

Involvement suggested for GOP

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Oregon's Republican party has some outstanding incumbents, but it needs to get more involved in "everyday politics," Gary Wright told a Republican Round Table audience Friday.

Wright, a member of the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission and the Housing and Urban Development Commission, said "too often, as Republicans, we forget the everyday issues, but they're pretty important."

"Traffic control and street maintenance in the River Road-Santa Clara area are important to those people," Wright said. "And sewage disposal is a political issue too. It has to be political since it affects people's lives so much."

"What about growth in Danebo and River Road areas?" asked Wright. "Is it good? And how do we control it? Should the Boundary Commission be locally appointed or elected? It's now appointed by the governor."

Wright said more attention should be given to government planning processes, such as the 1990 and Metropolitan Wastewater Management plans.

"I don't believe in government by fiat," Wright said. "Sometimes it seems planners establish policy and that's that. We've got to fight like hell to make government a partner, and not just something that does things to us."

Wright said he's proud of incumbent Republican legislators, but said the party must help candidates "even if they've got a few spots on their coats," adding that "We can no longer demand ideological purity."

"We have to learn to run with the good and bad proposals," Wright said. "Who do the programs help and who do they harm? And how do we minimize the harms?"

Wright also commented on sewage treatment in the Eugene-Springfield area, saying he was pleased with the Boundary Commission's recent approval of a county sewer-service district. The River Road-Santa Clara area can either join that district, or form a separate service district. Either way the area could still be served by the proposed central treatment plant, he said.

Woman-Speak series starts this week

A Woman/Speak series by and about women will kick off Tuesday with a brown bag lunch at noon in the EMU, room to be posted.

"Vocations for Social Change" will feature Marion Barnes of Clergy and Laity Concerned, Lynn Passy of New Careers in Mental Health, Lyndia Wilt, development director for KLCC and moderator Adeline Brunner, a retired social worker.

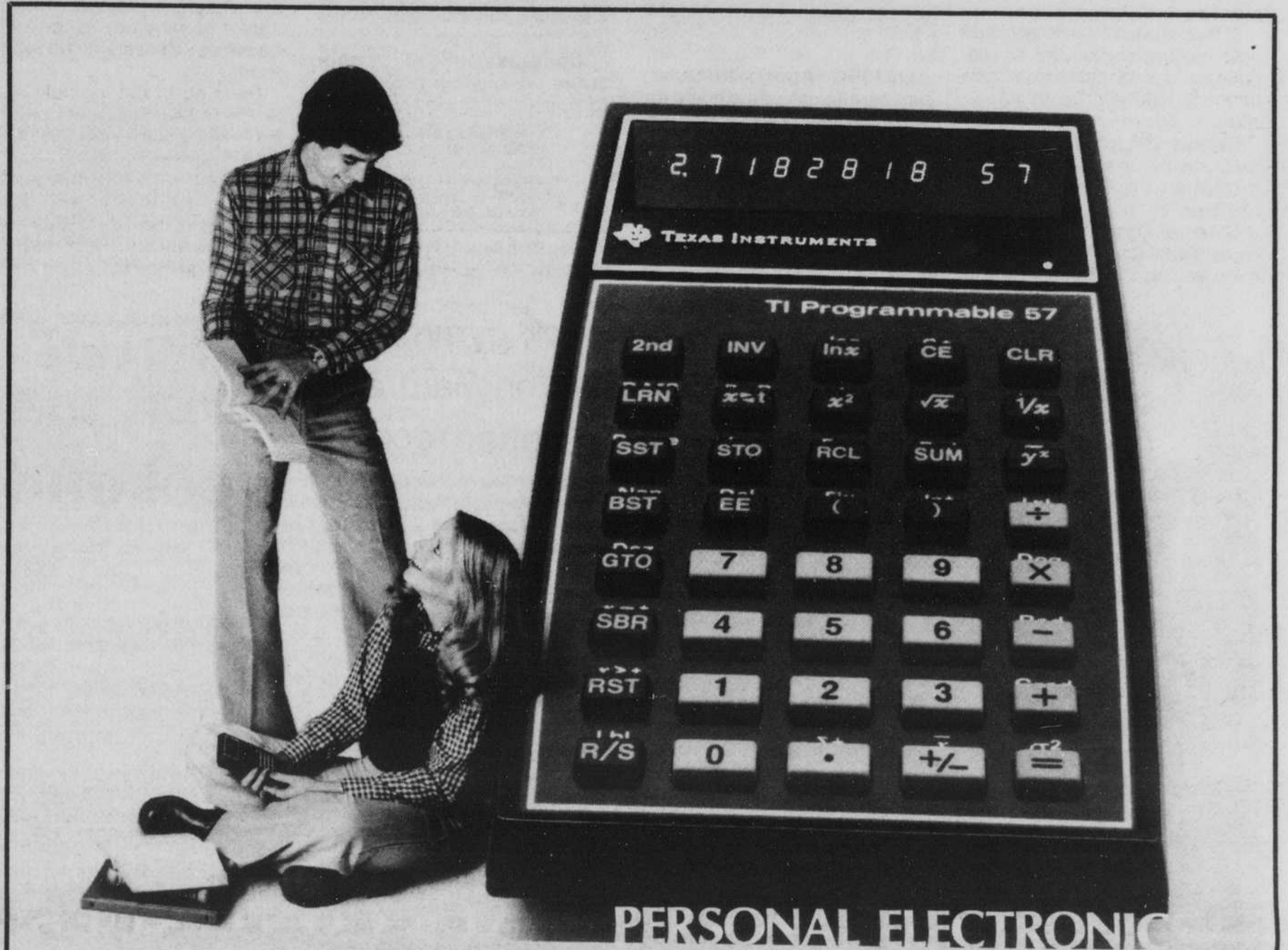
The following Tuesday events will also be held at noon in the EMU, as sponsored by the University YWCA.

On Feb. 14, Eileen Simpson, deputy district attorney and Diane De Paolis of Legal Aid Service, will discuss "Battered Women: Hope for the Future."

"How to Start a Bookstore and Other

Businesses" will be the third lecture series Feb. 21, by Mary Faust and Patricia Tub of Book and Tea.

Rabbi Laura Geller will speak Feb. 27 on "The Experience of being Female, a Rabbi and a Feminist," co-sponsored by the Jewish Student Union and the Women's Referral and Resource Service.



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