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News

May day candidacy announcement: Chuck Ream will "let it rip"

By Heather Orlando

Collegian Reporter

Candidate for Congress Chuck Ream announced his intentions to run for office in the Volume I Annex bookstore on Monday evening surrounded by a small group of supporters from the Hillsdale County area.

A Monroe County kindergarten teacher for 33 years, Ream now proposes to teach the U.S. Congress a thing or two about foreign policy, health care, education and corruption.

"I'm a new kind of candidate," Ream said before his speech. "I'm going to let you guys know that right now and really let it rip."

Ream will be running as a Democrat, but several of his positions—most notably his proposal to legalize marijuana—stray from the traditional Democratic platform.

"Cannabis [marijuana] is basically harmless, yet we arrest 750,000 Americans every year for pot," Ream said. "Cannabis should be available for medical use and be taxed and regulated like alcohol for recreational use. It cannot be constitutional to outlaw a natural plant."

Ream also called for a new approach to the war in Iraq. His plan proposes giving land to each of the major dissenters in the conflict, allowing them to start their own governments.

"Rebirth starts by recognizing reality," Ream said. "The idea that there is a legitimate country called Iraq is false. The British tried to patch together Iraq in 1920 from three leftover scraps of the Ottoman Empire. They failed. To provide peace and permit our troops to leave we must allow a three-nation solution for Iraq. The Kurds, Sunnis and Shiites must each have their own police, prisons and army so they can feel secure."

He also proposed strict tariffs on Chinese goods until they agree to allow their currency to find its market price, education for all who qualify and strenuous campaign finance reform.

Ream's campaign manager, Robert Redmond, said he believes Ream is the only candidate that has the courage to make needed changes in Washington D.C.

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"I've known Chuck [Ream] for 30 years and he has a great heart," Redmond said. "The seventh district needs someone like him in office. He is a defender of personal freedoms and he would fight for the people of Michigan if he were elected."

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