Hendriksen visits campus

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Citing the need for student involvement in the political process and her opponent's lack of effectiveness in Congress, Democratic U.S. Senate Candidate Margie Hendriksen spoke briefly to a small gathering of about 10 people at Clackamas Community College Wednesday, Oct. 17.

"The Lane Community College student government has endorsed my campaign, and I'm hopeful that you people will too," she said during her 15-minute speech.

"Tell these people (College students) to get behind my campaign before it's too late. The life they save may be their own!" Hendriksen said to a small group of her supporters and staff, including Clackamas County Campaign Director Donald Shaeffer and College student volunteer Bev Klang. Hendriksen was referring to the perceived eminence of increased military involvement in Nicaragua, including American soldiers.

Hendriksen said her opponent, Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield, has "supported the Reagan Administration in its military involvement around the world. He has voted for a total of $82 million in military aid to El Salvador and Nicaragua."

The Democratic challenger also said Hatfield's lack of effectiveness in getting legislation passed that would benefit students and Oregonians is another reason to vote for her.

She pointed specifically to a bill that would have refurbished the locks at Cascade Locks had it been passed. It did not, as Hendriksen said it was lumped together with many other water projects and dropped at the end of the last session of the Legislature. Mark Hatfield, chairman of the the Senate appropriations committee was a major sponsor of that bill.

Hendriksen appeared at the College one day after President Reagan signed a timber contract relief bill that was sponsored by Hatfield. When asked whether that bill's passage might indicate Hatfield's effectiveness, she said she was glad to see the bill was finally law.

She also expressed concern for the loss of jobs for college graduates that pay a living wage. "I've talked with quite a few graduates that are working at a job for minimum wage, and they're glad they can," Hendriksen said.

I support an economic policy that will give people a chance to find a job in the field in which they are trained. That's why I also support a strong education,system," she added.

Hendriksen explained she authored a bill to raise the amount of state support for education issues, and the record shows her opponent as voting against some funding for schools on the national level.

Although Hendriksen is a candidate for a national office and is seeking to unseat one of the most powerful men in Washington, there were only a handful of people present to listen to her speak last week.

"The appearance here was merely to take advantage of an opportunity we offered all the candidates to use our campus as a soapbox, as a public forum," Karen Lever, community services director for the College, said.

"We (College) offered this forum to all the candidates back in June, but so few responded that we did not feel it would be right to advertise too heavily about anyone's appearance because we did not want to appear biased or partial to one candidate," Lever explained.

When asked about what steps were taken to publicize Hendriksen's arrival, Lever said "a few posters were made, announcements were put in the daily bulletin 'Today' that circulates around campus, and all teachers were asked to announce it to their classes."

As for Hendriksen's visit, two students sitting close to where the speech was taking place stood up, gathered their belongings and walked out halfway through the talk. Just outside the Fireside Lounge, where Hendriksen was speaking, there was a lot of movement and noise. Lever described the students' behavior as "rudeness and carrying on as if nothing were happening."

Student volunteer Klang said "apathy among the students seems to run high. They don't seem to be interested in politics at all." In handing out campaign literature for Hendriksen, Klang said, "the response has been mixed. I am finding that women are more responsive than the men. The women usually take the information, but the guys aren't much interested at all."

When asked if she thought Hendriksen, who is trailing badly in the polls, would win, Klang said, "No, but at least she is bringing issues to the voters for their evaluation."

Student enjoys role as campaign director

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Beverly Klang, 28, of Gladstone, enjoys being a part of Margie Hendriksen's campaign. As director of the Senate contender's campaign at Clackamas Community College, she takes responsibility for passing out literature and introducing Hendriksen during her recent campus appearance.

"I'm a little older than most (students) around here, and I have seen that what politicians do affects your life," said Klang in an interview last week.

She became interested in the political campaign of Margie Hendriksen partly because of a class assignment and partly at the suggestion of a friend. She wanted to be involved with a campaign that was really active and had major implications. The Hendriksen campaign was a natural, she said.

"I think it's important to not support a candidate just by personality, but to study the issues and make a decision based on the voting records of those involved," she said.

Klang was impressed with Hendriksen's record on educational issues and the nuclear arms freeze. sIt was mainly those two issues that turned the former Hatfield supporter into a Hendriksen campaign worker.

Klang spends time on campus passing out campaign literature to students, a task that has opened her eyes to collegiate attitudes. "About 90 percent of the people I offer (literature) to are women. The guys just don't seem to be much interestd. They have a lot of other things on their minds right now; classes, girls, sports, you know, the regular stuff. They don't want to take the time to get involved," she said.

Aside from her duties on campus, she goes downtown one night a week to help in the campaign headquarters, located at 2917 S.E. 20th in Portland.

New activities director named

By Julie Miller
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Arranging dances, hiring bands and getting movies for family night are some of the tasks Associated Student Government's (ASG) Activities director is involved in.

Kay Brant *Photo by Joel Miller*

This year the job of activities director is being handled by student Kay Brant.

Every spring the ASG selects a new activities director for the next year. Last spring student Greg Kleuver was selected but he later declined the job for personal reasons.

The activities director works directly with five senators and they decide as a council on the activities and special events that are going to happen here at Clackamas Community College.

Kay Brant has attended the College for three years and is majoring in secondary education. Taking the job of activities director enables her to receive a tuition waiver. She also said the job helps refine her communication skills and keeps her in touch with various types of people.

When asked how she liked the job so far, Kay said it is fun and keeps her busy.

Upcoming College activities include lip syncs and talent shows, the family night movies that are held once a month, and a lecture by Don Latarsky is planned for Nov. 7. On Oct. 26 the Halloween 50's dance will be held with the band Rockin Razorbacks performing their 50's style music. Costs will be $3 for students and $4 for non-students. Students wearing costumes will get a 50 cent discount.

Brant summed up her job by saying "everyone is really nice" and that she is "looking forward to a great year here at the College."

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