

State representative candidates

Potts: he's committed; willing to take risks

"Commitment" is the word that one hears most often when talking to Norm Pott, democratic candidate for state representative from district 40.

Perhaps it is only natural that such a word should be used frequently by Pott who is pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in Eugene.

In his announcement of candidacy, Pott said that, at a time when good government is vital and when politicians are distrusted, people of commitment who are willing to take risks are needed. That is why he decided to run.

Pott says institutions as well as people need to take stands and applies this to the current lettuce boycott issue at the

University. Pott is opposed to President Clark's position.

He added that the decision to buy only UFW lettuce could be made on the basis of



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quality as UCLA did.

"The UFW contracts have a pesticide clause in them and other provisions more attuned to worker conditions. UCLA said, because of these provisions, that UFW lettuce is better lettuce and made their decision on that basis," he said.

The 42-year-old Pott would like to see the state take a more active role in the related problems of environmental protection and energy development.

He says the State Department of Environmental Quality should fund the construction of regional treatment centers throughout the state to re-cycle solid wastes as well as use them for energy generation.

The state also should promote the expansion of mass transit and bicycle paths, Pott said. He says he would propose legislation to increase the percentage of the gasoline tax apportioned for bike path construction from its present one per cent up to five per cent.

Pott favors an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to allow the state to develop geothermal energy rather than letting private industry do it all.

Pott also says he should favor a

moratorium on the construction of nuclear power plants because of the problems of cooling and toxic wastes.

On the issue of land use planning, Pott said, "I would advocate a very strong authority assumed by the state."

Pott, who is chair of the Eugene Human Rights Commission, sees the chief statewide human rights issue as women's rights. Pott also emphasized the stopping of racial injustice as a "continuing task."

The 6'8" Pott who played varsity basketball at Wheaton College would like to see an affirmative action program for women in school and collegiate athletics with deadlines set for compliance. He also believes that private hospitals which receive public funds for construction should not be allowed to refuse to perform abortions and sterilizations.

The University has been getting "the short end of the stick" in funding from the Legislature the last several years, Pott said. He wants to see the University get a larger share of the higher education budget not only for teaching, but for research and community service as well.

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Ellickson.

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"maverick" and would like to stay that way. He taught school in Lane County for seven years, serving as president of the

American Federation of Teachers local chapter for three years, until he was fired for disagreeing with school officials, he said.

"If elected," Ellickson said, "I would stand for my beliefs or resign."

The former school teacher sees a need for political reform in the government. Thomas Jefferson's democratic rule of the majority has been ignored in the United States Senate where half of the population in the 10 largest states have 20 Senators and the other half of the population has 80 Senators, Ellickson explained.

An effort on the part of concerned citizens is necessary in order to amend the constitution and increase fair representation, Ellickson said.

"In Canada, there are no pressure groups. If a citizen has a proposal, he just goes to a member of Parliament," Ellickson said. "There is a sense of national pride and honor."

Ellickson thinks students have a legitimate gripe about inadequate education. Students are kept

ignorant about Canadian government and opinions that go against the American system of politics, he said.

Ellickson also said that laws which dictate what and when to drink are "obnoxious." "The government is confused now, they can't legislate morals."

This opinion also applies to the use of marijuana. "It only hurts you," Ellickson said. As for the construction of nuclear power plants and other controversial issues, he "follows the platform of the Democratic party."

The candidate doesn't think he has a good chance of winning. "I just want to get my ideas before the people," Ellickson said. "The time is ripe and Oregon is progressive, the place to start making the reforms necessary to establish a sound government as an example to the rest of the country."

"The only reason I'm in this race is to save my own conscience," Ellickson said. "I just want to get my point across."

Shawn Rossiter

Perry: L-COG is useful

State Representative Larry Perry is running for re-election in district 40.

Concerning the Lane Council of Governments (L-COG), Perry said he feels it is doing a good job as a useful funding source for county agencies and organizations. He also said L-COG represents the kind of coordinating organization necessary for a metropolitan area like Eugene that is governed by the state, county and city.

According to Perry, air and water pollution are major problems in the Willamette Valley. Regarding the field burning issue, Perry said he sees no reason to repeal the 1975 cut-off date on field burning.

The state representative said he feels when the time comes to begin field burning in the county, that it might be better to consider planting other crops which would not require burning.

"Priorities are out of order when the people in field burning areas are asked to accept the smoke from those fields being burned," said Perry. He added that because of the inhalation of smoke and its irritation to people's eyes, some alternatives to the whole issue of field burning must be found soon.

Contrary to Gov. Tom McCall's reaction to recent fluoridation legislation that it came too quick and too soon, Perry takes the opposite stand. One advantage he sees in the state's fluoridation is that it prevents tooth decay. state's fluoridation is that it prevents tooth decay.

Perry also said that while fluoridation is of small concern to those people who can afford dental services, it is important to those who can't afford dental services on the basis of their income. Perry said he doesn't feel that the state's lower income people should be denied fluoridation of their water supply.

On the subject of health care, Perry said a poor precedent has been set for the elderly in this

nation by retiring them when they have become eligible for retirement. He said public employment could be provided for them.

Perry said he wants to extend the state's present day care service to others besides welfare



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mothers. Federal revenue sharing money should be given to mothers who want to attend school and work as well, said Perry.

Oregon presently has the power to control the public schools, but the school districts want more financial control in the way of further money support, Perry said.

On the issue of Watergate, Perry said he feels that possibly televising legislative sessions in Oregon would help restore confidence in national government and in political candidates. He said any sessions to be televised should show controversial issues in both floor legislation and committees.

Perry praised Oregon's bottle bill and land use planning programs. However, the state representative said he was "fearful of oil companies buying up lands potentially useful for geothermal energy."

If a moratorium on nuclear power plants were to come about, Perry said this would protect the environment.

"Oregon has been a pioneer in taking steps to protect the environment, but overpopulation will now demand further planning," he said.

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