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'Top-notch' effort made by GOPs to aid Lausmann

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A national organization established to aid Republican candidates in the 1978 election has taken an interest in Oregon's Fourth Congressional District race between incumbent congressman Jim Weaver, D-Ore., and GOP challenger Jerry Lausmann.

Chuck Kline, director of Research of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, said Friday his organization is making a "top-notch" effort to elect Lausmann to the congressional post.

Kline said from his Washington, D.C. office that the GOP organization saw Lausmann as a "good candidate," who may have a chance to defeat Weaver this election.

The congressional campaign committee works with Republican challengers in more than 400 campaigns nationwide by providing research on their opponents' voting record and other issues. That help often begins the day after the election for most races, Kline said.

In an effort to aid Lausmann's campaign, the committee helped the Medford Republican find two out-of-state campaign workers to organize and coordinate his staff, Kline said.

Lausmann campaign manager Jim Ernhart and organizational director Peggy Walker became part of the campaign through the national committee.

Ernhart from Minnesota and Walker from Colorado replaced Medford residents Dom Contreras and Daryl Whitman as heads of the Lausmann campaign in July. Contreras and Whitman were dropped from the campaign after Lausmann's May primary victory.

Kline said the congressional campaign committee primarily provides research material to GOP challengers but has also provided several candidates with information on Republican campaign leaders who are available to work in different parts of the nation.

Although the committee is not a clearinghouse for campaign leaders, it has provided campaign directors for several GOP challengers in the past. The committee maintains a list of available campaign leaders that often work for campaigns such as Lausmann's, one committee spokesman said.

Lausmann, a plywood mill owner, lost to Weaver in the congressional election two years ago, but Kline said that loss may position him for a better race this year.

"Jerry did a very credible job with almost minimal support in 1976," Kline explained. "We feel that Mr. Lausmann is a good candidate because he has had the experience of running and he is knowledgeable of the issues before the Fourth District. All these things add up to a good chance to win another see in the House (of Representatives)."

Kline said Ernhart and Walker are participating in the campaign on their own and not at the direction of the congressional campaign committee.

But another member of the same committee said the committee could be paying for Ernhart and Walker's help.

Bill Greener, also a member of the committee who works closely with the Lausmann campaign on research matters, said the committee often pays for people to aid campaigns that need help. That aid could include financial help to the campaign, payment of campaign staff expenses, or providing personnel to head the campaign, he said.

"Part of our efforts are to do anything to help," Greener said.

Even without the committee's help, Kline said, Weaver's support has been decreasing over the past two years, which makes him vulnerable this election.

Although Weaver told reporters in late September he was considered a "troublemaker" by officials in Washington, Kline disagrees.

"I don't think many people even think of him at all, let alone consider him a troublemaker," he said.

Weaver, however, said he was "deeply bothered" about the support provided by the national congressional campaign committee. That committee and "big business interests" want him defeated, Weaver said.

"What really bothers me is that there are paid out-of-state people running his (Lausmann's) campaign as if the people of the Fourth District didn't matter," he said.

While it may be true that the committee would like Weaver to lose, it doesn't have a "hit list" of congressmen to defeat, Kline said.

