

Fadeley accepts job with KWAX

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The new public affairs director of KWAX — the University's public radio station — probably is best known as a former representative in the Oregon Legislature.

But Nancie Fadeley says at this point in her career, she'd rather be thought of as a journalist.

"I have always considered myself a writer who really never had the time," Fadeley says.

"This is an opportunity for me to do some of the stories that my lifestyle just didn't give me a chance to do in the past."

Fadeley, who now is in charge of all news produced at KWAX, brings to the station experience forged by five con-

secutive terms as a Democratic representative and a career of writing freelance articles on Oregon history and life.

Her articles have appeared in a number of publications, including Ms., Old Oregon, Parents, Ranger Rick — "that's my favorite" — and Sierra Club, in addition to several Oregon newspapers.

Fadeley, who received a master's degree from the University journalism school, says she is excited about the chance to work in public radio, free from the rigid time limits of commercial radio.

National and local news programs can be more "innovative" and "in-depth" on public radio, Fadeley says, adding that she would like to hear more stories about Oregon.

Because of her past experience, Fadeley says she favors a "magazine-of-

the-air" approach for news features about the state. KWAX does not have the staff or budget to handle fast-breaking news, so the emphasis must be on thorough treatment of "soft-news," she says.

Most people still think of her as an advocate because of past legislative work, but Fadeley says she really considers herself a professional journalist.

"I think I can be very objective broadcasting the news," Fadeley says, "except I really think I'm an Oregon chauvinist."

Besides the opportunity to produce her own programs, Fadeley says she was attracted to KWAX by a high level of volunteer support and the chance to work with students.

"I'm looking forward to it," she says.

"I like it — I like it very much."



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Nancie Fadeley

Lawsuit

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Willner said James Casby Jr., the assistant attorney general representing the State Board of Higher Education, maintained that the plaintiffs failed to prove that the incidents of sex discrimination occurred.

The state also unsuccessfully argued that the alleged incidents of sex discrimination resulted from policies set by the five individual schools, not by the board.

"But we won on both those points," Willner said.

Frye gave the plaintiffs 60 days to add a representative from Southern Oregon State College, Eastern Oregon State College and Oregon Institute of Technology — the three state colleges not represented in the original suit.

Willner said that none of the 13 original plaintiffs alleged that all the types of charges happened to one individual in a single institution.

"The fact that sex discrimination may manifest itself in different ways and may affect individual class members differently at different times and in different institutions does not preclude maintaining this action as a class action," she said.

"Plaintiffs have presented statistics tending to show a statewide pattern of disparity between men and women faculty members in promotion and access to upper-echelon positions, in addition to pay differentials," Frye said.

Willner estimated the class will include at least 1,850 faculty women. He said that all women employed in the state system as instructor or professor on or after approximately July 1, 1979 will be included in the class.

"The redress could include money damages and could include a variety of injunctive reliefs if the court finds discrimination," Willner said.

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