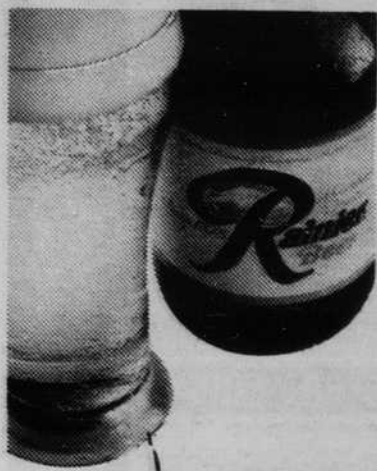


From her new office in Salem, Rep. Mary Burrows expresses views on increasing student involvement in state legislature activities — including a possible motion to place a student member on the State Board of Higher Education.



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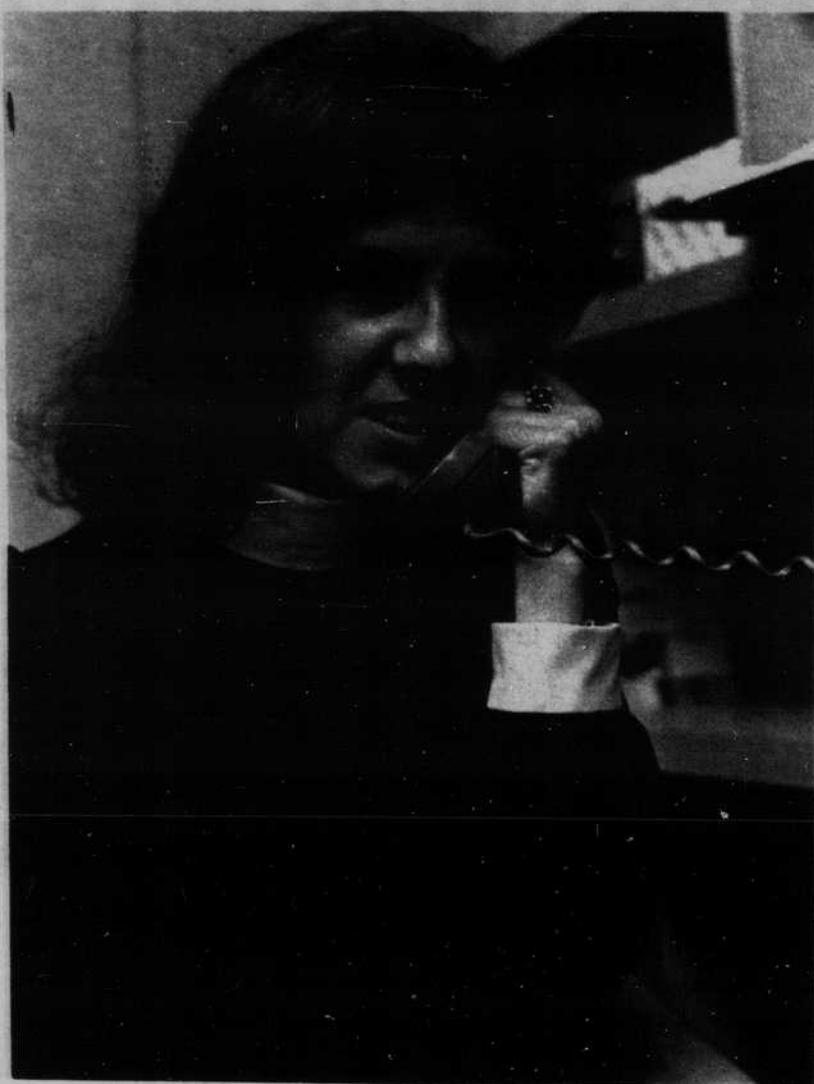


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## Burrows invites student input

By NAN HENDERSON  
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SALEM (Special)—“If you don’t expect the unexpected, you will never find it.”

