

Lawyer pushes Church for Carter cabinet slot

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Charles Porter, Eugene's loquacious former Fourth District Congressman and "self-appointed secretary of state," said Monday his pick for a Carter Secretary of State is Idaho Sen. Frank Church, a man he feels can aid in Carter's commitment to a "moral foreign policy."

Porter, who was congressman two terms in the late 50s, and was repeatedly unsuccessful in subsequent efforts to retake the office, told a weekly Demo Forum audience that "Church would be an ideal person" for the office.

Since his term in Congress, Porter, a noted liberal and Eugene lawyer, has traveled to a number of foreign countries such as Cuba, Chile and China, pursuing his interest in foreign affairs.

He said Church, who worked on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, would provide an alternative to the "big money influence, secrecy and elitism" of

Kissinger's foreign policy.

Porter said Carter's moral commitment would result generally in attempts to build the self respect of developing nations, to stop nuclear proliferation, and to reduce misery and oppression around the world.

More specifically Porter said he believed Carter would "get tough on detente with the Soviet Union" and would penalize it economically for future involvements such as with Angola.

"He will develop a more generous attitude toward underdeveloped countries, with less emphasis on armaments and more on human rights," said Porter.

On United States relations with China, Porter said Carter will pursue a policy he has long advocated: the normalization of relations with mainland China and a severance of relations with Taiwan. "This can be of the greatest importance," he said. "There is a lot we can learn from China."

Porter believes one of the most

important policy changes Carter will bring, may be getting foreign policy out in the open rather than continuing the "papa knows best" attitude of Kissinger. Explaining, Porter quoted Kissinger as saying foreign policy is "a non-partisan affair."

"In other words," Porter contended, "you don't argue policy; you don't put it into the public forum. You leave it with those who work with the big corporations." As it is now, Porter feels the government puts the private interests ahead of the public interest with the "elitists saying it shouldn't be discussed in the public forum."

Porter states another example of Carter's moral tone is his commitment to issue a blanket pardon for draft resisters from the Vietnam war, although Porter said the pardon should also apply to deserters.

Porter has offered his services to Carter in the foreign policy area, but he smiles and says if not asked to join the team "I intend to continue to interfere as best I can."

"We're in a state of flux"

Pope sustains women's studies



Barbara Pope

"We're always struggling to stay above water."

That's how women's studies instructor Barbara Pope described the slightly confused state of the University's interdisciplinary Women's Studies program — and it's not surprising. With no secretarial staff, a half-time (instead of a full-time) coordinator and a faculty spread all across campus, the confusion seems quite in order.

Nevertheless, the program is growing. "We're currently in a state of flux," Pope said. "Right now, for example, we're trying to critically evaluate the pro-

departments. A number of courses dealing with women writers and the image of women in literature are offered through the English department, for example, and classes also are available on women and economics, politics, sociology and history.

The program receives occasional criticism for a lack of structure in its requirements for the certificate.

"It's possible, for example, to earn a certificate taking literature courses almost completely," Pope explained. To alleviate this problem, Pope said one probable change in the program will be to group women's studies subjects and then suggest students take courses in each group.

At present, the only course required for earning a certificate is WS 101, Introduction to Women's Studies, which Pope now teaches. This course provides students with an introduction to historic and contemporary aspects of the women's movement and attempts to connect the public issues with the personal experiences of women.

According to Pope, her course "is run collectively, at least insofar as possible. We operate on a criticism-self criticism basis — there is constant self evaluation. But it's still hierarchial in a sense," Pope admitted.

Pope's 66-student class includes five men. "There are all levels of consciousness and knowledge as well," Pope said. She said this sometimes creates difficulties in teaching.

"For example, when I discussed the sexist image of women in religion — especially in the Judeo-Christian tradition — that upset women in the class who are still religious." And Pope said she also sensed a degree of discomfort among some students when several lesbians visited the class to participate in a panel on sexuality. "But I don't think that was so much from prejudice as from guilt — there's an underlying feeling among some women that if you're not a lesbian, you're not really a feminist," she explained.

Pope is new to her position at the University this year. But her involvement in the women's movement dates back five years and she's witnessed a number of changes in the movement during that time.

"When I first was involved while teaching in New Mexico, there was more militance — a real pushing." In turn, she pointed out, many more women were evading the issue completely at that time.

Five years ago the predominant emphasis in the movement was on radical feminism, Pope said. According to radical feminists the biggest problem is "biological patriarchy," Pope explained, citing Shulamith Firestone as an example of radical feminism.

Today the major emphasis is socialist feminism, according to Pope. A socialist feminist believes that "the way women are oppressed changes according to the economy and political/social system and that we must uncover women's role under capitalism," Pope explained.

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gram so as to make it more substantial and logical for students planning on earning women's studies certificates," she explained. Pope predicted that definite changes, such as providing students with advisors, probably will be instituted by the end of this academic year.

To earn a women's studies certificate, a student must complete 21 credits in courses approved by the Women's Studies Council, the University committee which oversees the program, in addition to work in another major.

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