

City budget election Voters go to polls today

Voters go to the polls today to either pass or defeat a proposed \$22.1 million budget for the city of Eugene.

Of the total budget about \$7.5 million is to come from property taxes. This is \$1.2 million larger than last year's budget and will mean a property tax rate of \$9.72 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Which is a 12 per cent increase from the previous year.

The property tax increase will mainly be earmarked for the city debt.

Property taxes pay only about a third of the total budget with the rest coming from other fees and kinds of revenue to the city from federal and state government.

According to Barbara Shellenbarger, Eugene community relations officer, this year's budget is basically a hold-

the-line type budget with little of the money geared toward new projects.

A large portion of the budget increase is to be used for salary increases for city employees. The increases were arrived at through collective bargaining by the city with three unions and are built into the budget because the city previously promised them.

The increased property tax is a result mainly to a drop in city revenue from fines and the lower valuation of property by the county as compared to past years. Due to the city removing parking meters in order to make more free parking areas the city loses parking fines and this has an effect on the amount of revenue it receives through the year.

Several of the things which the budget committee decided were essential enough to leave in the budget will have a direct effect on University students. One of these is the \$74,000 which will be used for bike paths and other bike facilities for the city. Another is money which will go to a Civil Emergency Fund which will benefit organizations such as White Bird, Family Shelter House, The Child Guidance Clinic and Information and Referral Center.

Polling places for today's election will be the same as those used for the May primary according to the county clerk's office. If you are unsure of where you vote you can call either the city finance department or the county clerk's office for information.

On Campus

Two fined \$250 in accidental death

Two members of the University chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity have been fined \$250 each after pleading to reduced charges in connection with the accidental death of a freshman woman at a fraternity party on Northern California's Lake Shasta last month.

The pair, David Detrick of Kentfield, Calif., and Kenneth Gassner of Portland, both 22, pleaded nolo contendere (no contest) to charges of violating sections of California's harbor and navigation code (There is no admission of guilt nor claim of innocence when pleading nolo contendere).

Detrick and Gassner were originally charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the May 18 death of 19-year-old Joni Paulsen of Portland, who died of a broken neck after being struck with a tow rope from a water-ski boat while canoeing on the lake. Detrick was said to be the boat's driver and Gassner the water skier.

Shasta County Dist. Atty. Robert Basker said he dropped the felony manslaughter charges in favor of the lesser misdemeanor charges at the request of Paulsen's parents.

Under California law, the maximum penalty for conviction on either of the misdemeanor charges is a \$500 fine or six months in jail or both.

Student nominated for vice-presidency

A University graduate student—Tonie Nathan—was nominated as a candidate for vice-president of the United States at the Libertarian Party Convention, June 15-18 in Denver, Colorado. Nathan's running mate will be Dr. John Hospers, chairman of the University of Southern California philosophy department.

Nathan described the Libertarian Party as a coalition of persons who are "anti-big government and pro-individual freedom." The six-month-old party has about 850 members in 13 states, she said.

Funds released for EMU addition

Construction of the proposed \$3.4 million EMU addition moved one step closer Monday, as a subcommittee of the State Legislative Emergency Board recommended release of funds for the project.

Final action on approval of the addition by the State Emergency Board is scheduled for today in Salem.

The addition will be on the northeast corner of the present EMU structure, and will bridge Onyx Street to the northwest corner of Carson Quad.

Emerald to publish 4 days a week

The Oregon Daily Emerald will be published four days a week this summer, instead of the single weekly edition as in past years.

Publication days are Monday through Thursday.

Community

Street to close for mall project

A three-block section of Eighth Avenue in downtown Eugene will be closed for about 10 days, starting Monday, due to a street-widening project on the Eugene Mall's perimeter streets.

City Traffic Engineer Al Williams said the asphalt re-surfacing work probably will be completed by June 29. He said advance warning signs will be posted throughout the downtown area.

Barricades will be erected on Eighth Avenue at Oak Street to direct westbound traffic on the one-way street north to Sixth Avenue, west on Sixth Avenue to Charnelton Street and south of Charnelton to a return to Eighth Avenue.

The closure will be the first of five during the summer.

Fund campaign for flood victims initiated

The American Red Cross has announced an urgent fund campaign for South Dakota flood victims, as its survey teams have reported on the magnitude of the disaster in terms of recovery for affected families.

Robert Shea, Red Cross vice president for disaster relief, said the organization is launching a nationwide campaign for \$5 million to help victims of the June 9 devastating flash flood and other recent catastrophes.

Pledging that full recovery resources of the Red Cross were mobilized to help victims, Shea said the organization is moving speedily to see that all human needs were met.

He reported that 6,000 families had been affected by the disaster in Rapid City and its surroundings, and estimated that some 4,000 homes had been destroyed or seriously damaged.

Checks can be made payable to Western South Dakota Floods, c/o Lane County Chapter American Red Cross, 150 East 18th, Eugene, Oregon, phone 344-5244.

Musical "1776" tickets available

Tickets for Lane County Auditorium Association's summer musical, "1776", are now available in the following locations: South Eugene High School, Meier & Frank Co., J.C. Penney Co., The Eugene Hotel, and Alexander's Department Store.

The musical, based on the signing of the Declaration of Independence, will be presented July 28, 29, and August 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in the South Eugene High School Auditorium. Opening night curtain time is 8:30 p.m., with a curtain of 8 p.m. for the following nights.

All proceeds to "1776" go to the planning of an auditorium-convention complex for Lane County.

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