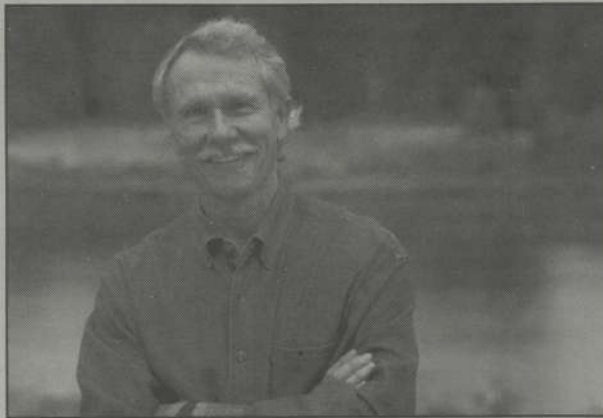


Ballot set for fall

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KITZHABER

Oregonians have now locked down on who will appear on the November ballot to govern Oregon for the next four years. Kitzhaber, former governor of Oregon from 1994-2002, will represent the Democratic Party, Jerry Wilson, a long time activist and founder/CEO of Soloflex, will represent the Progressive Party and Chris Dudley, former Trailblazers' basketball player and businessman will represent the Republican Party.

Kitzhaber is the former governor of Oregon serving two terms from 1994 to the end of 2002. State governors are constitutionally bound to only serve two terms, or eight years, of a 12 year period, so Kitzhaber is able to step back into the political arena for Democrats now that current governor Ted Kulongoski cannot run for re-election.

Kitzhaber hopes to reform the insurance system, improve the quality and organization of healthcare in Oregon, invest in higher education, and strengthen our state economy so that, in the end, Oregon will have "a strong, diversified, globally competitive and recession-resistant economy that generates enough jobs to keep Oregon consistently below the national average unemployment rate," according to his official platform.

He hopes that this can be accomplished by acting on immediate opportunities to create jobs, such as expanding the state's energy efficiency, helping small and medium businesses access venture funds and invest in transportation and city infrastructure, stating that "the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials estimates 35,000 jobs are created for every \$1 billion spent on transportation projects."

"Kitzhaber's reputation and

appearance is both a curse and a blessing; he has eight years experience running the state as governor through good economic times. However every act he did that can be used against him will be by the Republican Party. For example, when he left the governorship he said that the state was ungovernable," said Dean Darris, political science instructor on campus.

Dudley is a businessman and former NBA basketball player, playing despite being diagnosed with Type I diabetes. He is running under the platform of "Jobs First" because "for too long Oregon's political leaders have made job creation and economic growth an after-thought rather than the central focus of protecting and improving our quality of life. And without jobs and a growing economy, our families are worse off and so are our schools, health care and other essential government services," according to his website.

He lists his plan for jobs in four points: 1) Promote private sector job creation, 2) Control state spending and reform government, 3) Educate for our economic future, and 4) Rebuild public trust in government. He hopes to impact all aspects of Oregon by lowering taxes and regulations on busi-

nesses, enacting sustainable timber harvests to increase the amount of money going to schools coined "Timber for Textbooks," hold frequent town halls across the state every year to hear what citizens have to say about his policies, and "make saving for a rainy day the first - not last - priority of the state budget by setting aside 3 percent of forecast revenue into a fund only accessible for schools and essential programs in times of severe economic downturn," according to his Four Point Plan.

"Dudley's positives: we don't know what he stands for. Negatives: he has no experience. Kitzhaber: he's experienced; negatives: we know what he's done and can pick it apart. You've got two candidates with equal and opposite strengths and weaknesses," said Darris adding "Oregon's Republican Party is ceasing to exist at the gubernatorial level unless they get a more moderate candidate. So Dudley has been asked to step in as an outsider to both politics and the Republican Party so that moderate voters, which make up the majority of Oregonians, will think about voting Republican."

