

Kerans: primaries boring

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If one can believe Rep. Gratten Kerans, Democratic incumbent in District 39, Eugene area residents are in for boring primary races for seats in the state House of Representatives.

"In Lane County districts, I don't foresee, right now, any heavily contested primaries except for District 44 (currently represented by Republican Bill Rogers)."

In that East Lane district, Kerans expects a Democratic primary fight between Lenore Yearous and Ed Beal (husband of Wicks Beal, a former City Council member).

Kerans faces, at this time, no primary competition and he doesn't expect a fight in the general like he had last time.

"They (the state Republican Party) had me targeted. But I beat their man almost 2 to 1."

According to Kerans, he was outspent in that race 2.3 to 1, and

the money spent in that election was the fourth highest for any representative race in the state.

"I hardly expect it to be repeated," says Kerans, "since I beat this fellow (Republican Gary Wright) by 4,000 votes two years ago."

For Wright, Kerans' feeling that the race won't be as tough this time is good news. Wright promises to run as vigorous a campaign but is unsure if the money will be there.

"Well, that's always tough to tell this early, but frankly we haven't raised that much money yet. But I've got a funding committee and we're looking to raise money," Wright says.

According to Kerans, District 41, represented by Democrat Nancie Fadeley, was another priority for the Republican Party in 1976.

"But they shot their best shot. They don't have another candidate as good as Vance (Freeman,

who came within 500 votes of defeating Fadeley in Nov. 76)," says Kerans.

District 40 is another of interest to the University community. Represented by Republican Dave Frohnmayer, the district will probably provide little spark during the primary. No Republican has filed against Frohnmayer but Democrat Don Chlamers is scheduled to announce his candidacy today.

While Chalmers hasn't been a student since 1975, he has worked administering student affairs for about three years. He feels this puts him in a good position.

District 40 encompasses basically those living south of 18th Avenue. Those north of the dividing line live in District 42. Republican Mary Burrows is the incumbent for that district and will likely face no primary challenger. The Democrats are trying to find a candidate and may be close, but he or she hasn't filed yet.

Polygraphy

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Photo by Dennis Hickok

Eugene polygrapher H. Paul Dueber eyes his 'all knowing' means of existence. Dueber sees about 25 people a month, usually for theft investigation or to verify employee applications, while the police department sees only about four people monthly.

But as fool proof as polygraphy may appear to be, it has its limits.

"One-hundred percent of the people who come in here have screwed up at one time or another. But you can't judge future performance by past mistakes," says Dueber. "My job is to cut through the B.S."

Once that's done, it's up to the employer to make a decision. And Dueber agrees these decisions are not always made fairly.

"There's an underlying current of racism in Eugene that really surprises me," says Dueber.

In addition, the polygrapher says employers often have unrealistic expectations about their employees.

"I was testing applicants for a company based in Texas that didn't want to hire anyone who had smoked marijuana. During the tests I found 92 percent of the applicants smoked marijuana at least occasionally."

"They just couldn't cut out nine out of ten applicants and find enough good people to fill their Oregon Daily Emerald

jobs."

Eventually the company revised its requirements.

Dueber takes a harder line with people who attempt to lie during testing.

"If a guy lies during the test, you've got to believe he can't be trusted. Either that or he has something to hide that could catch

up with him in the future."

His attitude doesn't extend to the deception people practice in their daily lives.

"There are masks each of us wear to portray a character. To maintain that character a little bit of deception is required. If we were to strip those masks away, people would be traumatized."



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