

# Miller, Hamel lead Wards 4, 5 races

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Candidates for city council positions in Wards 1 and 6 will face run-off elections, while Gretchen Miller and Bill Hamel were winning their races for Wards 4 and 5 by substantial margins at press time, with nearly half the votes counted.

In a three-way race, Schue commanded 45 percent of the vote, just short of the needed 50 percent. Her closet opponent, Bob Lyford, who accepted 30 percent and Jim Johnston, holding onto 13 percent, were edged out of the race.

Schue, 52, emphasizes quality of life, from gay rights to urban sprawl, as her most important concern. A former teacher, she vigorously supported retention of the gay rights ordinance during the campaign, terming it a "civil rights issue" rather than a law endorsing sexual attitudes.

Schue said although she's sorry the amendment failed, it wasn't a wasted effort.

"Over all, we did a pretty good job as a city in talking about it," she commented. "It didn't turn against me in this race, and I'd worried about that."

Lyford, her closet opponent, ran on a strong anti-gay rights

amendment platform and cited public safety as his main concern. During his campaign, he said he was willing to fight for his sexual to get their rights, but was not in favor of the amendment. He said he opposed the amendment because the "majority of the people were against it."

Gretchen Miller nipped her opponent, capturing 44 percent to Doug McKay's 41 percent of the

vote. She will assume the Ward 4 council post.

Miller, a Eugene lawyer, placed urban growth at the top of her concerns during the campaign and supported the gay rights amendment. Like Schue, she favors the proposed civic center, but is concerned it might be too expensive for local groups to play at it.

Bill Hamel, incumbent council member, retained his Ward 5 posi-

tion, defeating political newcomer Liz Heath by a handy 47 percent to 33 percent.

"I was very well pleased and I'm glad it is all over," he said. "I'll be glad to get back to my job and my job on the city council and not have to worry about campaigning."

Hamel will concentrate on growth, the T-2000 plan, and economic development. During

the campaign, he stressed transportation as one of the biggest issues facing the council. Hamel voted against the initial gay rights amendment when it was considered by the council.

Heath said after the final tally that Hamel's perspective on the gay rights issue was narrow.

"I made a hell of a good showing, but the gay rights thing and facing an incumbent hurts," she said of her loss.

## Straub's judges win election

Two Straub-appointed Lane County judges met with voter's approval Tuesday as they defeated their opponents easily in the primary election.

At press time, incumbent Circuit Court Judge George Woodrich was ahead of Eugene lawyer Tom Meehan with 45 percent of the vote to Meehan's 32 percent, in the closest of the two non-partisan races. Judge James Hargreaves was winning easily with 54 percent of the vote over Ray Bradley, a Eugene attorney and city councilman, who polled 26 percent.

The two races were the liveliest

circuit court contests in years. Not only are judges rarely challenged, but the Meehan-Woodrich contest offered more color and controversy than is usually found in the traditionally staid judgeship races.

Meehan, who had accused Woodrich of being soft on criminals, campaigned on a "law and order" platform. Woodrich denied he has ever given inappropriately light sentences, and has campaigned on his record of past experience and qualifications.

Woodrich and Hargreaves had the support of Bar Association

pre-election polls, a fact both strongly emphasized.

The judicial contest also received attention when the two incumbent judges asked the Oregon Judicial Ethics committee for a ruling on a judicial canon which prohibits discussion among judicial candidates on "public issues."

Even though the committee gave a liberal interpretation on the canon, Hargreaves and Woodrich conducted restrained campaigns, saying that to give opinions on too many issues would threaten their position of objectivity in the courtroom.

At press time, Eric Haws and Ted Brandt were headed for a run-off with Haws claiming 39 percent and Brandt 27 percent of the vote. Harley Spencer maintained a steady 13 percent throughout the early tally.

The incumbent Haws favors annexation of the city to the north and prefers a performing arts center to the proposed civic center.

Brandt takes issue with the notion of expansion and warned during the campaign that Eugene could become another Los Angeles if it is permitted to sprawl.

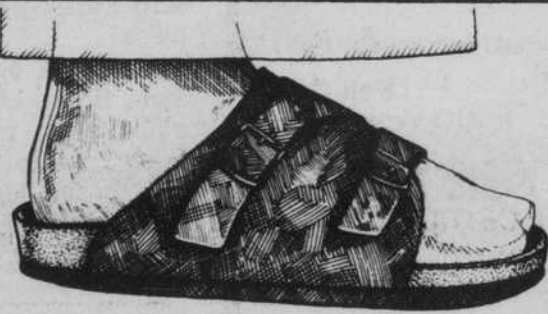
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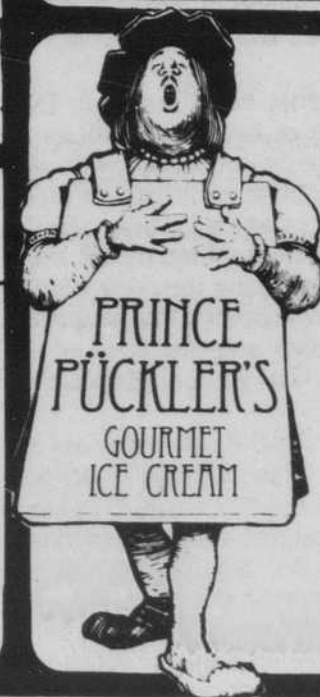


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