Jerry Wilson has also decided to throw his hat into the race for governor as the frontrunner for the Progressive Party. On his blog at www.viva-la-revolucion.org, he talks about numerous issues that he feels are important and weighing the country down, such as the approval ratings for the military compared to the government, and what it would be like if the military was the acting governmental body. He says that if elected he will use the executive powers given to him by the Oregon Constitution and "pardon all Oregonians ever convicted of a 'victimless' crime," and also repeal laws that prohibit the planting and use of hemp.

Now that these three have been chosen to be the frontrunners for their political parties, they will spend the next five months campaigning for your vote in November.

For more information on these candidates, visit their websites at www.chrisdudley.com, www.viva-la-revolucion.org, and www.johnkitzhaber.com.



DUDLEY

Political jargon made accessible to laymen

Social Science instructors Chuck Mitchell and Dean Darris share their top 10 political terms

Chuck Mitchell

1. **Hubris:** Exaggerated pride or self-confidence.

2. **Procedural due process:** A course of formal proceeding carried out regularly and in accordance with established rules and principles.

3. **Democracy:** A government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation usually involving periodically held free elections.

4. **Rule of law:** A legal-political regime under which the law restrains the government by promoting certain liberties and creating order and predictability regarding how a country functions.

5. **Bill of Rights:** A summary of fundamental rights and privileges guaranteed to a people against violation by the state — used especially of the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution.

6. **Communism:** A theory advocating elimination of private property: a system in which goods are owned in common and are available to all as needed.

7. **Civil Rights and Civil Rights Movement:** The nonpolitical rights of a citizen; especially: the rights of personal liberty guaranteed to United States citizens by the 13th and 14th amendments to the Constitution and by acts of Congress.

8. **Federal Reserve Board:** A seven-member board of governors overseeing the Federal Reserve System.

9. **European Union:** Economic, scientific, and political organization consisting of Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Finland, Sweden, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria and Romania.

10. **Globalization:** The act or process of globalizing; the state of being globalized; especially: the development of an increasingly integrated global economy marked especially by free trade, free flow of capital and the tapping of cheaper foreign labor markets.

Dean Darris

1. **Republicanism:** A system of government based on the principles of "representation, rule of law, separation of powers and public virtue." This is the type of government the Constitution created.

2. **Constitution:** The fundamental document that underlies

all of American government. The Constitution is the blueprint of U.S. government. It spells out the scope of governmental powers, the limits of these powers, known as rights. Every state government also has a constitution.

3. **Rights:** All individuals' rights guaranteed by both the Constitution and their state constitutions (e.g., speech, press, religion, among many others). Rights prevent the majority from silencing or harming people who are in the minority by imposing individuals from the tyranny of the majority, which is why experts refer to your rights as immunities.

4. **Citizen:** One who is about their country and acts accordingly. For example, a citizen votes more than vote; he or she takes classes in political science to improve their civic literacy; they can more effectively influence the political system. Moreover, they also act on their education and beliefs via voting, organizing and running for positions of leadership.

5. **Democracy:** A system of government that is based on the consent of the governed and political participation by the citizens that makes up that system.

6. **Congress:** The federal lawmakers (authors of federal statutes) who sit in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

7. **President:** The executive in the US government. Contrary to what most Americans believe, the president has no law making powers but instead is constitutionally charged with enforcing the laws Congress has enacted. This accounts for why many Americans feel the president "can't get anything done." (See the recent health care legislation for example.)

8. **U.S. Supreme Court:** The third branch of government (along with all other federal Article III courts). These nine judges are selected for "good behavior" and exercise the power of "Judicial Review." Judicial Review is the authority of the Court to determine what the Constitution means based on cases that come before the Supreme Court.

9. **Federalism:** A system of government where power is shared between a national government and sub-governments, the states.

10. **Apathy:** The indifference to all of the above; the root cause of why James Madison, the author of the Constitution, wrote "democracies are short in their lives as they are violent in their deaths." In short, apathy is what allows democracies to become corrupt and dysfunctional. This is why he and the other Constitution authors preferred "republican governments over "democracies."

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