Lack of race in 2nd Ward troubles Democrats

By MARK PARRENT

Though lack of an opponent virtually assures Democratic Councilman Earl Greene reelection in the student-dominated Second Ward, the quiet contest is likely to cause big trouble for the Democratic party.

The Second Ward, which consists of the North Campus area and most of Central Campus, has traditionally elected Democrats City to Council by wide margains.

Both parties agree the lack of a race for the Council seat may keep the mostly Democratic voters home, leaving Al Wheeler votes in the hotly contested race for mayor with Republican Louis Belcher. Wheeler defeated Belcher by only one vote last year.

"IT WAS A strategy to keep Democratic voters home," charged Greene, a two-year council veteran.

But city Republican Party Chairman William Gudenau noted that at the time of the candidate filing deadline, no one ever knew there would be the special election for mayor. Belcher challenged the election results and Wheeler agreed to have a special election to decide the winner.

"It certainly was not our intention (to keep Democratic voters home)," said Gudeneau. He agreed, however, that the absence of a council race would cause low voter turn out in the second ward. He added that inevitable defeat discouraged any Republicans from vying for the seat. "No one wanted to be a sacrificial lamb," he said.

GREENE SAID he supports establishing a day care center in the North Campus area, a plan which he said has met Republican opposition. According to Greene, the Republicans favor building a facility but in another area. Greene maintains the greatest need is on North Campus.

"They (North Campus residents) deserve day care and they have the most pressing need," he said.

Another priority for Greene is improved housing. Greene said he favors construction of more moderate-income housing to increase competition in order to lower rents. He claims the Republicans prefer to build parking structures to promote business downtown, rather than face housing problems.

"HOUSING IS indeed more crucial at this time than parking structures," Greene said. He said the allocation of "millions of dollars" for parking downtown is a simplistic solution and is not likely to substantially help business downtown.

Although he is sure to retain his Council seat, Greene has still been vigorously campaigning, primarily to encourage voters to support Wheeler. Along with campaign worker Jeff Frye, he trudged through snow and balmy weather Saturday, campaigning door-to-door in the Brookside apartment area.

Most residents appeared pleased to see the soft-spoken native Virginian, though few debated any issues with him.

WHEN ONE VOTER voiced his support for the Human Rights Party (now disbanded), Greene replied, "I'm a good liberal Democrat." The resident then promised Greene his support.

Another citizen requested Greene work on reducing municipal golf course fees for senior citizens. After a lengthy discussion, Greene promised to introduce a resolution to Council.

Greene, 41, supports the ballot question outlawing illegal lease clauses, but said the proposal for a new tenants' rights booklet is not necessary. He said he prefers revision of the current book provided by the city.

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—Earl Green, Democratic incumbent, Second Ward

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DAILY CALENDAR

Museum of Anthropology: Robert Whallon, Jr., "Excavations at Stadthelland, The Netherland," 2009 Museums, noon.

Astronomy: C. Petersen, Cerro Tololo International Observatory, "Observations of Galaxies," 807 Dennison, 3:30 p.m.

Bioengineering Seminars: Donald Childers, "Laryngeal Pathology Decision," 1084 Med Sci II, 4 p.m.

Near Eastern/N. African Studies: Tarif Khalidi, "The Concept of the City in Classical Islam," 3050 Frieze, 4 p.m.

Ctr. Japanese Studies: Charles Boxer, "Some Historical and Library Sources for Historical Research on East, South and Southeast Asia," 200 Lane, 4 p.m.

Great Lakes/Marine Environment: Richard Bisbee, G. Wise, "Law of the Sea in Crisis," 311 Chrysler Ctr., 4 p.m.

Law School: Michael Tigar, "How Lawyers and Judges Change History," 100 Hutchins Hall, 4 p.m.

Housing: Native American Student Assoc. Dinner, Whole, 4 p.m.

Lecture: "The Historical Perspectives Behind the 1977 Treaty of Fort Meigs," Living room, Couzens, 7:30 p.m.

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"I THINK the University should stay out of the housing," he said. "As for the city, Ann Arbor is the biggest slum lord there is."

Greenburg, on the other hand, admits she has few plans for her possible stay on Council, but would like the city to increase city services and alleviate the housing squeeze.

"The University could build structures to house students now (which could) later be converted for some other use," she said.

ONE SPECIFIC area of agreement between Greenberg and Richard is on the role of a city council in discussing the larger issues of society. On that score, they both agree to disagree with Wendell Allen.

Allen insists Council "spends too much time on issues not related to the city of Ann Arbor." He said he has attended some City Council meetings which have lasted as long as eight hours, discussing issues from first amendment freedoms to South Africa.

But to Greenberg, Council provides "a leadership role for the people of Ann Arbor. This is one forum where those expressions can come forward," she said.

RICHARD CALLED Allen's position "a shirking of responsibility."

"One cannot say, we live in the city of Ann Arbor, let's cut ourselves off from the rest of the world," he said. "Things that happen 2,000 miles away affect how we live here."

Allen, a self-professed maverick ("I call the shots for the benefit of the people") has chalked up a score of political enemies in his two years on Council.

He blames most of his unpopularity on the fact that Democrats find him an embarrassment. "They think if you're black, you're supposed to be poor," he said.

ALLEN ALSO insists that in his two years on Council, he has represented "all the people" of his ward, by making the city bureaucracy more responsive to their needs.

Greenberg, a Democratic party regular during her 20 years in Ann Arbor, argues that Allen has not represented the ward, and insists she can do a better job.

"I will bring to City Council the view that Ann Arbor is made up of people, not bureaucrats or self-serving politicians," she tells her audiences. Greenberg said she plans to bring government to the people, through Council hearings in neighborhood schools, and regular office hours for city hall.

GREENBERG disagrees with Richard that there is no difference between her and the man she hopes to oust.

"I see great differences," she said. "I don't think Wendell Allen and I agree on anything. He's a Republican and I'm a Democrat. Wendell Allen votes 99 per cent with the Republican Party."

Greenberg said that Richard's unexpected write-in candidacy may have an adverse affect on the race, "but not a substantial one."

SHE SAID, however, there is an "overlapping" between herself and Richard, particularly in the area of "people services."

But Richard insists the Democrats "have done a good job on paper," in the area of human services."

Richard said that before his Socialist Party, USA, can become a strong third-party force, he must first convince people "socialism" is not a dirty word. "We're trying to get people out of that McCarthyism, red-scare view of socialism," he said. "The main issue is human rights versus property rights."



Greenberg

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Arabs talk in Cairo

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Eretz Israel is Jerusalem's official term for Israel plus the West Bank and Gaza. "The Arabs of Eretz Israel" is accepted Israeli code for the one million Palestinians under Israeli occupation.

The original Israeli proposal made no mention of the Palestinians, including only a clause calling for "a just settlement of the refugee problem."

Egypt has insisted on "self-determination for the Palestinians," which could be taken to include the PLO and in the Israeli view could lead to creation of a radical Palestinian state on its borders.

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