

# Candidate Ruth McFarland addresses ASG

State Senator Ruth McFarland spoke before the Associated Student Government at the last meeting of winter term. McFarland is running for the newly created fifth congressional district.

One of the corner stones of her campaign, McFarland said, is concern for education. "I am thoroughly offended by the (Reagan) administration and its disregard for education," she said.

McFarland has been a science instructor at Mt. Hood Community College since 1970 and holds a doctorate in genetics from the University of Oregon. "I am very much 'pro community colleges'," she said, "Community colleges are

a western phenomenon there aren't as many of them in the eastern states. They're tremendously effective and I think Oregon has a good system."

McFarland is currently a member of the Oregon Senate, representing the 12th district (east Multnomah and Clackamas counties). During the 1981 session, McFarland served on the Human Resources and Aging Committee; Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and was the vice chairperson of the Education Committee.

McFarland sees her toughest competition in Denny Smith. Smith is the republican congressman from the second district, and has given up that position to run for the fifth.

"I don't like Smith," McFarland said. She feels that Smith's recent denial of President Reagan's economic

strategies is "a smoke screen to make him look better to the voters. Smith's break from the president is like a rat chewing the bottom out of a boat and then abandoning ship!"

McFarland feels that Smith doesn't represent Oregonians. Smith has voted for subsidies for tobacco, peanuts and sugar, McFarland said, while not supporting the timber industry.

"A lot of folks are becoming disillusioned by the Republicans. People who are knowledgeable will vote for

me, I think. I could do a lot worse than I intend to do and still do better than Smith in the campaign," she said.

McFarland has earned the endorsements of the Oregon Joint Council of Teamsters, the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women, and the national and Oregon Women's Political Caucuses.

## ASG changes controversial

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Hale insists that the students won't get to know the senators until they are already in office. "Don't the students feel insulted by this?" he asked.

When questioned whether the revisions are a "No confidence vote" given the students, Crosby said "No, because the students will be

selected by merit, and not by how many friends they have." This way, Crosby felt that the better and higher motivated students will be selected.

"We're just not getting the students we need," he said, "We need people who can use the required 14 hours to work for all the students, not just special interest groups."

Hale suggests a tighter crackdown on ASG members. "Instead of the required 30 signature for a petition, why not make it 100?" he asked. Hale also suggested that the candidates fair be required, along with all of the meetings.

"Any student can miss at least one class," he said. At this point, Hale sees no cracking down on senators or other ASG members for missing meetings.

Both ends of the spectrum admit that a lack of participation is the major problem with the current ASG. "We had seven senators at the last meeting," Schweizer said. "When the senators outnumber the officers two to one, and the ratio is even at the meetings, something has to be done," said the three year ASG veteran. "The current ASG doesn't set half the examples it should," according to Schweizer.

"By cutting the ASG in half, we will save money and make it more effective for those already involved," Schweizer said, although he went on to say that the revisions do not reflect his exact opinions.

The pro-revisionists and the anti-revisionists are cynical of ASG's future if the opposition wins the Thursday-Friday election. Hale lamented "You're going to get what you asked for."

Of the few students who voted, "One half of them voted because they got a dish of ice cream," Schweizer said, referring to the low voter turnout in the last senate election. "Many of the voters didn't know the students running at all."

"If people start participating in ASG, one day we may need 20 people," Crosby said, "But not today."

## News Flash

### Cult presentation slated

Author Chris Edwards will present Crazy For God, a look at the world of religious cults, in the College Mall Thursday.

Edwards was a member of Reverend Moon's Unification Church, into which he was "seduced... shortly after graduating from Yale University," according to his information pamphlet.

Edwards will talk about his indoctrination, (which he refers to as "brainwashing"), his work in the movement to lure people into "conversion camps," and his "...sleepless struggles to build a political and financial

Kingdom in Heaven on Earth for the MASTER (Reverend Moon)."

Edwards was kidnapped and "deprogrammed" by his family. His presentation will focus on daily cult life, explaining how cults can gain control over a person in a matter of days, and will talk about "unorthodox movements" such as the Hare Krishnas and James Jones' Guyana cult.

