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## Conversations with Kerry

Sen. John Kerry gave a phone interview during which he discussed proposals to help students pay for college

By Parker Howell  
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Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry promoted his plans to help students afford college during a conference call with college reporters Tuesday.

Sen. Kerry, D-Mass., said the Bush administration has failed to make higher education

affordable to thousands of American students.

"As everyone knows, the administration has made its own fundamental choice, which has been to cut taxes for the wealthiest Americans," Kerry said. "In effect, George Bush's tax cut for the wealthy is a tuition tax increase for students, and I think it's unconscionable."

About 220,000 students were "priced out" of four-year college this year, Kerry said. He touted

his program to combat this situation, proposing \$50 billion in tax credits to help students pay for college. As part of the program, he advocated a \$4,000 per-student tax credit to reduce the impact of a 28-percent tuition increase he said has occurred over the past three years.

"There's a direct choice in this race, and it's a choice between common sense and a failed

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## A day in the life of John Kerry

By Steve Bagwell  
Of the Emerald

Monday, May 15, 1972

The phone rang at the KVAL television studios Thursday afternoon. The caller, Eugene Mayor Les Anderson, was trying to reach John Kerry, Massachusetts Congressional candidate, busy McGovern campaigner and prominent member of the Vietnam Vets Against the War, who was expected soon for a taping session.

Anderson was concerned that Kerry, scheduled to speak that evening first at Lane Community College (LCC) and later from the EMU free speech platform here, might incite a restless audience to a thrashing spree on the mall.

When Kerry arrived, he returned the Mayor's call, saying with his unmistakable Boston accent, "Mr. Anderson, none of my remarks will be so intended."

A single sidelong glance at the 29-year-old former PT-boat commander would convince most men of that. Kerry is a polished politician, not a street-corner firebrand. Bearing a marked facial resemblance to Sen. Ed Muskie of Maine, the lean, modishly dressed Kerry shows his St. Paul's to Yale education and the influence of a

father who gave a lifetime to the American foreign service.

In the KVAL control room, technicians were getting set to tape an interview with their youthful anti-war visitor. Above banks of monitors with cornflake ads and soap commercials filling their screens, amid an array of dials and knobs, the face of Kerry finally appeared.

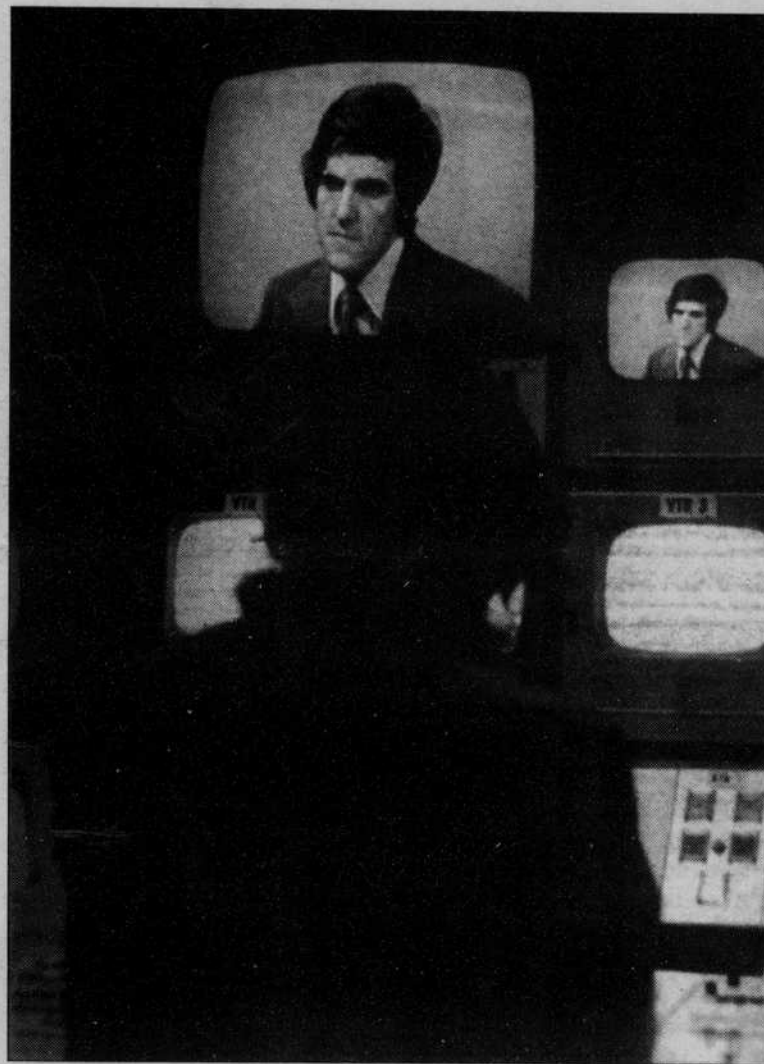
"It was the utter absurdity and stupidity of young men looking up at me with their guts hanging out asking 'why' that turned me against this insane conflict," he said.

