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Hendriksen will run for nomination

Democrat says incumbent fails to represent his constituents

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In a move that was long rumored, Rep. Margie Hendriksen, D-Eugene, formally announced her intention to challenge incumbent George Wingard for the District 20 Senate seat.

Grassroot Democrats, candidates, office-holders — the politically and physically svelte — with more than just an inkling of Hendriksen's announcement, turned out Tuesday in large numbers for a noon meeting of the Demo Forum at the Bavarian restaurant.

"I have worked hard in the House and I sought and received renomination to serve again," Hendriksen told the audience.

Hendriksen is seeking to fill the vacancy created when Wingard's original opponent Gerry Mackie withdrew.

"Recently and unexpectedly, the Democratic nominee... resigned," Hendriksen said. "This leaves the party with no candidate and the party's precinct people in District 20 this Thursday will select a new standard bearer. I will seek that nomination."

She was interrupted by enthusiastic applause from the young turks and old guard of the party. The restaurant, with its expansive alpine mural and beer hall piped-in music, was an incongruous setting for Hendriksen's announced challenge.

Among the area Democrats present in support of Hendriksen's candidacy were Sen. Ed Fadeley, Dist. 21; Rep. Sharon

Murphy, Dist. 43; City Councilors Cynthia Wooten and John Ball, and Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust.

Democrats have privately expressed concern that Hendriksen's decision is akin to committing political suicide. From data compiled by a Portland pollster, Hendriksen found out that Wingard was beatable.

"It's going to be a very tough race," Hendriksen said, "but not an impossible race."

The Democratic Committee meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Springfield to name the replacement for Mackie. The mood among the Democrats at the forum seemed to indicate that Hendriksen easily would be their choice to oppose Wingard.

Wingard, a Eugene builder, has been a state legislator since 1969 and has represented District 20 in the Senate since 1971.

Hendriksen, a freshman legislator, said it was difficult to give up her House seat. She has until Aug. 27 to withdraw her name from the District 40 House race and file for the District 20 Senate seat.

"It is not easy at this stage to enter a race against a three-term incumbent Republican senator," Hendriksen said. "However, I feel that it is my responsibility to do so and that I can be successful."

Hendriksen, preferring to speak about issues, prefaced her attack on Wingard with remarks that he is "a nice person" and that she had no intention to criticize him "as a personality." How-



Photo by Mark Pynes

Rep. Margie Hendriksen, D-Eugene, declares she wants to leave the House and challenge three-term incumbent state Sen. George Wingard, R-Eugene.

ever, Hendriksen said Wingard wasn't adequately representing his constituents.

"In the second special session, the University, the community colleges, secondary and elementary schools, and social service programs were all on the block. Did we hear or see the incumbent (Wingard) at the many community meetings?" Hendriksen said.

She then attacked Wingard's voting record — and absence of voting — on a key revenue package.

"While every vote was being marshalled for the major revenue bill HB 3301 which revised the income tax to provide revenue to attempt to save pro-

grams, the incumbent (Wingard) voted no," Hendriksen charged. "When the bill came back twice more, the incumbent got an excused absence and was gone."

Hendriksen added that Wingard was gone a third time from the second special session — "I don't know where he was."

"He is called liberal by some and yet we see on these basic economic issues he voted with his conservative Republican colleagues," she said.

If the Democrats nominate Hendriksen to challenge Wingard, Carl Hosticka, a University community service and public affairs professor, is expected to be chosen to oppose Republican Robert O'Reilly for the District 40 House seat.

Irish tickets sell as if shamrocks

Don't wait until Oct. 22 to buy tickets to the University's Oct. 23 home football game against Notre Dame.

There may not be any tickets left, according to Hunt Holsapple, the new athletic department ticket manager. He expects the Notre Dame game to be a sellout, but points out that there is plenty of time to buy tickets.

