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Newcomer, veteran, for District 40 seat

By Hank Trotter

Sen. George Wingard will face his first Democratic challenger in eight years as Rep. Margie Hendriksen attempts to jump from House District 40 to Senate District 20 in the Nov. 2 election.

Wingard, a 14-year veteran of the Legislature, ran unopposed in the 1978 election, is pitted against an opponent who is more alike in political values than not.

Hendriksen and Wingard pride themselves on their envi-

Hendriksen was elected to House District 40 in 1980 after beginning her political career in 1971 as a citizen lobbyist. She has also been a Democratic precinct committeewoman, was appointed to the Oregon Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights and was a founding member of the Oregon Women's Political Caucus.

Wingard like Hendriksen began his legislative tenure as a representative serving in the Oregon house for two years until 1970 when he was elected to his senate seat. Wingard also served on the Eugene City Council for four years and is now a builder holding much rental property in the University area.

Oregon must decrease its dependence on "elastic" income taxes Wingard says. In addition to income and property taxes Wingard says Oregon needs another source of revenue supplying the state coffers. (He has publicly stated that he is opposed to a state sales tax though he may consider a luxury tax.) This can only be accomplished he says, when Republicans and Democrats work together on a bipartisan tax plan that can meet the approval of the voters.

It's very nice to talk about bipartisanship but it's just not a reality, Hendriksen says.

During the last special session of the Legislature Hendriksen introduced a plan to remove middle- and lower-income taxpayers from high income brackets into which inflation has pushed them while



Hendriksen has a 100 percent voting record given her by supporting groups.

ronmental voting records. They both profess to be supporters of higher education and believe the University is a fundamental part of Lane County's economy. But, like the poles of two magnets, Wingard and Hendriksen are repelled more often than attracted to the same ideals.

As a Republican, Wingard has often voted in conjunction with the Democratic camp. In the House Hendriksen has proven herself a liberal supporter of environmental concerns and human needs while addressing the current fiscal dilemma with a comprehensive tax plan that was later adopted by the state's Democratic Platform Committee.

However, Wingard strongly advocates bipartisan efforts to bring new revenue to the state and has attacked Hendriksen as a "partisan zealot."

Hendriksen defends herself as a Democrat in a "partisan process" in Salem. She has made a campaign of attacking Wingard's attendance on important votes as well as his voting record which she says at times favors nuclear power and opposes environmental concerns. Wingard counters that he has never been absent from a legislative session without excuse and that Hendriksen's voting on tax and revenue issues is inconsistent.



Wingard's rating from supporters is 95 percent.

recapturing \$130 million of the \$200 million in federal subsidies cut by the Reagan administration. Hendriksen says this bill would lower income taxes for 67 percent of Oregon's taxpayers while generating new revenues for the continuation of needed state services.

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