

Champie campaigns actively for Teddy

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This being the year when we patriotic Americans will select a new president, almost everyone of voting age (or, for that matter, younger) is ready and willing to argue endlessly over the strong points of their favorite candidate, whether it be Carter, Kennedy, Bush or Reagan. But, while anyone can talk politics, few are willing to take the time and effort to actively support their main man.

Dan Champie, a first-year business management and merchandising major here at the College, has strong political convictions, just like the next guy. But rather than waste time debating them in the cafeteria or lounge, Champie decided that actively campaigning for Ted Kennedy would be a much better way to express his political views.

"I've had an interest in politics since the sixth grade," Champie reflected. "My father was politically oriented. He ran for a couple of local positions."

That grade school fascination has now developed into a full-fledged commitment to politics. In the past months, Champie, 23, has started a club for Kennedy supporters on campus, attended the Oregon Platform Democratic Convention last month in Seaside as one of 40 delegates who represented Clackamas County's Democratic Party, recently became a senator in Associated Student Government at the College, and also is running unopposed for Democratic committee representative of precinct number 568 in Clackamas County. Champie also works as an advertising representative for The Print.

"Back in September I became lightly involved in the 'Ready for Teddy' Committee here in Oregon," he explained.

"But once Kennedy announced that he was going to run for certain, I wanted to find out how I could do more for his campaign."

Champie became attracted to Ted Kennedy as the best candidate for the presidency for several reasons.

"Kennedy has a lot of very good ideas. I believe strongly in his national health plan and his registering of handguns and many other policies of his," Champie said, adding, "And I don't like Carter."

From there, Champie began to organize his Kennedy Club on campus and also made contact with Ed Leek, the coordinator of the campaign for Kennedy in Clackamas County. Leek suggested that Champie become a Democratic delegate for Clackamas County at the March convention.

"The Democratic convention was a blast! I argued with conservative Democrats over such topics as the legalization of marijuana and the non-storage of any toxic chemical in Oregon. But basically, the convention is held for Oregon Democrats to set up various goals for our party's future," Champie explained.

At the convention, a straw poll or mock vote was taken among the delegates to see who they favored as the Democratic Party's presidential representative. The results were somewhat surprising.

"In the vote, Kennedy received 49 percent and Carter 43 percent. Cathy Smith, a news commentator for KGW, said something to the effect that the delegates must have been made up of 'left-wing liberals'," Champie laughed.

As for the Kennedy Club on campus, Champie has had quite a challenge finding enthusiastic supporters here at school.



Dan Champie, Kennedy supporter. Photo by Duffy Coffman.

"It appears that not many Kennedy supporters read the Today Bulletin," Champie indicated, "because that's how I've done most of my advertising for the club. So far, I only have a handful of names, but I look for much more response

as the Oregon primary (May 20) nears."

Being an avid Kennedy supporter has left Champie open for many questions concerning his candidate's background.

"Chappaquidick happened 10 years ago," Champie em-

phasized. "We all learn from our mistakes, and for a person not to be moved by such a tragic experience would be just about impossible."

How does Champie see Teddy's chances against President Carter in the Oregon primary and in the national Democratic race?

"Kennedy's chances are very good in Oregon, and he also has a good shot at stopping Carter on the first ballot. Pennsylvania will be a very important state for both candidates," Champie stressed.

But no matter what happens, Champie says he'll support his man to the bitter end, if it comes to that.

"I don't think Kennedy would drop out of the race, even if things went sour. If he doesn't win the Democratic nomination, I plan on writing him in on the presidential election ballot," Champie said.

If every Kennedy campaigner were as dedicated and devoted as Dan Champie, Mr. Carter might find himself on that midnight train to Georgia this coming November.

briefs

Reed takes second in tourney

College speech team member Reed Campbell brought home a second place award from the Great Nevada Western Invitational held in Reno last weekend.

Campbell won second place in oratory with his speech on starvation.

Eight of the speech team members competed in the tournament. The team was one

of two community college teams invited to the tournament in which 44 colleges participated. "It is an honor to compete in this," said Kathy McMahon, team member. "It is a lot harder when you are competing against four-year colleges because they have bigger programs, more people, and can spend more money on the department."

The speech team has had a good year so far, according to McMahon, and are looking toward two important upcoming tournaments. One of those is the regional tournament

Focus seminar set

Learning more about the resources available outside and inside a person will be the subjects of two seminars sponsored by the Focus on Women program at the College.

"Know Your Community Resources" is the topic of a seminar to be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Gretchen Anderson, a Clackamas County community development coordinator, will discuss what is available in the community for aiding needy persons.

"The Creative Process" is a seminar that will explore the path from idea to created form. Artist Nancy Travers and dancer Jane Rickenbaugh will describe the artistic creative experience.

The seminar will be presented on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

The registration fee for each seminar is \$2. Persons may pre-register by contacting the College Community Services Office, 656-2631, ext. 208.

Time shop

If you have ever said "there aren't enough hours in the day," there is a workshop on "Time Management" scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, room 101.

Sale outcome

When the dust settled after the College's garden and garage sale and auction on March 28 and 29, sales had totaled more than \$4,666.

The CCC Foundation's share amounted to \$1,338, said College Development Officer Bill Anton. "That's 400 percent better than last year," he noted, calling the community response to the event "tremendous."

The two-day event organized jointly by the College, the CCC Foundation, CCC Jaycees and Associated Student Government, attracted more than 300 persons to the campus, Anton said.

"We had 75 bidders at the auction," he said.

Anton said the success was bolstered by donations from 60 Clackamas County businesses, including new items and plants for the garden sale. "A number of individuals also came through with donations," he said.

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