

## No Masters

As a candidate for Eugene City Council, Ward 3, I want to apologize for what may have been misleading information on some of my campaign materials concerning my educational background. I am currently a graduate student at the University, expecting to receive my master's degree in planning, public policy and management sometime this year. However, some of my campaign materials may have misled the public to believe that I have already received my master's degree. I sincerely apologize for any misunderstanding this may have caused.

**Bobby Lee**

Candidate for Eugene City Council, Ward 3

## Vote Curtis

Steve Curtis, a University undergraduate in planning, public policy and management and geography became the first student ever to serve on the Eugene Water & Electric Board and represent Wards 6 and 7, the Bethel-Danebo and Whiteaker areas.

In Tuesday's primary election, Curtis seeks re-election at a time of enormous change for EWEB and other Northwest utilities as the region undergoes de-regulation of the energy industry in which energy will be bought and sold in a competitive and much more volatile market.

Looking at Curtis' performance over the past five months, it's obvious he can meet this challenge while maintaining strong contact with the community.

Since January, Curtis has shown a strong commitment to conservation and renewable investments in Eugene while insuring prudent EWEB planning.

He has worked to preserve the health and sustainability of the McKenzie watershed to insure high quality water standards, and he continues to emphasize alternative energy sources and stricter water conservation efforts through his position on the board.

As a former businessman, commercial fisherman, wildlife

guide and coordinator of sea otter rescue efforts during the Exxon Valdez oil spill, Curtis' professional and educational background gives him a balanced perspective for effective decision making and policy formulation that affects us all.

If re-elected, these contributions to the energy and water issues in our community can and will continue.

Vote Steven Curtis for EWEB Commissioner.

**Lori Bettineski**  
Environmental Studies

## Meet Smith

As a politically active campus, we have the opportunity to host a wide range of political figures, especially during an election. Personally, I take every opportunity to meet and talk to candidates who take the time to visit campus and address student issues.

I, like many other students, Republican or Democrat, noticed the absence of Gordon Smith during the last Senate election. The bad news then was that Gordon got some bad advice about visiting the University.

The good news now is that thanks to Gordon and his campaign's sincere interest in including students, Gordon is committed to visiting campus and listening to what students have to say.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of misconceptions out there about Gordon's stance on higher education, the environment and many more issues students care about.

I invite everyone to listen to what he has to say. You may be surprised. The more our leaders and prospective leaders learn that students are intelligent, respectful and genuinely concerned about the issues that affect us, the more influential we are.

So come out Wednesday at 1:30 in the EMU courtyard and meet Gordon Smith. Preceding that, he'll be walking the campus and talking to all of you.

If you like what he has to say, we need all the help we can get with his campaign on campus. In fact, Students for Gordon is starting very soon!

**Joel Thompson**  
Chairman, College Republicans

## Impressed

I am a student editor of the Southwest State University IMPACT (Marshall, Minnesota), and I just finished reading a copy of your paper. We have a bimonthly newspaper, and I would venture to say that your daily paper is better than our bimonthly.

Granted, you do have a larger school and more staff, but the fact still remains that you put out an incredible paper, and both my managing editor and myself are undoubtedly impressed.

You put out a quality newspaper. If I were a student at the University, I would read it daily. You should be proud of your publication. I know I was.

**Matthew Pistilli**  
Features Editor, SSU IMPACT

## Protest Hyundai

Kraig Norris' humorous retelling of last year's Hyundai protests shows how ineffective such opposition is. By gleefully destroying a car, EarthFirst! only succeeded in shifting the focus away from rational discussion to a fringe group too belligerent to be taken seriously.

Unfortunately, this suggests that protesting anything is counter-productive and a waste. Even if we question the status quo, there isn't anything we can do about it.

However, what EarthFirst! was protesting — a semiconductor in Eugene — is still a bad idea.

The deal was planned with no public input and was top secret. The state persuaded public officials to fast-track the development; the building time is half the norm. The plant is being built next to a waterway and a wildlife preserve.

Each month, 500,000 pounds of chemicals will be consumed; many are incredibly toxic and can asphyxiate whole neighborhoods in a single spill. A day care will be on site. The plant will consume water like a town of 20,000; this is to dilute the chemicals and release them into the Willamette.

Traditionally, younger women receive these "high-tech" assem-

bly-line jobs; the state told Hyundai the average starting rate is \$5.50 an hour.

I ask students to think about this when they vote on Tuesday. Tim Laue, Jim Torrey, Nancy Nathanson, Anne-Marie Levis, Henry Luvert and Marvin Revoal support the development. Please protest in the only legitimate way we can.

**Steve Ransom**  
Eugene

## Removal of Rights

Students should be wary of the ballot measure petition that carries this statement: "Public employees need not pay union dues." It is sponsored by the so-called "right to work" movement. These people are not advocates of workers' rights — they are reactionaries who want to take away the rights of organized groups.

This initiative places restrictions on public employee unions — specifically their right to collect dues from all the workers they represent. Without adequate funds, unions can't speak up for working people. That is the intent of the initiative.

The "right to work" movement does not guarantee a job for everyone who wants to work. It doesn't support decent wages and benefits. What it really does is bust unions in order to lower wages and benefits. At present, 21 states have adopted so-called "right to work" laws, and each of those wages are below the national average.

The sponsors of this initiative know full well that the unions are pushing for full employment, fair wages and health insurance for all workers. That is why they are launching this attack on public employee unions in Oregon.

Also keep in mind that they are paying these signature gatherers between \$1 and \$2 for every signature they get. These are not the kinds of jobs Oregonians need. It mocks the dignity of work and is an affront to all of us. Please don't sign these petitions.

**Bart Lewis**  
Classified Staff  
Office of Business Affairs

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