

You can't vote if you don't register

This is an election year and a very important one. In November voters will go to the polls throughout the country and elect a man to the highest office in the United States, that of president.

But before anyone can go to the polls and participate in that election, they must first be a registered voter. Voters must be registered at least 30 days before an election they wish to vote in, so there is still time if you aren't registered and want to cast your vote in the November election.

In order to register, an individual must provide his full name, address, date and place of birth, occupation, parents' full name and political party affiliation at one of the several places registration takes place. According to the County Clerk's office there is no residency requirement.

Massive voter registration campaigns are being undertaken by both political parties, according to Ralph Hoehne of the County Elections Department. The County Elections Department has appointed 45 extra registrars to work exclusively with the political parties in Lane County on voter registration, Hoehne said.

There will also be special voter registration campaigns on campus directed by the League of Women Voters, according to Hoehne. Tables periodically will be set up at the Co-Op Bookstore and on the EMU terrace for the purpose of registering voters.

A potential voter may also register at fire stations and with the County Clerk at the Lane County Courthouse.

The age for registering is 18. Only those people who are not registered and convicted felons while incarcerated or on probation may not vote.

In order to vote in federal elections a person must be locally registered. Once you are registered you can vote in any election within your jurisdiction, according to Barbara Shellenbarger, Eugene Community relations officer.

If you won't be in town for an election you wish to vote in you may pick up an absentee ballot from the city finance department or the County Clerk's office up to and including the day of the election, Shellenbarger said. The absentee ballot, after being filled out, may be returned to either the city finance department or the County Clerk's office and they will see it is taken to the correct precinct.

If you move, change your political party, if your name has been changed by marriage or court order or if you change your mailing address you must re-register, according to Shellenbarger.

If you change your residence within the city limits you can pick up a certificate up to and including the day of an election which will allow you to vote in your new polling place, according to Shellenbarger. If your residence has changed within 60 days of an election you may still vote in the election with the certificate, which must state both your old and new addresses. If you have changed your residence more than 60 days before an election you are ineligible to vote in that election if you have failed to re-register, Shellenbarger said.



Photo by Phil Waldstein

Young voter exercises his new right during one of last year's elections. In order to vote in this year's balloting, you must be registered 30 days before the election. You can register at the County Court House or any Eugene Fire Station.



*ODE...
something
for everyone.*

THE BOOK FAIR

USED BOOKS

TEXTS MAGS RECORDS

45 W. 7th Closed Sunday & Monday

Mankind, perhaps civilization itself is a product OF GRAPE & GRAIN ...



... These ancient foods were nurtured in the cradle of civilization, at last enabling man to cultivate the earth at will - to harness energy from the sun and nourishment from the soil. He was freed from the nomadic wanderings of a food gatherer.

Man has come a long way since that time. He has had thousands of years to refine and master the art of coaxing these robust plants from the soil.

And during that time, his tastebuds have become equally refined, enjoying every subtle and delicate variation of these ancient flavor themes.

Have you ever wished that you could devote more time to sampling the broad spectrum of fine domestic and foreign wines, but have felt that your budget prevented you from doing so?

In an effort to make the world's greatest wines available to even the most modest of student budgets, OF GRAPE AND GRAIN is inaugurating a special "wine of the week" student discount plan this term. Look for our ad every Friday in the Emerald, clip it out, come on down, and enjoy a great wine at a great price.

Why not educate your tastebuds this term? Consider it a course in art appreciation.

OF GRAPE AND GRAIN 49 W. 29th
(Willamette Plaza)
10am - 9pm, Sun 12 - 4 686-WINE

FINE WINES & DELICATESSEN FOODS
A World Wide Collection Of The Finest Wines, Fresh Meats, Lox And Bagels
Imported Cheeses (one of the widest selections in Eugene)

Sandwiches
Mixers of all kinds
Imported beers
Fine Breads (no preservatives)
San Francisco Sourdough flown in fresh. Also German Black Bread and many others.

