

Stewart bemoans campaign funds

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John Stewart, Democratic candidate for state representative from District 41, bemoaned his lack of campaign finances at a lunchtime meeting held today to discuss issues.

Although Stewart claims he has received a \$200 donation from the Oregon Lawyer's Trust, \$50 from the Lane County Democrats and some individual donations not exceeding \$100, Stewart feels his opponent, Republican Mary Burrows, has the economic edge with contributions from lobbies and the forest industry. Stewart, says he has neither solicited nor received any money from industrial interests even though Republicans plan to spend over \$16,000 for key local political positions.

Stewart pointed out that in the 1974 legislative race, the legislature imposed a \$5,000 limit for the race, but that limit no longer exists. Stewart claims he supports self-imposed limits of \$200, similar to the limits agreed upon by both Stewart and Burrows in the 1974 District 41 race for state representative. Stewart says he doesn't know what Burrows' plans are regarding such limits.

According to Stewart, people laughed at his entrance in the 1974 race but he feels his primary win showed he was able to overcome the handicaps of being a 22 year-old unknown student. In the general election he lost that race to Burrows.

This time around, Stewart hopes to overcome a financial disadvan-

tage in the same manner he overcame handicaps two years ago. Through an intense person to person, hand to hand campaign.

The meeting in room 108 of the EMU was attended by about a dozen students who came to discuss a random sample telephone poll conducted by the Stewart campaign. The poll, taken from about 200 to 250 residents of District 41 was comprised of 55 percent Democrats, 35 percent Republicans and 10 percent Independents.

According to Stewart, the poll shows that the overall majority of those polled agree with his support of Nuclear safeguards, protection for small family farms, land use planning and social services for the elderly. His opposition to the death penalty and a telephone tax also received the support of those polled.

Later, Stewart said he is concerned about "policies that promote unreasonable growth and consumption that results in problems with energy, resources and employment."

During the meeting, Stewart fielded questions concerning growth and field burning. While saying there is no effective way to set real limits on growth, he said he feels Oregon must find a way to control industrial development. He also stated forest resources should be protected by bringing the rate of reforestation up to the rate of logging. He also favors enforcing a three year limit on field burning.

Stewart feels nuclear safeguards and property tax reform will probably be the main issues facing the Legislature after elections.

Grant supports mental health work for credit

The U.S. Public Health Service has awarded \$78,124 in continuing support to the University for its role in a community program designed to improve the quality of mental health and human services in Lane County.

Currently employed- paraprofessionals may join the program, and work with the New Careers staff, Lane Community College and the employer agencies in establishing credit for the jobs they hold. They can work full time and incorporate classes on campus into their schedules.

"The qualified individual can receive a two-year Associate of Arts degree at LCC and all the credits will transfer to the University to be used in gaining a regular bachelors degree," said Marry Harvey, assistant professor and coordinator of the program.

"The people who benefit from this program," she continued, "are those who are at the bottom of the ladder in the service agencies, such as human resource aides and welfare assistance workers. Even if they go only as far as the AA degree, they have a recognized degree and can expect career advancement in their fields."

"The grant money will be used mainly in curriculum development. We're trying to make the curriculum responsive to working adults. Since many of them, through experience, already know much of what they would learn in the classroom, we are working out ways to accredit that knowledge, such as exams and course challenges. We're also developing a curriculum that will insure that the gaps in their knowledge are filled so they can acquire the competency they need."

Harvey said the response of paraprofessionals to the program is "overwhelming sometimes."

"Since we must have the agencies' cooperation to make the program work, a paraprofessional wishing to join the program should get the agency for which he or she works to contact us," she said.

Since 1973, when the program began, over 80 paraprofessionals from 26 state, county and private non-profit service agencies in Lane County have participated in the program. To further assist paraprofessionals, the program is able to negotiate tuition on the basis of financial need.



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