

# McGinty

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ennessee senator.

The questions tackled specific environmental issues, including removing dams on Oregon waterways, using hemp as an alternative resource and oil drilling in Alaska and throughout the country. But many Nader supporters laughed and made loud quacking and chirping sounds to show their opposition to some of the answers McGinty gave about Gore's platform.

When one man fired a barrage of questions and criticism, McGinty fought back, defending the vice

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president and saying Gore can't suddenly change every policy the Clinton administration has tackled.

"Gore can't do it alone, Ralph Nader can't do it alone and you can't do it alone," she said, pointing at the man. "We've got a Republican Congress, and you can fight and you can fight and you don't always win."

While McGinty always explained Gore's personal stance on issues, she often pointed out the time it takes for major policy to be enacted and the opposition that can hold back legislation.

But the real excitement came as McGinty and her staff left the EMU. A man walked up to McGinty and offered her a dead salmon, which visibly startled the Gore adviser. She simply quipped that she likes her fish with lemon and butter be-

fore making a quick exit from the EMU.

"We didn't talk about philosophy. It was a purely culinary discussion," McGinty said before boarding a plane to Seattle late Thursday afternoon.

For the most part, the town hall meeting remained civil, and some differences were even solved after the meeting.

The most heated point came when senior Jonathan Sands said that claims that a Republican administration would make abortion illegal were simply a scare tactic by Democrats to keep people from voting for Nader.

Law Professor Garret Epps stood up and yelled at Sands, saying he "has no clue" and called his claims "political happy talk."

But right after the meeting, the two met and calmly discussed the issue in an exchange of ideas.

"For the most part, people were respectful of each other's differences," said Holly Harris, co-director of Land, Air, Water Environmental Law Society, the campus organization that sponsored McGinty's visit. "People had the opportunity to ask some pretty sticky questions and she was able to provide them with answers."

LAW, a national organization, is the oldest law society in the country.

Harris added that invitations are being sent to the environmental advisers for Nader and Republican candidate George W. Bush to come and speak on campus as well.

Bush and Gore are in a virtual tie in Oregon and, for that reason, McGinty told the crowd that this will be the most important vote they ever cast — even though, for some students, it will be the first vote they have ever cast.

"It won't be as useful ever again in your entire life," she said. "This is the most important vote of your life."

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biggest challenges that we face aren't the ones that are in our own backyard. They are issues that will require global cooperation. And I do think that we in the north, in the developed world, need to take a much more respectful tone and attitude toward the viewpoints and insights of those in the developing world. And frankly, I wanted to get off my high horse and go live with Indians and see the issues in the world from the perspective of one of the most important developing countries in the world.

**Q:** Are we going to see the automobile industry move away from fossil fuels?

**A:** The vice president launched in 1993 something called the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles. And in that partnership he secured the commitment of the big three automobile manufacturers to producing, by the year 2003, commercially competitive equal performance vehicles that achieve 300% of the fuel economy of current vehicles.

That would be roughly about 80 miles to the gallon. Those current versions of those vehicles are hybrid gas and electric technologies, but I think we are getting very close, maybe even within five years, to fuel-celled vehicles, which of course will use zero gasoline.

While over their lifetime, they save consumers money, but up front they have a higher

price tag and so the vice president has been pushing for three years now as the realities of these commercially viable vehicles are upon us for the tax incentives for consumers to afford these cutting-edge technology cars, and in fact in June he announced his intention to expand his earlier proposals and to offer \$6000 tax credits to consumers who are willing to purchase or who desire to purchase these most efficient vehicles.

**Q:** What is Gore's position on removing dams on the Co-

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Gore

lumbia and Snake Rivers?

**A:** In the first instance, he believes we need to invest heavily in improving habitat, in reforming hatchery practices, in reforming harvest practices ... salmon harvest practices. But he believes we are going to have to rigorously monitor, maybe over a period of five years or so, our biological progress in pursuing that course.

If it looks like the species with those vigorous actions are turning the corner and are heading toward a strong recovery of the stocks, then he would say let's stay on that course.

This issue is sometimes referred to as the four Hs: habitat, hatcheries, harvest and hydro-dams; all four of which play a role in the salmon declines we have seen.

But if those measures don't work, and if the biologists tell us that we are not seeing a recovery of the species, then we will need to examine the option of dam removal as well. And one thing I want to be clear about here is that I know there are a lot of people who think, look, the only option here is dam removal and we ought to get about it right now.

The idea that dam removal is the silver bullet is a simplistic presentation of the issue because all of the things that need to be done here are important and challenging.

Second of all, I think it's also important to keep in mind that there are cons as well as pros in terms of salmon recovery with dam removal. For example, the engineers tell us there's lots of sediment built up behind these dams.

The sediment in and of itself can be bad for salmon recovery, and we don't know if some of that sediment even further might have some toxins or chemicals attached to it, which we also would have to be very careful if we're going to unleash that throughout the whole watershed.

## News briefs

### LTD offers solution to home game parking problem

The issue of parking during home football games will be heightened this weekend during Saturday's game against the University of Washington. The Lane Transit District suggests Duck fans utilize the three Park & Ride locations to cut down on transit time and increase parking availability.

The game-day Park & Ride service known as DUCK EXPRESS has 10 sites throughout the Eugene-Springfield area. Shuttles depart from Downtown Eugene Station, Eugene Christian Fellowship, Civic Stadium, Lane County Fairgrounds, Shasta Middle School, Valley River Inn, River Road Station, Thurston Station, Double Tree Hotel and Springfield Station.

Shuttles begin 2 1/2 hours before the game, running approximately every 5 to 15 minutes prior to kick-off. Return trips from Autzen Stadium to the Park & Ride locations are available during half-time until the start of the fourth quarter, and resume immediately after the game. The last buses will depart from Autzen 90 minutes after the game ends.

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