Kerry comes through with feeling, but it's hard to visualize dark stains of coagulating blood on the pressed double-knit slacks he wears these days. It's just that Kerry is no longer as much the deeply disillusioned veteran of the Mekong Delta as he is the bright Kennedy-style novice of the American political scene.

In that role, Kerry has toured 40 states speaking against President Nixon and the war, for George McGovern and peace. And in that role he is very much at ease.

If he was tired Thursday after speaking in Portland, Salem, Albany and Corvallis, Kerry hid it well during his opening remarks

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Greg Howard Photographer

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said he supports a new plan proposing \$50 billion in tax credits to help students pay for college.

## Executive candidates converge at debate

ASUO Executive Candidates discussed a wide variety of campus issues at Tuesday night's debate in the EMU

By Jared Paben  
Senior News Reporter

ASUO president and vice president hopefuls debated everything from the best way to keep the cost of tuition low to repairing student-police relations at an ASUO Executive candidate debate in the EMU on Tuesday night.

During the two-hour debate, audience members lined up behind the microphone to fire question after question at the candidates, but two of the seven Executive candidate tickets didn't attend the debate — Tyler Graf and Nikia Gutman. Because of space limitations, only select questions are addressed below. Candidate responses are listed in the order in which they were answered at the debate.

Early in the debate, candidates were asked how they would ensure student

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## Police chief emphasizes community cooperation with EPD

Eugene's new police chief, Robert Lehner, told a meeting of task force representatives establishing dialogue is vital

By Ayisha Yahya  
News Editor

The new chief of the Eugene Police Department reiterated Tuesday the need for cooperation among EPD, the University and the community.

Speaking at the Campus Community Relations Task Force meeting, Chief Robert Lehner said a dialogue needs to be established on the type of community policing the city needs.

"You're going to see a very open discussion of this," he said.

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## Alumni creates grassroots political group

The Oregon Bus Project is a group of volunteers dedicated to advocating for candidates in Oregon politics

By Moriah Balingit  
News Reporter

Something about Oregon Bus Project Chairman Jefferson Smith brings people together.

For example, while he was a student at the University, he volunteered as a basketball coach at Roosevelt Middle School and took his team to the finals. Smith packed the middle school gym with 150 of his Beta Theta Phi fraternity brothers and their friends, creating a cheering bloc of Pit Crew fame.

"Our fans were louder and probably significantly more inebriated," he recalled.

The team won, and one of the players went on to become a star player at Sheldon High School.

So it really wasn't much of a surprise when Smith, three years out of Harvard Law School with bright prospects, decided to start the Oregon Bus Project, a grassroots political organization that now has more than 4,000 volunteers.

Smith will be speaking to a number of groups in Eugene, including the University College Democrats and the greek community at the University, on his whirlwind tour of the city to promote his group's progressive platform. The College Democrats will host Smith on Thursday in the EMU Rogue Room at 5 p.m. The Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council also are hosting a

speech by Smith, open to all students, Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Columbia 150.

Senior political science major Samantha Bouton, co-chairwoman of the College Democrats said her group supports every tenet of OBP's platform.

"Jefferson really speaks to what's important to the College Democrats," Bouton said.

Smith said he started on the road toward founding the OBP after he turned down a \$250,000 job with Wachtell and Lipton, a large firm in Manhattan, after he found out the firm's biggest clients were tobacco companies.

In 2001, Smith returned to his native Oregon, but he was disheartened because he found a state

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