

Opinion

Endorsements

This year, for the first time, the Print will make editorial endorsements of candidates for key student government offices.

We are doing this because in a student election there is little opportunity for voters to really get to know the candidates or their platforms and goals.

Campaigning is done over a short period of time and most students learn little about the candidates except information they glean from posters.

In the two weeks preceding the election we will attempt to hold an interview with each of the candidates for office. Candidates will be interviewed by the entire editorial board and asked identical questions. Based on the results of these interviews the edit board will decide on one candidate to support for each office.

We hope that this makes voting easier and helps create an informed voting student body rather than one that votes on looks or just takes a stab in the dark.

Vote McCarty

After spending a considerable amount of time in interviews with the contenders for Associated Student Government president and discussing the matter thoroughly, we have decided to support Mike McCarty as the best choice for student body president next year.

Although Richard Weiss has a lot of good ideas and some good reasons for wanting to be next year's president, we are concerned that his aggressive style of leadership might be more of a detriment than a benefit when it comes to accomplishing things.

We found McCarty's experience to be the biggest factor in his favor. The opportunity to have experienced leadership comes seldom to the community college and we feel that as long as it's being offered we should take advantage of it.

McCarty also has a smooth and polished way about him that goes a long way in dealing with administrators and board members, as well as students and faculty.

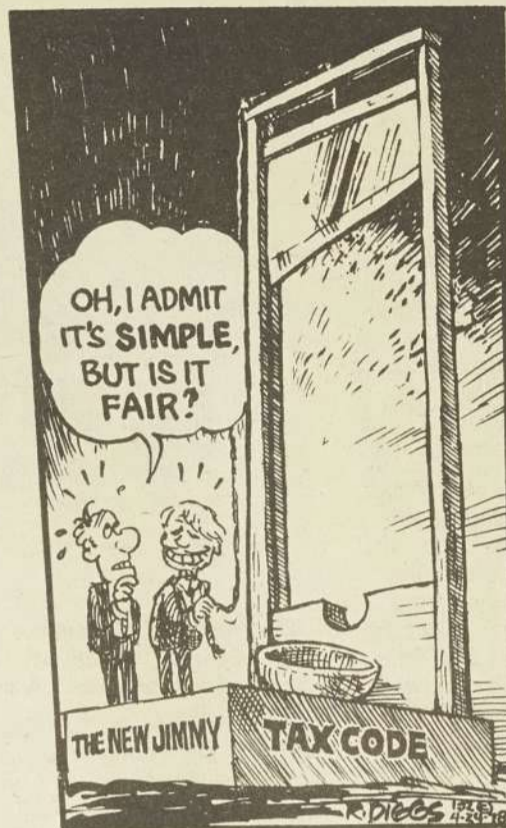
We feel that the day of the revolution is over and the radical of the sixties has no place in a government trying to accomplish things. Even Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman have joined the establishment and are playing by the rules.

McCarty knows the rules and he knows how to play the game. He is as aware of the menial tasks involved in his job as he is knowledgeable about how to get his ideas accepted. He has, in our opinion, the best chance of winning in the game of politics.

One thing most of the candidates we interviewed mentioned was a present lack of organization in student government. McCarty has begun an organizational leadership program that holds great promise for the future.

We feel that he should be allowed to continue to implement the programs he has started and be allowed to give next year's novice student government the benefit of his experience.

We suggest that you vote for McCarty next week.



Other viewpoints

Profs given extended job security

Editors note: The following editorial is a reprint from the April 19 issue of Oregon State University's student newspaper, The Barometer.

Step right up, ladies and gentlemen. Just a nickel to see one of a kind. Yes indeed, the world's only professional with built-in job security, right this way.

We've got them here at OSU, also. Students see them every day. No cover charge and probably no carnival barker to introduce their acts.

Class clowns? No. Guess again. Yep, that's right, professors. Once they get tenure, there's almost no way to change them, short of criminal offense or job negligence.

How cushy of an arrangement can be found? And now it may become an even better position.

President Jimmy Carter recently signed into law a provision to raise the minimum mandatory retirement age for most workers from 65 to 70. Tenured college professors won't be covered by this measure until 1982, but when they do, look out.

Currently there are a lot of older professors holding jobs that would normally open up for younger, more qualified people when the elder professor retires.

This will do two things. It will tighten up the market for college professors even more than it is, and also it may force the

revamping of tenure laws.

Now, just because some people are older than others, or younger than some, doesn't mean that they are more qualified to teach.

This issue is going to become hot nationwide soon. Suggestions will fly right and left concerning stipulations on tenure and maybe mandatory retirement for educators. Neither of these would be good solutions.

Consider a professorship with a specific time limit, possibly 20

years. Or maybe a total ban around of the present situation. Instead of a professor's having the only airtight lifetime job guaranteed, they will be the only people forced to retire at a certain age.

The best solution will come from a lot of discussion and a strain of lengthy nationwide debate.

It would be an ambitious and fruitful project for the new ASU officers to study. Let them know about it. S.M.

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