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on English requirements

Final OK withheld

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PORTLAND (Special) — When the University set up new English composition graduation requirements in 1970, the State Board of Higher Education approved them, but only as being temporary.

Permanent approval was to be considered by the board after the temporary requirements were tried out.

Such permanent approval received a setback Tuesday morning when the board's Academic Affairs Committee failed to recommend in favor of it.

The committee members reasoned that the matter of students' writing competency is of critical importance. Therefore, the results of the change in graduation requirements at the University should be reviewed further before permanent approval is given, they said.

The University will be required to submit to the board updated reports on the results of the changes in two years. Then, permanent approval will again be considered.

The changes made in 1970 were from three terms of English composition (one term each in the freshman, sophomore and junior years) to two terms (one term in the freshman year and the second in the junior year).

Also in 1970, the University established a remedial course for entering students who indicated through test scores the need for such a course. The University's English department has also attempted to establish relationships with other departments within the University to improve students' writing competency in specific fields.

Elizabeth Johnson, chairer of the committee, said Monday, "I guess what we're talking about is how we can build quality into students' writing and expression."

Testifying before the committee, University President Robert Clark said he didn't think "There is any question that the board has about the University that doesn't get at the concern that we, too, at the University want to do the very best we can to improve the student's writing and thinking."

Permanent approval of the same temporary composition requirements at Oregon State University was also considered by the committee Monday, with the same committee recommendation.

The committee also suggested the full board to urge the other institutions in the State System of Higher Education to critically look at their writing programs.



Sheriff candidate David Larry speaks to Dad's Room audience as sheriff candidate David Burks and an unidentified person listen.

Drug abuse main issue as local candidates debate

By SCOTTA CALLISTER
Of the Emerald

Candidates for Lane County Sheriff and District Attorney offices discussed law and order and, in particular, drug arrests — in the EMU Dad's Room Tuesday night as part of the Decision '72 program presented by the ASUO Cultural Forum.

The use of paid informants was criticized by Pat Horton, candidate for district attorney. He said he felt there should be some kind of rapport and communication between the community and the police but that "it's quite another thing to pay for information."

The incumbent candidate for that office, Robert Naslund, denied that paid informants are being used by the Lane Inter-agency Narcotics Team (LINT). He stated that police officers are involved in seizure and arrest, adding that information from private citizens must be voluntary.

Naslund stated that LINT is primarily concerned with the arrest of hard drug pushers.

Several members of the audience protested that the number of marijuana charges have out-numbered the charges on possession of hard drugs coming from the program. Naslund replied that marijuana is often found during the search for hard drugs and that police officers must prosecute because "it's still against the law."

His opponent, Horton, claimed that the police should get away from "concern with incidental and casual use of marijuana," because of the more serious drug problem of heroin that is developing in Lane County.

He advocated a wider use of citations for marijuana possession rather than the arrest and release on bail procedure used now.

Since the use of citations is common for shoplifting and minor in possession charges is common, Horton said he felt that it could be used with other misdemeanors.

It is up to the officer to decide to cite rather than arrest, depending upon the amount of security risk it might incur, according to Naslund. There are no real standards to judge the reliability of the person charged and he stated that most police officers aren't willing to make that decision.

"It is more of a judicial decision," Naslund stated.

Horton charged that the people in the LINT program are too pre-occupied with the statistics of drug seizures in order to justify the existence of the program and their requests for funds.

In answer to a question from the audience, David Larry, candidate for the office of sheriff, gave an explanation for the presence of hard drugs in the community. He claimed that pharmaceutical companies are vastly over-producing "not only speed but amphetamines, barbituates and tranquilizers."

When asked about wiretapping, candidate for sheriff and current Chief of Detectives, David Burks claimed that he was "not aware of any wire-tapping in Lane County." He added that a tracer can be put on a phone by the phone company at the owner's request if he is bothered by prank calls.

Wire-tapping is a process that may have been used years ago but has been discontinued according to Burks.

Another candidate for the office of sheriff, Barney Issel, felt that there is a need for a closer connection between the police and correctional institutions. He advocates the use of rehabilitation and work-release programs.

FSO budget frozen, spring elections illegal

By BARBARA COLEMAN
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ASUO Vice President Fred Loveys has frozen the Foreign Student Organization (FSO) budget following an investigation which showed the spring Foreign Student officer elections to be invalid.

The FSO budget amounts to \$3,947.80 in ASUO incidental fees that are not available to the foreign students until the question of their elected officers is cleared up.

"My investigations," Loveys said, "have revealed that the elections were invalid on two counts and new elections for Foreign Student President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be held with the regular ASUO elections in November."

The counts Loveys referred to are part of the Foreign Student Constitution and the ASUO Constitution.

Article Five of the FSO constitution says that all elected officers must be registered students. The FSO defines a registered student as one who has paid his fees. Abid Sherif, Vice President of the FSO has not paid his fees and is, under the FSO Constitution, an invalid officer.

In addition, Loveys said that two thirds of all registered foreign students must attend nomination and election meetings in order to obtain a quorum, under the FSO constitution. A quorum was not present at either the nominating or electing meetings last spring, according to Loveys.

Loveys further explained that the FSO constitution requires the FSO advisor to be present at any nominating or electing meeting of the foreign students. Larry Pitman, assistant supervisor, was present only at the electing meeting last spring according to Loveys.

The FSO was notified of the ASUO's decision by letter Wednesday afternoon at which time Loveys held a meeting to discuss the FSO problem with Vice President Sherif, and President Davoudi. Both subsequently left the meeting in disagreement with the ASUO decision.

According to Loveys further "investigation will be pending into the election process." He also suggested that the FSO review and possibly revise their constitution. Under the present constitution, Loveys said, "this election, in my opinion, was invalid."