So reads the lone poster on the office wall of Rep. Mary Burrows (R-Eugene) who has been spending the first days as a freshmen legislator organizing her office in Salem, attending meetings, “and looking for a used car.”

Burrows, who represents most of the University population, said the poster was a Christmas gift from her 19-year-old son, Charlie, a University political science major.

“It was a family policy that everyone give me something for my new office for Christmas,” Burrows explained in a recent interview.

This was because “we really ran as a family,” she said. And because of her family, she’ll be commuting to Salem during the five months of the session.

Burrows believes having a son at the University will help her understand student concerns and said she wants to see students on the State Board of Higher Education.

“I don’t care who introduces the bill to put the student on the State Board, just so long as it passes,” she said. “I’ve talked to Bill Wyatt and I know the ASUO feels strongly about it.” But she added the bill might fare better if a veteran legislator introduced it.

She’s also concerned about the University budget and said she feels apprehensive about individual consideration of institutions’ budgets.

Burrows said she is not as “attuned as I could be” with women’s rights issues “because I have been part of a family unit.” But, she said, she will support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

And, she said, she will support removing the restrictions now placed by law on the Highway Trust Fund. “As a commuter to Salem every day, I will support opening up the fund,” Burrows said. “I look at highway trust funds as being transportation funds,” she added.

But she doesn’t think she can support “full legalization” of marijuana. “The biggest problem right now is informing the public about what marijuana is and what it does,” Burrows said.

“The public really needs more information. I’m still studying the question myself,” said Burrows.

Burrows invited students who “comprise about one-fourth” of her constituency to contact her about any issue with which they are concerned.

“Since I’m living in Eugene, they can call me at home at 343-6511,” she said. She said she believes students are “especially concerned citizens.”

Burrows considers herself “a very ordinary person.” But she said she ran for office because she loves Eugene “and I can see a way of life to be enhanced and protected there.”

Glancing at the poster on her wall, she admitted, “I feel a bit apprehensive though about the mistakes I’m about to make—and I don’t know what they are yet.”

## Court rules on Senate election complaints

The ASUO Elections Court has issued rulings on four complaints from the ASUO Senate elections, held last November, following a hearing held last Thursday on the complaints.

Elections Court member Marcia Mellinger reported that ASUO Vice-President Fred Loveys and the ASUO Elections Board will be required to reimburse candidate Thomas

Hartfield for his election expenses. Hartfield was defeated in the primary election after his ballot slogan was left off the Voter’s Guide and the ballot on the first day of the election. The court found this to be in violation of several election laws and therefore imposed the reimbursement on Loveys and the Elections Board, who were in charge of the election.

Tom Bonner, elected to the ASUO Senate in November, had two complaints settled—one concerning the Emerald and one concerning absentee ballots. The court ruled that the Emerald must proofread election issues for violations after an advertisement for a candidate was run on an election day.

On the absentee ballot complaint, the court ruled that the requirements for absentee voting be published in the Emerald a week prior to the election. A student had been denied an absentee ballot in November and the court felt the absentee voting requirements were not well enough known.

Senator Keith Parrish complained that he had to show only his fee card when he voted and not his plastic ID card, as required in the election rules. The court decided that Loveys should rewrite the election rules so that students will have to show both their University ID cards and fee cards in future elections.

## Briefs

### MEETINGS

Women in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Planning will meet at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday in 283 Lawrence, to discuss the role of women in the professions. All women are welcome. Bring lunch.

### LECTURES

The Physics department colloquium will present F.J. Blatt of Michigan State University speaking on “Electrical Properties of Excitable Membranes,” at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in room 16, Science I.

### MISC.

“Innovations in People-Oriented Education” will be the discussion topic to be led by Greg Schultz at the Baha’is Open Discussion at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the EMU. Room to be posted.

Free Baha’i information will be available on the EMU Terrace, or inside depending on weather. Everyone is welcome.

An indoor seminar on basic snow climbing methods for ski mountaineering will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in Room 23 EMU.

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