

Women's Caucus endorses state candidates

By MIKE McCLAIN
Of the Emerald

With "women's issues" as the sole criteria for endorsements, the Oregon Women's Political Caucus Monday stated their preference for the three state offices up for grabs this year.

The statewide endorsement meeting of the organization was held appropriately enough in Sisters, Ore.

For the secretary of state position the caucus selected Rep. Norma Paulus, (R-Dist.3), over

Sen. Blaine Whipple, (D-Dist.3); for the treasurer's office, the group gave the nod to Democrat Jewel Lansing over Republican Clay Myers and in the race for attorney general between Democrat James Redden and Republican James Durham, the organization picked Redden.

According to State Pres. Margie Hendriksen, the endorsements were based primarily on the results of questionnaires concerning the candidates' stands on such issues as child care, emphasis on affirmative action, the

part of women in their campaign, upward mobility for women and civil rights in general.

But it helps in the caucus's consideration if a candidate is female.

"If the two candidates were equal in feminist concerns in our estimation," Hendriksen explained, "we would award points if the candidate is a woman." An example of this is the race between Lansing and Myers for the treasurer's office. The caucus rated Myers and Lansing equal in terms of their feminist concerns, but decided to support Lansing on

the basis of her gender.

"This is a male dominated political structure," Hendriksen noted, and it's the commitment of the caucus to increase women's participation in the political arena."

She emphasized that if a male was deemed more qualified for a particular office, the group would not hesitate to endorse the male. She gave as an example the national board's refusal to endorse Ellen McCormack of the Right to Life organization for the presidency because of her stand on abortion. The group also refuses

to endorse either Ford or Carter for their stands on this issue.

In the other two state races, the candidates supported by the group are considered clearly more supportive of feminist concerns. The group doesn't take other issues into consideration, Hendriksen says, because "there are many other people and groups that consider other criteria, and we want to concentrate solely on issues concerning women."

Hendriksen says the group places one of its highest priorities on the issue of abortion and since the federal government appears reluctant to provide money for women on low incomes to obtain abortion, then the state chapter will work to get Oregon to pick up the tab.

In addition to the questionnaire, the endorsements were based on the candidate's voting records which the caucus has rated since 1971.

The caucus is a multi-partisan organization with approximately 200 paid members throughout the state, and Hendriksen says it maintains a mailing list close to 3,000.

The local organization will make endorsements for state legislative offices later this month.

Lieuallen addresses senior citizen group

By TIM SCHELL
Of the Emerald

Twenty-five senior citizens of the Lane County Gray Panthers heard Scott Lieuallen, candidate for city council in Ward 7, speak at their weekly meeting Monday. The Gray Panthers is a senior citizen advocacy organization.

Lieuallen told his audience he is most interested in health, transportation and taxes. He said he is concerned with the health care prices and the need for a national health care bill. He also mentioned the heavy traffic problem near Lincoln School and suggested changing the traffic routes to avoid the school area.

Lieuallen also briefly mentioned his three opponents. He said Richard Charters "doesn't really know much about the city government" and that William Carlstrom would "restructure" the city government. Lieuallen doubted if his other opponent, Gary Bond, would fulfill the four year term, thinking he has "higher ambitions."

Ward 7 runs north from 24th Street to the Willamette River and west from Jefferson Street to Chambers Street. It is primarily a residential district.

Lieuallen's political experience includes a position on the budget committee and the appointment to a bicycle committee by Mayor Les Anderson.

Lieuallen is a native Oregonian and has lived in Eugene since 1962. He graduated from South Eugene High School and attended Lane Community College and the University.

During the question-answer period one member of the audience



Scott Lieuallen

Photo by Tonia Houg

told Lieuallen the traffic lights change too quickly for senior citizens to cross the streets safely. He agreed, adding it should be brought up by the city council. He suggested more push-button crosswalk signals.

Candidates ask for spending limit

By TOM JACKSON
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With campaign funding increasingly under public scrutiny, at least two local candidates have announced they will challenge their opponents to a voluntary limit on campaign spending.

The latest challenge has come from Democrat John Stewart, who will be running against incumbent Republican Mary Burrows for the State Representative seat for District 41.

In a press conference Monday, Stewart said, "The relationship between money and political campaigns is well-known." He feels a positive step was made by

the 1973 legislature by setting limits to campaign expenditures.

But Stewart said "since these limits were removed by the Supreme Court, we again face the spectre of high spending campaigns."

He added he supports Ballot Measure 7, which is a voluntary Fair Campaign Finance Plan providing some public funding for campaigns and setting limits on expenditures.

However, Stewart pointed out the plan does not apply to this year's election, and he has therefore asked Burrows to agree to a limit. He said Burrows supported the spending limits in the 1973 legislature, and added if she does

not agree to his limit, it would raise the question, "Is she hypocritical?"

Yesterday Burrows said she would not answer Stewart's proposal immediately because she was unsure of the exact amount of contributions. She said she would

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Another local candidate, Neil Murray has also suggested a \$5,000 spending limit for the mayor's race.

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