Student tickets — available through two student ticket plans — for the six University home football games went on sale Wednesday at the athletic department ticket office.

The first three home games are being offered as a package for \$10, and can be purchased if the student shows a registration card from spring or summer terms.

The second plan, first available Sept. 20 by showing a fall term registration card, offers the final three home games for \$10.

A ticket package priced at \$20 including all six games will be available until the Arizona State University game, which kicks off the University's 1982 football season on Sept. 4.

The remainder of the University's home football schedule this fall includes San Jose State University on Sept. 11; Fresno State University on Sept. 18; University of Notre Dame on Oct. 23; Washington State University on Nov. 6; and the University of Arizona on Nov. 20.

Student tickets to individual home games will cost \$3.50 with the exception of the Notre Dame game, which will cost \$4.50. Individual tickets will go on sale one week prior to each game.

Non-student general admission tickets will sell for \$6 this year, except for the Notre Dame game, which will cost \$8. Reserve seats will cost \$11.50 for all games except the Notre Dame game, which will cost \$15.50.

Holsapple says there will be 5,648 student seats in Sections 5-9 available for each home game this year.

The athletic department ticket office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

GTFF to solve dues blues

By Steve Hooks
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Snags in a delayed Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation dues increase should be ironed out at a meeting today, University and GTFF officials say.

The GTFF executive board and Shirley Menaker, graduate school associate dean, hope to solve differences stemming from conflicting ideas about the dues increase, which was approved by the GTFF in February.

For about three months, conflicts with a contract and a computer in Corvallis stalled the dues increase, GTFF Pres. Brenda Cochrane says.

"Very poor communications" among University administrators stalled the implementing of the dues increase, she says.

"Our anticipation was that we should have had the dues increase (deducted) by the May 1st paycheck," Cochrane says. "We figure that we have lost close to \$1500" because of the delay, she adds.

"Before we even voted on a dues increase, our former treasurer called to Corvallis" in early January and told the state system's comptroller of the proposal, Cochrane says. The office said the change would be acceptable, she says.

After the union approved the dues increase, it sent a Feb. 25 letter about the increase to the State Board, Cochrane says.

But in mid-March "we got a very irate call from (former Assoc. Vice-Chancellor) Ed Kelley saying 'you can't do this.'"

Kelley informed the GTFF it would cost \$1500 to reprogram the computer in Corvallis so it could deduct the extra dues from GTF paychecks, Cochrane says.

"He essentially said there was no way they

were going to do it," she says.

"Our assertion is that the University should pay" for reprogramming the computer, Cochrane says. "The contract (with the University) does give us the right to change dues."

Reprogramming the computer will cost about \$675, Menaker says.

A flat \$4.80 a month was deducted from GTF paychecks at the old structure, Menaker says. The GTFF voted on a new sliding deduction scale — ranging from \$5.25 to \$6.25 — based on hours worked, she says.

"For the first time, this was a four-tier structure instead of a single structure," Menaker says. This new structure requires the costly computer reprogramming, which the University is unwilling to pay for, she says.

"Our feeling was that (the University) shouldn't have to bear that \$675," Menaker says. "I told the union we would be happy to make the change, but we expect them to pay the \$675."

The University interprets the GTF contract as holding the GTFF liable for any costs because of a dues change, she says. The University is requesting an attorney's opinion, which will be discussed at the meeting, Menaker adds.

"As often is the case, the contract is relatively vague," she says. "Our feeling is that past precedent would hold here."

She suggested the GTFF could switch to a flat monthly \$5.75 dues deduction, Menaker says.

The July GTF paychecks should include a temporary \$5.25 dues deduction, she says. The 45-cent dues increase will get the GTFF about \$350 more in dues this summer, Menaker adds.

Cochrane hopes for a reasonable solution, but again emphasizes the GTFF does not want to pay computer reprogramming costs.

"Our feeling is we've already lost enough for them to ask us to pay out another \$700," she says.