

University-based candidates

Editors note: Two University-affiliated men are running for the District 40 seat in the Oregon House of Representatives.

The position is now held by David Frohnmayer, who has announced he will seek his third term.

Running unopposed for the Republican nomination, Frohnmayer is a law professor at the University and serves as legal counsel to the University administration.

Running unopposed for the Democratic nomination is Don Chalmers, director of the University's Office of Student Advocacy.

Both candidates expressed some of their views regarding legislative issues in separate interviews for the Emerald.

District 40 encompasses the south Eugene area.

Chalmers calls for measured growth

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Asserting that he has a "sensitivity to student problems," Don Chalmers says he could better represent District 40 in the State Legislature than the incumbent, David Frohnmayer.

"I believe I can represent both the taxpayer and the student because often times their interests are very much the same," Chalmers says.

"The Republican incumbent is actually representing the University of Oregon and so if a constituent has a gripe against the University, it's difficult for him to then give them assistance," Chalmers claims.

Chalmers, 27, is director of the Office of Student Advocacy at the University.

Chalmers cites a number of concerns he says are important to voters. Among the big issues, he says, is growth.

"I believe we need 'thinking growth' and not 'mindless growth,'" he says. "To me, that means measured growth so that we are constantly aware of how we're growing and where we're growing."

Citing controlled growth as being directly tied in with the quality of life, Chalmers says "adequate, clean employment" was one of the prerequisites for orderly development.

He says he very strongly supported planned unit development, so a new development "is not just housing; it is not just recreational facilities; it is all those things that people demand to insure them a reasonable quality of life."

Other major concerns, he says, include the problem of air pollution in the Eugene-Springfield area.

Chalmers says he supports a 50,000-acre limit for field burning this summer. He says state financial aid should be given farmers who convert crops from grass seed, and tax credits should be available for farmers who do not burn.

The candidate had several other proposals to reduce air pollution. Among them are:



Don Chalmers

- one-time grants to local areas to increase bus service.
- a state-wide education campaign to inform people of air pollution areas.
- a state-wide carpooling program with local control in metropolitan areas.
- free bus service during air quality alerts.

Chalmers expresses concern about a proposal by Frohnmayer which would allow the Oregon Senate to function continuously instead of meeting every two years. (Under Frohnmayer's proposal, the House would continue to meet biennially.)

"I am fearful of a professional Senate, which, because it meets full time, would be able to lord it over a more often elected part-time house," he says.

Chalmers counters that proposal with one of his own. He advocates a four-month session every year for the Legislature that would maintain, he says, the citizen nature of the law-making body, yet allow it time to tackle the issues.

Other proposals Chalmers advocated include:

- establishing an Oregon center for energy to provide research on energy questions, help raise funds for energy conservation projects and give aid to local areas.
- establishing an Oregon government accounting office to serve as a watchdog over state spending.
- requiring zero-based budgeting for state agencies.
- expanding Project Independence, a program aimed at keeping senior citizens in their homes.
- raising state support of local public schools to 50 percent.

In the next school year, the state level of support will be 40 percent.

Chalmers received a B.S. in political science and psychology from the University in 1971 and a law degree from the University law school in 1975.



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Incumbent claims experience provides an edge to candidacy

David Frohnmayer, incumbent state representative from District 40, says his experience in the Legislature was to his advantage.

"I think I know the ropes in a way that wasn't possible before," he says.

"I think that's an advantage in a

citizen legislature, to be able to know something about state government, to be able to know which people, agencies and entities are ones you can trust, to develop some sense for where the power relationships are in a legislature and to understand the folkways of

dealing with fellow legislators in order to achieve common objectives."

In response to charges by Don Chalmers—who is running for the Democratic nomination for the same position—that Frohnmayer's job as legal counsel interferes with his legislative duties, Frohnmayer says, "It's just not true."

"My obligation with the University is not to take a partisan side, but to be fair," he says. He adds that many constituents had contacted him concerning state agencies, including questions about the University, and that he feels he fairly represented them.

Turning to legislative concerns, Frohnmayer says the next session will face a tremendous "crunch" in terms of budgeting which will dictate the priorities and pace of the governing body.

According to the candidate, state fiscal experts have predicted the state may be short of projected tax revenues to the tune of \$60 to \$400 million.

"I'm afraid the next session will mean some very tough decisions, some very tough hold-the-line decisions and very careful choosing of priorities in existing programs," he says.

"No pie-in-the-sky-utopia promises can be kept," he adds.

Regarding air pollution problems in the Eugene-Springfield area, Frohnmayer says the field burning controversy was a job issue as well as an environmental concern.

"If the seed industry gets to burn the amount of acreage it wants and gets to emit the amount of particulates that are a consequence of that, then other industries in the Willamette Valley

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