

Educators may lose mansions

No more rent-free homes

The 40-year-old practice of providing mansions to top Oregon education officials may be falling by the wayside.

Currently the state provides seven residences for university presidents and other higher education officials, including two in Eugene.

University Pres. William Boyd and Roy Lieuallen, chancellor of the state higher education system, both live rent-free in homes in the Hendrick's Park area valued at over \$250,000.

Last week the state Emergency Board refused to allow the purchase of another mansion in Portland for the president of the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center.

Lieuallen tried to persuade the board to authorize the purchase through gifts that had been arranged, but the board wouldn't budge.

"We have no business buying anybody a seven-bedroom, seven-bath house when their salaries are higher than the governor's and they are being supported by people making \$14,000 a year," Sen. Jack Ripper, D-North Bend, told the Associated Press.

Lieuallen then told the board he would bring them a proposal to "phase-out" the practice of providing mansions to education officials by allowing them to stay until they retire and then selling or returning the homes.

Boyd says he would welcome such a change and would probably move out of his mansion within a year if the proposal is accepted.

Lieuallen says a housing allowance would probably be cheaper than paying upkeep on the older homes.

In February of 1977 the board voted to continue the practice of providing presidential homes to avoid putting itself behind in re-



Photo by Greg Gawlowski

University Pres. William Boyd's home near Hendricks Park may be part of the phase-out.

cruting higher education officials.

If the proposal to change the policy is accepted, six university presidents and chancellor Lieuallen will be looking for new quarters

and the mansions will return to the donors or be sold.

In the meantime Lieuallen suggested the option to purchase a \$210,000 home for Dr. Leonard

Lester, health sciences center president, to the non-profit foundation that supports the center in order to keep the state's promise to Lester to provide a home for him.

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Eugenean wants GOP seat, says party endangered

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With the Republican party state convention less than a week away, one more candidate for party chairer has thrown his hat into the ring.

Dewey Newman, a 44-year-old Eugene research consultant, has added his name to the competition for state party chairer against Steve Young, incumbent chairer, and Walter Huss, a fundamentalist Christian minister.

Newman, who announced his intentions at a news conference Friday afternoon, said he is running as a compromise candidate

to Young and Huss, who have had trouble restoring unity to the party.

Newman met with both Young and Huss in Portland early last week to discuss party matters. After the meetings, Newman said he was convinced neither candidate could help the party.

Past conflicts between the party chairer and party workers now plague Young, according to Newman. But the change offered by Huss would only damage the party.

"I make no judgement regarding who is right or wrong in the arguments over policies. I can only see they exist and that there must be change in leadership to

clear the air and get all our energies directed toward the November elections."

While Newman will be going into the Aug. 5 Republican convention in Bend with only a handful of votes, he said party delegates who don't agree with Young and Huss may support him.

Newman and the Lane County Republican party organization have been successful in comparison to other areas of the state. If he is elected chairer, Newman hopes to extend that success to the rest of the state.


If Young is re-elected, the party could remain split, Newman said, and if Huss is elected, the party may fall apart.

"(Huss) does not offer the type of change needed. I am convinced that his publicly and privately stated desire to elect only 'right thinking candidates' would so narrow the support of Republican candidates that the party would at best become only a token force in Oregon politics."

The party under Huss' leadership would probably not be able to support state candidates in the November election, Newman said. Huss would only allow "Christian" candidates to receive party support, and would ignore other non-Christian candidates.

"If Huss wins, most statewide candidates would probably run independently of the party in the November election," Newman said.

Newman, who was head of the Victor Atiyeh for Governor campaign until he resigned to run for party chairer, has been president of Eugene's Rubicon Society and has worked on the party's executive committee in Lane County.



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