The presentation is sponsored by the Associated Student Government and the College's Special Programs.

### Central American update held by International club

A day-long presentation on Central America featuring films and speakers will be offered at the College April 7.

The "Central American Update" will begin at noon with a presentation by Rev. Joe Walker, a United Methodist delegate to Nicaragua. He will show slides and speak about his recent visit to the troubled country.

Sponsored by the College's International Club, the American Friends Service Committee and a host of other organizations, the event will feature the Academy Award nominated film "El Salvador--Another Vietnam."

The featured speaker during the evening program will be James Stephens, author of several books on El Salvador and a recent visitor to Central America. Along with Bianca

Jagger, he was a member of a special delegation which recently made news by harboring refugees from Salvadoran soldiers.

The speakers and films will be presented from 12-5 p.m. in the Community Center Mall. The events for the evening program will resume at 7:30 p.m. The historical overview is free and open to the public.

### ASG holds quick meeting

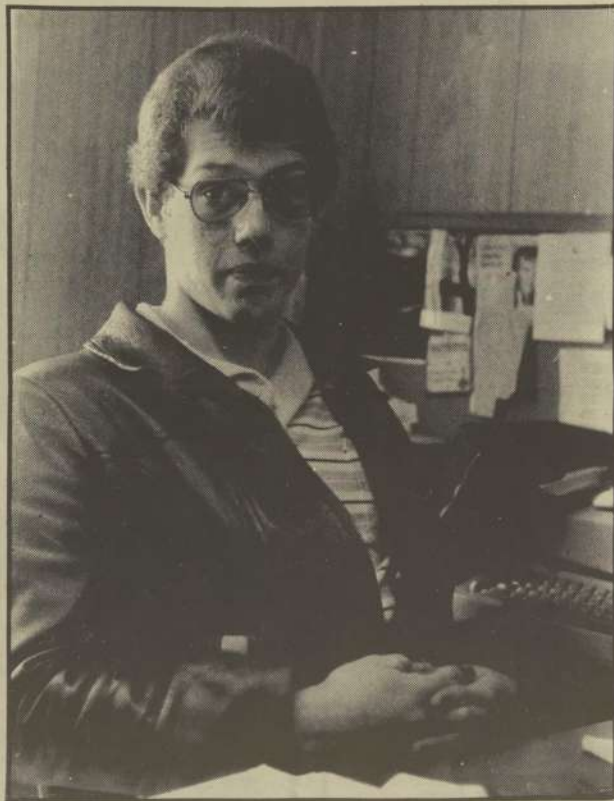
The first Associated Student Government meeting of the Spring term lasted only 30 minutes rather than the usual 60 minutes and was chaired by ASG Vice President Susy Ryan. Sam Crosby, ASG president was attending a Phi-Beta-Lambda conference in Pendleton.

Announcements were the highlight of the meeting, starting with the voting of the constitutional revisions to be held April 8 and 9. All students may vote; anyone wishing to review

the revisions can get a copy from the student activities office.

Paul Nastart, ASG senator, commented on the progress of the Book Exchange, "So far we have 49 books and we've sold 15. The students using the Book Exchange seem to like it."

On April 17, the ASG will compete in a softball game against Portland Community College student government members. No time has yet been set.



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ASSISTANT TO THE President Joe Schweizer

### 19 volunteers awarded

Awards were given for 19 outstanding volunteers of the year at a banquet held by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Volunteers are honored annually for the work they do in the community and in organizations, such as Loaves and fishes, senior centers, hospitals, and nursing homes. This was the ninth year for the Clackamas County awards and the tenth national anniversary for RSVP.

"We sent out nomination letters to where volunteers work, asking them to nominate the outstanding Senior Citizen," said Sue Ladd, RSVP secretary. Also they nominated volunteers for health care in hospitals and nursing homes."

RSVP also recognized the many citizens who donated time in helping in over 70

agencies in the community. Presently, there are 113 senior volunteers working for 80 stations county wide. Funds for RSVP come from fund-raising events.

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