

Chadband to raise vigorous voice

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J. F. "Chad" Chadband, the energetic Idaho Falls businessman, said Wednesday he did not canvass close to 10,000 homes and spend \$8,200 to win a hotly-contested state representative seat with the idea his voice will not be heard in the coming Idaho Legislature.

"I intend to give my ideas, even if I am a freshman legislator," said the former University of Idaho football star.

Chadband is recovering from replacement of his right hip with a steel and plastic prosthesis following a Nov. 16 operation.

"I'm getting along just fine," he said, explaining he scheduled the operation so that he could attend the reorganization session this weekend and the general session beginning next month.

He has been on crutches two weeks and will use them four more weeks.

Chadband laments political apathy, recounting several instances in which he has worked diligently for other candidates only to find that other backers and even the candidate himself did not exert much effort.

"I'm a management person," he said, pointing out for the past 25 years he has worked as a precinct person, a county chairman in the U.S. senate race, and raising money for candidates. "I've been appalled at the indifference of the public in the political process," he said.

"I appeal for sound government, especially in view of the tight economy situation. We can't afford to have a low political pro-



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cess and not get a good business procedure."

Chadband has some ideas that may not sit too well with veteran Republican leaders who follow a traditional procedure.

He suggests that committee members elect their own chairmen on merits, rather than have the House speaker select the chairmen on basis of seniority.

"Let's have some blue skies and move ahead," he said.

He also feels election of leadership should be made by picking in sequence the lowest position of caucus chairman, assistant minority leader, majority leader and finally speaker, rather than the reverse which has been the vogue in most cases.

"In that way we don't have to have a consolation prize for the losers in getting the other positions," he said.

Chadband said he will give such views in the House Republican caucus Wednesday night.

Chadband said he has not decided on his speakership vote.

He said he will seek a spot on the influential House Appropriation Committee where there are two and possibly three vacancies. His next interest is for Revenue and Taxation Committee and his minor committee preferences are business and transportation.

He said he also would like to get on the powerful State Affairs Committee.

Chadband won one of the eastern Idaho feature legislative races over Democrat Anne Voilleque 5,729 to 4,025.

Mrs. Voilleque waged an intensive campaign, saying she spent close to \$15,000.

Chadband was one of two new legislators elected in eastern Idaho, replacing Rep. Elaine Kearnes, who stepped aside after serving 12 years.

Chadband got his bachelors degree in 1951 and masters degree in 1952 in guidance at the University of Idaho.

He starred in football, commenting he suffered a broken nose "at least 75 times," cracked ribs, and other injuries.

Chadband said he disliked wearing face masks and this lent to numerous head injuries.

He decided to forego an invitation to play pro football because of injuries but did serve as backfield coach at UI, and as athletic coach at Ontario, Ore., high school for a year each.

He served as a General Electric salesman counselor in 1953 but gave that up when he was asked to move east.

He went into the furniture business in Pocatello for 25 years, then opened a store in Idaho Falls 10 years ago.

He has leased both stores to the American Furniture Co. but built adjacent small buildings in both locations for television rental and leasing.

"It seems like I do better in real estate where I have bought property," he said.

He owns a triplex in San Carlos, Mexico, but says he can't spend much time there, adding "I guess I would be bored after a few weeks anyway as I like to keep busy."

He has two sons by a former marriage; one is in business in Boise and the other is a marketing specialist at Palo Alto, Calif. He lives with his wife Karen at Greenbriar Drive, south of the city.

Chadband, quoting a campaign brochure statement, said he would base his decisions upon the experience and knowledge that he has gained from operating his own business for the past 29 years.

"I believe in government which helps and encourages those who are willing to produce," he said.

His public services cover a wide range, including being former president of the chambers of commerce in Idaho Falls and Pocatello, and being active in UI and ISU alumni associations and various sports activities.