

Fadeley strikes back

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The race for the District 42 seat in the state Legislature is over for this year, but reverberations of the contest continue.

Five-term incumbent Democrat Nancie Fadeley was unseated Tuesday by Springfield Mayor Vern Meyer amid allegations of unfair campaign practices.

Fadeley says she plans to take legal action against Meyer, and she may be joined by her campaign contributors.



Nancie Fadeley

On election night, as returns showed him holding a narrow lead, Meyer refused to comment on the forthcoming suit but did say his campaign "probably had the same kind of situation" with Fadeley's campaign material.

"I think he's just trying to point a finger back," Fadeley says. "In fact, we probably passed up a few chances."

On election night, Meyer attributed his win to

During the campaign, Fadeley disproved charges by the Meyer campaign that she sponsored only four bills that passed the House, that she was the biggest spender in the Legislature and that she voted to raise rents and medical costs.

Fadeley also disputed Meyer's charge in last Saturday's Springfield News that she voted against HB 2186, a 1979 tax rebate measure.

a change in the voters' mood.

"It's the same trend that's being exhibited nationwide," he said. "The voters are concerned about the current situation, and it's an expression of their concern. Hopefully, their concerns will be met."

Also observing the District 42 situation Tuesday night was Peggy Hall, who lost to Fadeley in the Democratic primary by 14 votes.

While visiting Republican headquarters, Hall said she thought Meyer ran a "fairly effective campaign" and that his charges against Fadeley were "documented."

"Her voting record speaks for itself," Hall said. "If he does win, it will be because the voters are dissatisfied with her record. The object was to put a better legislator up in Salem."

The Fadeley-Hall battle last spring was hotly contested, with Hall receiving much of her campaign contributions from traditionally Republican sources such as lumber, business and real estate political action committees.

Most of the financing for Fadeley, long considered one of the leading environmentalists in the Legislature, came from unions, teachers and state employees.

Fadeley says she plans to stay active in public affairs, especially where energy and environmental issues are concerned.

"Right now, I'm just recovering from a very, very bad week," she says.

One bright spot in the week for Fadeley was the passage of Ballot Measure 7, which establishes a moratorium on the construction of nuclear plants in Oregon, pending voter approval and the establishment of a depository for nuclear waste.

Fadeley says it is especially significant that proponents of the measure were successful even though they were heavily outspent.

"The nuclear industry may not know it, but it was the beginning of the end for them long ago."

Fadeley campaigned actively on behalf of the measure during the fall.

Student cites IFC violation

All seven Incidental Fees Committee members elected last week have been charged with election violations.

Bruce Mills, a senior majoring in rhetoric communication, alleges five of the newly elected committee members violated an ASUO election rule prohibiting campaigning within eyesight or earsight of the polling places.

Mills' allegation calls for the ASUO to advertise the violations and hold another election.

Mills claims he was handed a leaflet advertising Richard Sontag, Jon Neiderbach, Jim Edmunson, Susan Harris and Julie Bell before he voted at the law school polling place.

Only Harris is not a law student.

IFC member Kathy Stebner has been charged with violating rules concerning the size and placement of campaign posters.

Donovan Guy, who finished 11th out of 12 candidates in the election, alleges Stebner placed campaign posters within eyesight of the voting booths and violated an election rule prohibiting the display of campaign materials on public property by placing posters on 13th Ave. light poles.

programs and publicity, says limits on the size of campaign posters were deleted from the election rules shortly before the election. All candidates were informed of the changes before campaigning began, she adds.

Former IFC chairer Del Seitzinger, who finished eighth in the election, alleges Ann Alexander campaigned within eyesight of the polling places and had posters on the light pole facing the Gilbert Hall polling place.

Seitzinger says Alexander also violated the public property rule by hanging posters on light poles on Alder Street between 11th and 12th Avenues.

Claiming one of the polling places ran out of ballots on the second day, Steve Keller also has called for a new election. Keller lost the Architecture and Allied Arts seat on the Student University Affairs Board to Michael Prothe.

Keller says the polling place at 13th Ave. and Kincaid Street was out of ballots when he went there last Wednesday. However, Peoples says the polling place wasn't out of ballots until 4:56 p.m., four minutes before the polling ended.

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