

Tom Patterson Emerald

Xander Patterson of the Pacific Green Party criticizes the major party candidates, calling Al Gore "the bad" and George W. Bush "the ugly."

## Nader

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sue aside from the environment.

A larger problem looms underneath, and Patterson claimed there is a "profound corporate control over our government, our media [and] our educational system."

The time to confront these issues is now, Patterson said, for a "spirit of activism [has] seized the people," and the Green Party has a superb banner to rally around: Nader.

In order for the opportunity to not be missed, Patterson tried to dispel fears that Nader votes will essentially go to Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, saying that he didn't think Nader's campaign will take away from Gore's votes.

But the votes that do come in for Nader are a huge deal for the Green Party, he said. If it can garner 5 percent of the vote this election, it can receive millions of dollars in funding for future campaigns.

And that, Patterson said, puts

the Green Party on the road to major party status.

"Don't get frozen in the headlights like a deer," Patterson said. "Vote for Ralph. It's the only vote that really counts for an Oregonian."

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He added that if Nader does impact the election in Bush's favor, he could also deliver the House of Representatives to Democrats.

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cause that's where laws are made."

This year's election, Patterson said, confronts voters with three choices: "The good" — Nader, "the bad" — Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore, and "the ugly" — Bush.

Patterson touched only briefly upon "the ugly," calling Bush an "old kind of anti-environmentalist." He did, however, devote much more time to the person whom he called the "new anti-environmentalist": Gore.

Reiterating a Nader claim that Gore wrote "Earth in a Balance" to position himself as an environmentalist, Patterson outlined the shortfalls of the Clinton-Gore administration, which revolved around such issues as genetic engineering, fuel efficiency and toxic risks.

Audience member Chris Bayham, a graduate student studying community and regional planning, questioned some of the facts Patterson presented.

Warning against oversimplifying government and political actions, he said that "it's not as black and white as you might portray it."



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poration ratified. In addition, the issue of the University's liability protection is still too unclear for it to make a commitment to the consortium, McDonald said.

"We await their response and their response to our earlier inquiries," he said.

David Frank, an associate professor in the Clark Honors College and chair of the University Senate WRC Review Committee, said he had not been aware of the legal issues until

Frohnmayr's announcement. He said he was reluctant to comment on the announcement because he isn't a lawyer, but did say it would be proper for the University to ensure that all legal issues are settled before joining with the WRC.

"If the legal standards are valid, they need to be met by the WRC and the Fair Labor Association," he said.

In his statement, Frohnmayr said that "when and if a similar invoice is received from the Fair Labor Association, the same procedures of review and due diligence

will apply," meaning the University could also decide not to pay the FLA if it found reason.

Business professor Lynn Kahle, who sat in as a faculty advisor during the last WRC meeting on Oct. 2, said the WRC could comply with the University's conditions soon. He said there appeared to be a willingness on the WRC's part during the meeting, and he added that several issues about liability were discussed.

"There's usually a lag until action is taken, so it could happen by the next meeting," he said.



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