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ELECTION NEWS

Three democrats vie for governor

*Paul Damian Wells and
Dave Foley challenge
Gov. John Kitzhaber
in the May 19 primary*

By Jesse Sowa
Community Reporter

Two candidates with no prior political experience will challenge Gov. John Kitzhaber for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the upcoming primary election on May 19.

The winner of the primary election will take on the Republican candidate, selected by voters on Tuesday, in the Nov. 3 general election.

Dave Foley, who believes politicians should travel at their own expense, and Paul Damian Wells, an advocate of voters' rights, hope to knock Kitzhaber out of the top spot in the state.

Foley, a retired machinist and maintenance engineer, listed an extensive number of reasons to vote for him in a letter submitted to the 1998 Oregon Voters' Pamphlet.

Foley said he believes the Oregon Department of Transportation should be shut down, leaving responsibility for road maintenance with county officials and sharing statewide resources for large projects within the state.

He said this would also save funds from poor work and large contracts and create "an economical and efficient road maintenance system state-wide."

Foley also suggested the state stop building jails and make criminals who are waiting for trial pay for their stay.

He said environmental laws should be updated, including those dealing with watersheds, mining, reforestation and beach access. On air alert days when pollution is determined to be at a high level, commercial trucking and airports should be shut down, and all unnecessary driving should cease, he said.

Foley was unavailable for further comment.

Wells, a Newberg resident and graduate student at Portland State University, has dabbled in previous elections but failed in his attempts for U.S. senator in 1992, governor in 1994 and Oregon secretary of state in 1996.

Wells considers himself an Independent despite his Democratic standing on the May 19 ballot.

In a letter submitted to the voters' pamphlet, Wells said he is concerned about the handling of open elections and the "civil rights of independent voters and candidates."

Wells said there are no similarities or "overlap" between the two major parties as there were in the past. He said he votes for the best candidate, regardless of party affiliation.

"These days there just aren't any centrist candidates running for statewide or federal office anymore ... overlap between the two major parties has completely evaporated," he said in a written statement.

"As a result, I have found myself voting not for the best candidate, but voting for deadlock."

Wells said he is demanding free elections, but he does not favor outlawing the two parties.

"State funding and involvement in the major political party primaries are violations of both the Oregon and U.S. constitutions and should be abolished," he said. "Instead the state should conduct a single nominating election for each office with the top two candidates facing a runoff in the general election."

Wells was unavailable for further comment.

Kitzhaber, a South Eugene High School graduate, was elected governor in 1994. He has also served as state representative, state senator and Senate president.

In an April interview, Kitzhaber said funding for higher education, as well as for younger students, should be a priority in the state.

"We need to value it, and we need to support it," he said. "We need to not only take care of our K-12 system, but we also need to take care of our post-secondary education."

Kitzhaber also said he would freeze tuition for higher education if a referendum limiting K-12 class sizes is voted down in November. Tuition costs have risen 90 percent since 1990, and the freeze would keep access to higher education open to all students, he said.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Actors will depict sexual assault trauma

The F.O.W.L. players will give a multimedia performance about sexual assault entitled "Drawing the Shades" May 18 in the Carson Gold Room at 7 p.m. The performance will depict the emotional experience of rape and sexual assault interwoven

with societal statistics on these incidents.

The event is in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month and highlights the third week in May as creating a rape-free environment. The week will showcase a "wall of awareness" with statistics, articles, legal information and quizzes about sexual assault.

Elections results are in for bookstore board

The results from the University Bookstore Board of Directors elections are in. The sophomore position winners are Jason Bennett and Jenny Dubrow. Diane Downing will hold the student at-large position, and the graduate position will be held by Tom Cassidy.

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