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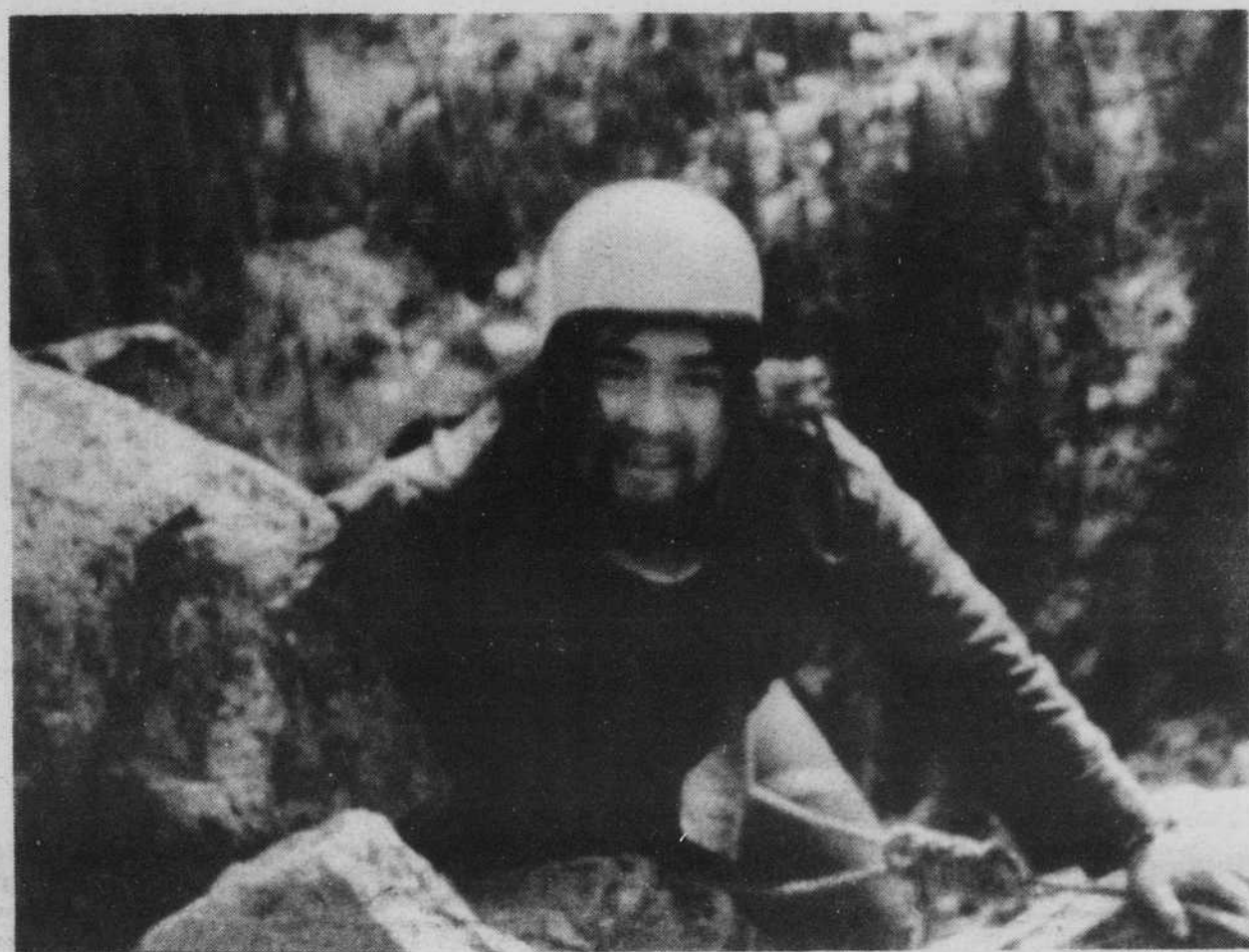


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Outward experience

David Allen from Klamath Falls thought he couldn't make it up the Middle Sister, but he did. Read all about the positive impact of Outward Bound on the High School Equivalency Program starting on Page 3A.

Bookstore moves to divest

By JIM ALLEN
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The University Bookstore board voted 9-1 Tuesday night to divest itself of nearly \$5,000 worth of bonds involving companies doing business in the Republic of South Africa.

University Relations Director Muriel Jackson cast the lone dissenting vote.

Since those bonds are part of a package arrangement with TENNECO Corporation, the bookstore's entire \$96,250 TENNECO portfolio will be sold and the money reinvested.

"I simply feel it's bad business," said Jackson, in view of the financial cost of the divestment to the bookstore. The bookstore will lose at least \$1 - 4,000 in initial purchase costs by investing in new bonds.

Much of the meeting, held at the Asia Garden restaurant, was taken up with a discussion of alternatives to the now-divested bonds. Bookstore attorney Jim Harrang outlined several proposals to the board, including investments in both individual corporate bond issues and a collective Corporate Securities Trust. Both investments would yield about a 9 percent annual return.

After no decision was reached,

board chairer Jeff Warren appointed Pete Shepherd to head a three-person committee to study the alternatives and report back to the board.

Shepherd emphasized the importance of reinvesting as soon as possible, saying that "we've made an empty gesture if we don't do anything now."

Jackson, on the other hand, urged caution. "With that amount of money we have to look at our options rather carefully."

In other action, Carl Long, an accountant with the firm of Coopers and Lybrand, submitted the yearly financial statement for the bookstore, and went over it in detail with the board.

The financial statement revealed a net income of \$128,808 for the year ending June 30, 1978, and an overall profitability of 3.4 percent on each sale. According to bookstore figures, however, profits vary by department, with the textbook department taking a substantial loss.

Long also examined the net income of \$128,000 and said that according to some methods of determining appropriate net income, the bookstore had a shortage of working capital.

According to Jim Williams, business manager of the bookstore,

the co-op "had inadequate working capital" for a business its size, according to the formulas shown by Long.

"Unfortunately," said Long, "there are no tried and tested formulas for a non-profit business such as the bookstore."

today

County Commissioner Jerry Rust told a University class yesterday that the cuts in CETA-funded projects were a result of "political shenanigans." See Page 6A for details.

Recall petitions aimed at County Commissioner Archie Weinstein are gathering the needed signatures to put it on the Nov. 7 ballot. Story on Page 9A.

University athletes are often maligned as being non-academic. This week's sports supplement discusses the relevance of this stereotype. Related stories on Pages 1B and 2B.