

Stallings encouraged in campaign

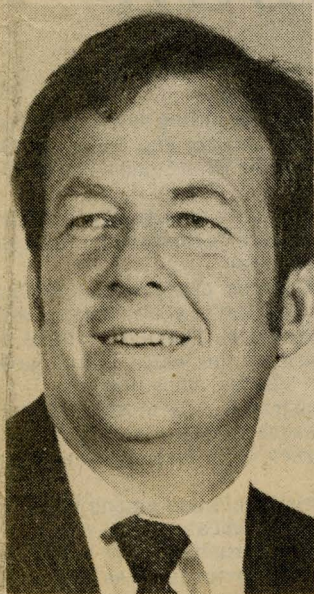
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"It is encouraging" was the way Richard H. Stallings, Ricks College history professor, described his campaigning for the 2nd District congressional seat.

Stallings did not rest after winning a decisive May 25 primary election over George



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Anthony of Filer, which he viewed as an excellent test for his campaign organization. He immediately continued at a vigorous pace for the Nov. 2 general election in an effort to unseat Republican Congressman George V. Hansen.

In a Post-Register interview, Stallings said he has raised about \$12,000 in his goal for \$60,000. He noted that Hansen so far has only raised \$34,000 but Stallings expects to be outspent by more than 2-1.

"I'm hoping for a lots of support from independents and also moderate Republicans," said Stallings. "Things look good in the entire district, from Ada County on the west eastward to Idaho Falls and the Upper Snake River Valley.

"Idaho is not a one party state and I believe Democrats have as good chance for victory as do Republicans if they make the effort."

Stallings said he feels he is especially strong in Ada County, the Idaho Falls and Upper Snake River Valley area, even in southeast corner of the state, and expects to win big in Democratic Pocatello area.

"I have even noticed a slip-page for Hansen in the Twin

Falls area where he has run strong," said Stallings.

Stallings lamented the efforts of Hansen and his backers to take credit for helping in the Teton Dam reimbursement.

Stallings pointed out it was Sen. Frank Church who led in introducing the two reimbursement bills, assisted in part by Sen. James McClure. Hansen's activities were limited to his sponsoring companion legislation in the House.

"Actually," said Stallings, "Hansen has no legislative achievement to his credit since serving in Congress. As far as I know he has never succeeded alone in enacting one single major piece of legislation.

"Hansen's successes have been in the judicial, not legislative field, and any ordinary citizens could have done this."

Stallings pointed out Hansen has done well in the judicial field against the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Internal Revenue Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

"It appears Hansen is more concerned in whipping up emotional issues, rather than concentrating his attention to substantive legislation that will help Idahoans," said Stallings.

Stallings said he finds the

slumping economy is working against Republicans and for the Democrats, although most people are willing to give more time for the Reagan economic programs to take hold.

Stallings also said many are upset and feel it was unfair for Hansen to vote for budget cuts, yet he voted with a minority to allow congressmen to write off expenses for living in Washington.

Stallings noted that Reagan also vetoed a bill that would have rescinded for members of Congress the privilege of writing off \$75 per day expenses for living in Washington, which would amount to about \$19,000 a year. Most have taken advantage of all or part of this tax advantage not given to others, he noted.

"I think it is time for members of Congress to also bite the bullet, the same as the average taxpayers are doing," said Stallings.