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School post becomes 'three horse race'



Ruth McFarland



Verne Duncan



Fred Heard

Ruth McFarland, a science instructor at Mt. Hood Community College, denies earlier charges that she is not a serious candidate for state superintendent of public instruction and vows a strong "three-horse race."

The Gresham grandmother with a doctorate in genetics claims a broadening base of support throughout the state after week-long campaign trips by herself and her husband.

"I'll tell you one thing," she told The Post. "If I get past the primary and into the run-off, I'll win it."

She faces stiff competition from incumbent Superintendent Verne Duncan, former superintendent of Clackamas County Intermediate Education District,

and Fred Heard, an assistant professor at Oregon Institute of Technology and state senator.

McFarland attacks the incumbent's operating style as "bureaucracy as usual" and that of state senator Heard as "politics as usual."

Incumbent Duncan says he is the candidate that offers the most experience and that neither of the other candidates has served in an administrative position in schools.

He said he supports 50 percent state school funding, and pointed out that his recommendation to the state legislature was finally enacted into law by raising state funding to 34 percent this year and 40 percent next year.

If funding is raised to more than 50 percent, he says school districts will lose some of their local control.

Duncan supports the minimum competency standards, but says that in spite of some initial problems of implementation, Oregon's graduates of the future will have better basic skills because of the minimum competencies.

Duncan, attended McMinnville schools and Linfield College, as well as Idaho State, University of Idaho, University of Portland, University of Oregon, Stanford, Harvard and Columbia University.

He has taught at all levels from elementary to college, serving as principal, local district superintendent,

University of Oregon instructor and Clackamas County Superintendent of intermediate education.

Both the Portland Oregonian and The Journal have endorsed opponent Fred Heard, who served as state representative 1969-73 and senate majority leader since 1975.

Heard believes that a solid foundation of reading, writing and computing is essential if Oregon education is to truly offer a balanced curriculum to address needs in the seventies and eighties.

"We must re-double our efforts," he said, "to stress the importance of the first, second and third grades."

Heard, if elected, wants to review the minimum competency program which he says "has become a nightmare for many students, teachers and parents due to a lack of state level education leadership."

McFarland says her support will come from a broad base across the state, although name familiarity remains her major problem.

Her main issues are to begin stressing basic skills in public schools and to begin a department house-clearing with emphasis on competency.

"Who they're kin to may be nice, as are nice legs," she said of department staff members, "but they're not

acceptable substitutes for competence."

Dr. McFarland also favors budget cuts from abandoning busing across school boundaries to "island" areas left after redistricting.

She favors contiguous districts, and feels that money could be saved by halting busing to islands within new boundaries.

Stressing basic life skills early in public schools wouldn't cut or add costs necessarily, but it makes

good sense in terms of "nuts and bolts" education," she said.

"There are too many of our students going through our school system without learning basic skills," she said.

"We need to teach them at very primary grades. These are not an education," she stressed, but the tools, the basics, without which one can't make it within a vocation or anything."

Republicans have stiff competition

Polls indicate that it may be the "Bob and Tom" show when the November general election rolls around.

But the competition for the Republican spot on the ballot appears to be stiffer than the Democratic race.

The Republican race shows frontrunner Tom McCall trying for a third term at the head of Oregon state government at the age of 65. He is getting a run for his money from two of the six other candidates who are trying for the Republican nomination, Roger Martin and Victor Atiyeh.

McCall appears to be

basing much of his campaign on his past record, stressing his stance as a moderate Republican "who is considered one of the most forward-looking and innovative public officials in the United States."

He says that during his years as governor, Oregon's foreign trade quadrupled, jobs increased at a greater rate than the state population and farm income increased over 10 percent per year.

McCall has been vocal in his support of the Land Conservation and Development Commission and has been active in 1000 Friends of Oregon.

McCall was graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in journalism in 1936. His career as a journalist included newspaper, radio and television reporting. After he left office, he served as a professor of journalism and politics at Oregon State University, and as a commentator for KGW-TV in Portland.

Victor Atiyeh, a 19-year veteran of the Oregon Senate, says his priorities if elected will include leadership in the areas of property tax relief, a strong free enterprise economy providing jobs, incentives for additional energy supplies.

He is running on a platform opposing overspending in government and favoring less government regulation.

"I support great control at the local government level," Atiyeh said in the League of Women Voters guide. "I feel the state should pay for services mandated by the state."

Roger Martin, a 12 year veteran of the House of Representatives, said in a recent visit to Sandy that he believes it is possible to reduce state agency bureaucracies by up to 20 percent.

He said that he does not support the expansion of nuclear power in Oregon, and that he wants to urge the federal government to open up National Forest land for exploration for geothermal energy, encourage solar energy research and take advantage of vast quantities of wood waste which can be burned as fuel.

Martin said he would establish governor's field offices away from Salem.

Four other Republicans have filed for governor: William A. Jolley, a refrigeration service engineer from Willamina; Bud Kretsinger, a former member of the Manzanita city council and planning commission; William D. Hewitt of Albany; and Gerald Wayne Todd of Gladstone. They have not run visible campaigns.

Straub runs low-keyed

Gov. Bob Straub is running what most observers call a low keyed campaign aimed at convincing Oregonians that he is quiet, hardworking and effective.

"What his administration has lacked in fanfare and public relations," it's made up for in results," says a statement from the primary voters' pamphlet.

Straub, 57, is a World War II veteran with a master's degree in business administration from Dartmouth College. His prior record of public service includes Lane County Commissioner, state senator and two terms as state treasurer. He was elected governor in 1974.

Straub's most viable opponents are Marv Hollingsworth of Portland and Emily Ashworth of North Bend.

Hollingsworth, is banking on state-controlled gambling and expanded hydro-electric power to straighten out the economic situation in Oregon.

Hollingsworth has been campaigning for more than a year and says he has been in every town in the state. His gambling plan includes building a casino area somewhere in Central Oregon, perhaps in Deschutes County.

Hollingsworth served as pro tem district and municipal court judge in 1970 and served in the Oregon Legislature 1971-72. He favors return to the death penalty for premeditated killings and repealing the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

"Planning should be kept at the city and county level," he said. "LCDC served its purpose in getting people

thinking in the right direction. Now let's do away with it."

Hollingsworth also served as a charter board member of Mt. Hood Community College and taught in the David Douglas High School District.

Emily Ashworth has conducted part of her campaign from a hot air balloon. She is advocating the halt of nuclear expansion, decommissioning of the Trojan Atomic Reactor and development of alternative energy resources.

She supports basic school support of 49 percent which would leave "51 percent for local control."

"All state budget surplus dollars should go back to the taxpayer in district property tax relief."

She is a teacher who received a degree from the University of Tampa in Florida. She has also studied at Oregon College of Education, University of Oregon, Colgate University in New York and Hope College in Michigan.

Other Democrats running for governor include William L. Patrick, a car salesman who says he will reduce property taxes a minimum of 10 percent his first year in office. He also claims to have devised "a plan, simple but perfect and infallible that would enable presidents to literally wipe out crime in America in three months flat."

He said three presidents of the United States have not replied to his offer.

Buck Lambert says immediate attention must be given to Oregon penal system, the timber industry and unemployment.

"The commercial fishing industry needs help and attention," Lambert says in the voters' pamphlet. "Oregon has a 50 mile limit designed to keep the foreign fleets off our coasts. Lambert, as governor of Oregon, intends to see that the law is upheld."

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