

ASUO hears four election complaints

The ASUO Elections Court met Thursday evening to hear testimony on four elections complaints from the ASUO Senate elections held in November.

decision on the complaints, however, since court member Jan Horvath was absent due to his car breaking down in Portland. The testimony was taped and will be played for Horvath upon his return to campus this weekend. The court is expected to decide on the complaints Monday.

Tom Bonner, who was elected to the ASUO Senate in November, made two complaints—one against the Emerald for running an advertisement for Steve Maizels, another successful ASUO Senate candidate in November, on an election day in violation of the election rules. A statement from the Emerald that the running of the ad was a clerical error was brought before the court. Bonner suggested that the Emerald be fined for running the advertisement.

that a student, Bob Groth, was denied an absentee ballot for the election and that Groth did in fact deserve an absentee ballot. Groth testified that he had talked to a person at the ASUO Executive office at 6:15 p.m. Nov. 17 and was told that he was not entitled to an absentee ballot. A statement from ASUO secretary Kay Whittig said that she was not in her office at that time and that whoever gave Groth the information was not in authority to do so. Bonner suggested that procedures for absentee voting should be made more clear than they are at the present time.

Keith Parrish, an ASUO Senator who was re-elected in November, turned in a complaint against ASUO Vice-President Fred Loveys concerning identification required of students at the polling booths. Parrish stated that he had shown only his term fee card when he voted in the election Nov. 13 while he should have been required to show his plastic identification card as well. Parrish suggested that Loveys was responsible for the violation and that he should be fined.

The final complaint came from Tom Hartfield, a candidate for the Senate in November whose ballot slogan was left off the Voter's Guide and the primary ballot on the first day of the two-day election. Hartfield failed to make the general election and considers this to be a result of not having his slogan on the ballot the first day. Hartfield asked that the election for the seat he ran for, at-large number one, be run over.

OSPIRG attempts to clarify funding

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) is attempting to clear the air concerning the controversy over the question of whether or not their funding system is legal.

Last year the procedure of funding OSPIRG at the three universities in Oregon (Portland State, Oregon State, and the University) consisted of extracting \$1 from every student's incidental fee each term, refunded a few weeks later if the student chose not to support the organization.

Challenging the legality of this system, Jerold Swibie, a spring term 1972 student at PSU, wrote out his tuition check last spring \$1 short. When refused admission, Swibie took the case to court, filing a suit naming the State Board of Higher Education and OSPIRG as guilty parties.

While the case was still pending, the funding system was changed by the state board, which listed OSPIRG as simply another line-item funded by incidental fees which also cover other student organizations. Thus, OSPIRG is now funded on an annual line-item basis, rather than a refundable per-student assessment.

The change in the funding system rendered Swibie's case obsolete, according to OSPIRG.

At a recent state-wide Board meeting held by OSPIRG, the case was brought up.

Representatives decided to contact Swibie's lawyer, in order to have the case pursued.

"We had the choice of letting the case sit on the books until it is forgotten, or pushing it through to the end to settle the question once and for all," said Steve Park, OSPIRG Treasurer at the University.

"We decided to clean up the rumors about the illegality of our funding system, and we're confident we'll win."

Steve McCarthy, director of OSPIRG statewide, said he feels that the inactivity of Swibie's lawyer indicated that "the other side no longer takes itself seriously. We decided it is best for everyone to get it disposed of."

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Inauguration day march planned

Turnout small for anti-war meeting

In 1968 Mario Savio headed the free speech movement at Berkeley and started a movement for human rights that climaxed in Washington, D.C. in November of 1971. But Berkeley was 5 years ago and Washington, D.C. is 2 thousand miles away and it appears that the days of student activism against the war are as fargone as these events.

A Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) meeting was held Thursday night at the EMU, but only about a dozen interested

listeners showed up to discuss activities aimed against the war in Indochina that are nationally designed to coincide with President Nixon's inauguration on Saturday, January 20.

The people who did show up attributed the small turnout to a list of other activities going on around the campus, including the Leo Kottke concert and NUC's presentation of "The Battle of Algiers".

Undaunted by the turnout, Dave Huff, a campus

representative of SMC, informed the group of planned activities for the inauguration day.

The bulk of the day is being planned around a nationally coordinated March against Death. Huff indicated that the group will leave the downtown mall on Saturday and march across the Ferry St. Bridge, ending up at Alton Baker Park.

Huff indicated that the success of the march will depend on the committee's ability "to make as many people as possible aware of our activities".

Coordinating the activities along with the SMC will be the Campus Radical Union, a newly group speaker Windel Bruner, hopes to amke Nixon reevaluate the effects of his bombing raids in North Vietnam.

Activities at the park will include skits and shows by a guerrilla theatre group and anti-war speeches by several local and regional anti-war representatives.

Asked what they hope to accomplish through these nationally organized inauguration day demonstration, Dean Perchek, coordinator of Peace Now, explained that, "Nixon saw the marches last year and didn't give a shit. This year we hope he will."

Radio-thon benefits Whitebird Clinic

An all-day fundraising "radio-thon" for Whitebird Clinic will be sponsored Saturday by radio station KEED (1450) in Eugene. From 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., city and state dignitaries, people from Whitebird and air personalities will plead Whitebird's case which needs about \$9000 to pay off house payments.

"It's an attempt to tap the heart of the community," Cliff Wayne of KEED said of the fundraiser. "We also want to educate the general community to the services that Whitebird performs."

Wayne said that members of Whitebird's staff would be at the station to answer pledges phoned in and that barrels would be placed in the station's parking lot and studio so contributors could drive by and offer a donation.

Tony Burns of Whitebird noted that the clinic was becoming involved in other fundraising attempts. "These include applications to foundations for grants, door-to-door canvassing and letters to professional and business people in town," Burns said.

He said the main stumbling block in getting support from the general community was that "people don't feel they're receiving any benefits from the clinic."

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