

Monologue

Mondale support in Oregon underrated

By Shelley Ball
Editor In Chief

Everyone knows adding one and one does not make three. Or do they? Lately it seems the political percentage points that place President Ronald Reagan ahead of Democratic presidential contender Walter Mondale just don't add up.

These percentage points, which come from both national and local polls do not coincide with the voter support Mondale has been getting at his campaign rallies. Anyone who attended his latest Oregon rally would attest to that.

It's been reported that everywhere Mondale campaigns, he is consistently met with large turnouts of people. His most recent campaign stop, Portland State University last Monday morning, was no exception.

An estimated 3,000 people were packed into the university's gym to greet Mondale, and greet him they did. His speech was interrupted several times by the foot-stomping, sign-waving mass of people with their cries of "We want Fritz."

Even the hecklers who were present at the rally failed to get their opinions across, as their

voices were drowned out by the yells of the supporters. These hecklers were also few and far between in comparison to the hecklers that game Reagan a hard time at the University of Portland last week.

Several blocks of people were lined up outside the university's gym on Monday morning, and it is estimated around three or four blocks of people had to be turned away for lack of space.

This kind of support for the Democratic ticket has been evident every time Mondale and his running mate, Geraldine Ferraro, have campaigned in Oregon. However, local polls published in the **Oregonian** say Reagan has a commanding lead over Mondale in the state. The most recent survey, conducted by Portland market research firm Bardsley & Haslacher on Oct. 22 reported Reagan had increased his lead by five percentage points over Mondale to lead 49 percent to 38 percent.

The survey was based on 420 telephone interviews and had a margin error of 4.9 percent. The results were published in the Oct. 25 issue of the **Oregonian**.

Yesterday's issue of the **Oregonian** carried a front-

page story with the headline "Polls indicate Mondale to lose big." The story went on to say that out of polls conducted in 42 states, Mondale is supposedly ahead of Reagan only in his home state of Minnesota, and he is within striking distance of three states: Iowa, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

If those polls are accurate, then one wonders where Mondale has been getting his support, and why he has been spending so much time making appearances in Oregon. Obviously, he thinks he has a chance to sweep the state on election day, and with just under a week left before the election he feels within striking distance of our state at this time.

This attitude was clearly displayed when Mondale spoke at Portland State. He appeared relaxed and confident, and although he did ask for support, his voice did not have that pleading tone in it that he has used campaigning in other states. His tone was matter-of-fact, and when he asked the audience, "Are we gonna win this election?" he was met with a resounding "Yes" from the crowd. Mondale seemed to be at ease with his Oregon supporters and he

was pleased with the large turnout.

More attention should be paid to the support Mondale has been getting in Oregon. The idea he may sweep Oregon does not appear unfounded, contrary to what the polls indicate, when one takes a look at the amount of support he's been getting. So why is it the polls do not reflect this? Where were all the Mondale fans when these polls were taken?

Support for Mondale appears to be growing in other parts of the country, as Mondale boasted Monday of recent

endorsements by the New York Times and Washington Post newspapers. Also, crowd turnouts for Mondale and Ferraro have been reported consistently as strong across the nation as well as in Oregon.

The **Print** editorial board also wishes to endorse Walter Mondale for the position of president of the United States. While the polls may indicate otherwise, this presidential race does not look to have the makings of a landslide victory for Reagan and the possibility is strong Mr. Mondale will gain enough support to sweep this state come Nov. 6.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

We, the student body presidential representatives from the 13 community colleges of Oregon, express deep concern over the effects that Proposition 2 would have on public education in our state.

Proposition 2, which would cut back property taxes to 1981 levels and have tax limitations far below inflation rates, would mean revenue cuts of up to 30 percent. The passage of such a measure would result in massive layoffs, program cuts and possible closures.

Community colleges play a vital role in the economic development and security in Oregon. Job training and educational opportunities are provided to hundreds of thousands of people each year. We believe that not only is this basic continued support essen-

tial to the economy, but to the general social welfare of Oregonians as well.

We recognize the importance of creating an effective tax-relief program for property owners, but at the same time feel that this measure is not the needed solution and that it would create great hardship that would be felt for many years to come.

We appeal to the students and citizens of Oregon to support the future security of education by voting against Proposition 2. Let us work together in continuing to build a better Oregon through quality education.

Sincerely,

Jenny Metzker
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Clackamas Community College

Local businessman believes in 'American Dream'

By Jane Wilcox
News Editor

The American Dream—does it still exist? Is it merely a fairy tale handed down from our forefathers? Or is it a reality that is alive and well? Ken Aizawa of Milwaukie thinks it is a reality.

Aizawa is the type of person prone to spewing quotes such as, "I believe that people were created by God, designed for accomplishment, engineered for success, and endowed with the seeds of greatness," and bursting into the strains of "The Impossible Dream" in mid-conversation. But Ken Aizawa has a lot to sing about.

At 21, he is the youngest businessman in the area and the owner of a thriving advertising business.

Aizawa has been involved with many other businesses, but chose this one when the Chicago office sent him a letter explaining the opportunity. Aizawa holds a strong belief in Christianity and believes that God gave him this business as a ministry to other businesses.

Aizawa believes a lot of Americans take their freedom for granted. "We are so blessed to be living in the most free country on earth," he said. Aizawa is acutely aware of how free we are. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hide R. Aizawa, are from Japan and chose the Northwest as the place to raise their children. Aizawa attended Ickes Junior High and LaSalle High School.

Aizawa hopes to be an inspiration to his generation. He

wants more people to go out and do what they want. At first he wondered about his age—if he was too young. He soon overcame his insecurities and now believes his age is an advantage. He said people are impressed that someone his age is fulfilling his dreams.

I wrote this unusual editorial for one reason: To stamp out growing defeatism. To give students here at Clackamas Community College an example of what they can be if they believe in themselves and the principles that have made this a strong country.

No one has ever been promised a tomorrow, yet great things have been accomplished in times of less hope for a future than we have today.

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