

Dukakis equipped to handle presidency

It's been a long time since the United States has seen a presidential general election as close and as heated as the 1988 presidential election between Vice President George Bush and Governor Michael S. Dukakis.

Bush asks Americans to look at the past eight years and see that the country is on the upswing, therefore, a vote for him would keep the country on a maintained steady course for the future. Dukakis offers a change from what the United States has been exposed to over the last eight years, and implores voters that he is the choice in 1988.

At these statements alone, the average person who remembers the 1980 primary between Bush and Ronald Reagan would have to question what course Bush would have the United States travel. During the 1980 primary, Bush opposed several important political ideas of Reagan's. Yet, now Bush is using those ideas of Reagan's to get elected. Where down the line did Bush lose his integrity? In other words, what policies is Bush planning on using if he were elected, those he opposed (Reagan's) or those of his own, which we haven't heard him talk about much in this campaign.

Dukakis on the other hand stands behind his record of 10 straight balanced budgets for the state of Massachusetts. In the past eight years the Reagan-Bush administration has not been able to present one balanced budget to America. Dukakis believes in American values, including responsibility and respect for the truth.

When it comes to the truth, how do the American people know where Bush stands? This man was involved in the Iran-Contra Affair to an extent that the American people still don't know and probably never will. Bush was the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations during Richard Nixon's administration when Watergate was exposed. Can the Ameri-

can people trust this man?

Dukakis' campaign centers on the American people. Of the two candidates, Dukakis is the only one to draw up a health insurance plan for America's people who can't afford health insurance. If elected, he will set goals for the United States, not only for the government, but also for American people working together. Dukakis wants to "forge a new era of greatness for America." He wants to show the American people that there are no limits to what each citizen can do and there are no limits to what America can do.

Bush's seriousness about the presidential election comes into question when you look at his running mate, Dan Quayle. In the vice presidential debate against Lloyd Bentsen, Quayle's comparison of himself to John F. Kennedy, was easily clarified by Bentsen. Quayle is no Jack Kennedy. For that matter, exactly who is Quayle? When the vice president's responsibility of stepping into the presidency comes to mind, the American people need to know more than that he is a senator from Indiana.

Bentsen is a different story. He has been involved in government longer than Bush, not to mention Quayle. Furthermore, Bentsen defeated Bush in the U.S. senate race in Texas in 1970. Bentsen is, along with Dukakis, putting education as a high priority among the issues which affect the American people. The Dukakis-Bentsen ticket has made a commitment to justice, to "good jobs at good wages", to better schools, and to social security, among the several important issues on the minds of Americans.

In the best interests of the American people and America's future, **The Print** believes the Dukakis-Bentsen ticket is the choice which will strengthen the United States for the next four years.

Vote for America this election.
Vote Dukakis-Bentsen on Nov. 8.

People smart enough without seatbelt law

Ballot measure 3 asks the question: shall law, effective Dec. 8, require safety belt use by motor vehicle drivers and passengers over the age of 16?

No. Passengers over 16 should not be told to buckle up. It should be the person's own individual choice, not the choice of the government.

It has been proven that seat belts do save lives in some types of auto accidents, but that is not the real issue here. The issue is a person's right not to wear a seat belt if he/she chooses.

There are currently 32 states with mandatory seat belt laws, and 26 of these states are trying to repeal it. In the state

of Nebraska insurance rates did not go down as promised by insurance companies when the law passed. Ironically enough, the fatality rate in auto accidents went down after the law was repealed.

In Iowa, fatalities have increased ever since their mandatory seat belt law was put into effect!

People are responsible enough to make the decision on whether or not they should wear a seat belt. America is the greatest country in the world; it gives us the right to make your own choices on matters which concern your welfare. Don't let government infringe on your rights.

Vote NO on Measure 3!

Ballot Measure 8 not fair

The most controversial ballot measure of this election year is Ballot Measure 8. This measure proposes to revoke the governor's order, thus making sexual discrimination legal in Oregon.

Those who are in favor of Measure 8 feel that homosexuals now have "special rights" over heterosexuals. In their minds they have created various scenarios where employers must hire their quota of homosexuals, and thus leaving those poor, wretched heterosexuals out to starve in the cold.

It's just not true! Measure 8 does not require the hiring of homosexuals. Nor does it advocate or endorse a particular sexual orientation.

What Measure 8 does do, if passed, is give employers (whether heterosexual or homosexual) the right to fire an employee because of real or supposed sexual orientation. This is not the fairness that Oregonians want. Imagine being fired because your boss says you are gay. If Measure 8 passes anyone could be fired whether or not they are homosexual!

We here at **The Print** understand that it is unfair for anyone to be discrimi-

nated against because of their race, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap or sexual orientation. People should be chosen for a job not because of who they go to bed with, but because of how well they do the job.

We know that most people support the integrity of Governor Goldschmidt and that Oregonians look with disgust at a measure which condones bigotry and violence. **The Print** stands behind the governor's integrity in proclaiming: fair treatment for everybody.

On Nov. 8 vote for peace. Vote for fairness. Vote NO on Measure 8.

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