to give students the chance to work with the community and to get involved in the political process.

Eugene Water and Electric Board Commissioner Jeff Osanka is one of six candidates running for Lane County Commissioner in the district now headed by Commissioner Jerry Rust, which includes South Eugene and the University.

Commissioner Rust has said he will not run for office again until he completes his current term.

As the county commissioner, Rust deals with issues such as the remaining old-growth trees, juvenile crime, public health, the environment and recycling programs within the county.

Osanka said if he is elected Lane County Commissioner, he would continue to get out, talk to and listen to all of the local groups.

"I will be the most visible county commissioner we've ever had," he said.

Being involved and showing you care are important responsibilities to Osanka.

"If each of us does something, we can make a difference," he said.

Osanka said that too often students assume they must have politically relevant majors to get involved in the political process.

That isn't true, he said. Osanka hired an intern who was a biology major to work with EWEB commissioners to put a project together. That student researched biological issues for EWEB, such as the chemical and biological means of getting water out of the McKenzie River and testing water consumption.

Osanka said he looks for ways to get anyone with any degree to help put a project together with EWEB. He also said he is looking for interns to help with his campaign.

He said he wants to continue to work with the students, not only to give them experience, but also because everyone is qualified and can cooperate to put something together.

Osanka is also a member of the Lane Council of Governments, a board of representatives from each branch of government in Lane County.

He is also the president of Fairmont Neighbors and co-chairman of the Neighborhood Leaders' Council. He said he has worked with each of the neighborhoods in Eugene and has learned about their problems, so he knows what the concerns are and can thoroughly represent all of Eugene.

"I have the credentials, the knowledge and the base to make a difference," he said.

In his spare time, Osanka teaches speech and Internet courses at Lane Community College and runs an intercultural communications consulting firm.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree in geography from the University of Chicago. He moved

to Eugene 13 years ago to attend the University. Osanka received a master's degree in planning, public policy and management and then received a doctorate in speech, with an emphasis in rhetoric and communication.

As a recent graduate from the University, he said he knows what the University needs.

Osanka said he loves the University, and that is one of the reasons he sticks around.

"I want to serve my community, continue to work on EWEB and keep working on water and energy conservation issues," he said.

City Councilwoman Barbara Keller, NAACP President Henry Luvert, Eugene police officer Marvin Re'Voal, Friends of Eugene Resident Eben Fodor and downtown businessman Peter Bartel have announced their candidacies.

The primary election will be May 21. There will be a run-off in November between the primary's top two vote-getters, unless one of the candidates in the primary can earn 50 percent of the votes.

Snoop Doggy Dogg acquitted

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gangster rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg and his former bodyguard were acquitted of murder Tuesday in the shooting death of a gang member.

Dogg, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, and McKinley Lee, 25, also were acquitted of conspiracy to commit assault in the Aug. 25, 1993 shooting death of Philip Woldemariam, an Ethiopian immigrant.

The 24-year-old rapper stared straight ahead as the court clerk read the verdicts.

The panel deadlocked on a lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter against both men and an accessory-after-the-fact charge against Broadus. The jury

foreman said the jurors, seven men and five women, failed to reach agreement on the voluntary manslaughter charges after 15 ballots.

Superior Court Judge John Flynn ordered the panel to resume deliberations on those counts. About an hour later, jurors went home for the evening and were to resume deliberations on Wednesday.

Prosecutors claimed the two tracked Woldemariam down and shot him in cold blood at a city park after Woldemariam flashed a gang sign and shouted an obscenity in an earlier confrontation outside Broadus' apartment.

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MEETINGS
EMU Board will meet today from 4 to 6 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3720.
Student Senate will meet tonight at 7 in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3749.
College Democrats will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Century Room B. For more information, call 344-1874.

RELIGION
Newman Center will offer an Ash Wednesday Mass today at 12:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at 1850 Emerald St. For more information, call 343-7021.

MISCELLANEOUS
Career Center will offer bidding for the following companies today by 4 p.m.: Northwestern Mutual, Andersen Consulting, Sherman Brothers Trucking, OBIE Media, Macys, Columbia Grain and others. For more information, contact Room 244 Hendricks or call 346-3235.
Target will offer an informational pre-meeting from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room A. For more information, visit Room 244 Hendricks or call 346-3235.
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