

# Winter term elections to be held this week

It's a new version of an old game, called ASUO Elections, Winter Term Edition, to be played February 14, 15, 21 and 22, by as many or as few players who happen to show up.

ASUO Vice President Fred Loveys and the ASUO Elections Board are again presiding over the contest, enforcing the new rules and distributing information in the ASUO Voter's Guide. The Guide is available at the EMU.

According to the guide, there

will be eight polling places, open Wednesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., with a few exceptions as noted in the guide. The polling places include the EMU Terrace, the Co-op, the PE Building, Hamilton and Carson Dorms, 13th Avenue and University Street, 13th Avenue and Commonwealth and the Onyx Street entrance to the EMU or in the EMU eating area.

Each student must present a Winter Term Fee Card and an I.D. card with a photo on it.

Voters will then receive a computer-punched ballot card for each division they are eligible to vote in. The computer cards are a new feature this term, and ballots will be tabulated at the computer center.

This term there are 10 seats up for grabs. In the Humanities Division, there is Randy Shilts running unopposed for the Liberal Arts position. For the Social Science position, Mike Bonner is up for re-election, opposed by Liza Burgoyne, G.T. McNaughton, Gordon Ivins and Anne Lomax.

In the Class Division, three candidates are up for the Sophomore Class seat, Jim Davis (for re-election), Patrick Bonner and Kent Goodwin. Bert Bennehoff is running unopposed for the senior class seat.

Sixteen candidates are running for six seats in the Residence Division. Carl Sell, Gregory Browning and Ivan Henke are competing for the fraternity seat. Vicki Kirkpatrick and Raoul Lambert are in the running for the married student housing post. Jon Spangler, Harley Leiber and Gail Hoffnagle are on the ballot for a single seat representing College Inn and Co-ops. And eight candidates — Joe Driggers, Gregg Wasson, Lee Siegel, Peter Yoakum, Roger Wyatt, Tom Alderman, Jim Bernau and Douglas Chambers — are running for three off-campus seats.

The Voter's Guide itself has been the subject of recent controversy concerning Loveys' introductory statement made on the inside front cover. ASUO Senator Hank Itkin promised at the last Senate meeting to file a complaint to the elections board regarding the statement, which in part reads "Maybe you will vote for someone who really will try to represent you this time, rather than be taken by fancy slogans or trite phrases . . . and maybe the Senate will begin to represent students' needs instead of furthering the 'Senator's' own political interests."

The senate took a straw vote in favor of Itkin's complaint.

At stake in the elections will be 10 seats, or one-fourth of the senate. According to Loveys, it will cost about \$1500 to administer this term's senate elections.

One of the duties of the senate is allocating almost \$840,000 in annual Student Incidental Fees.

# Bottle bill legislation draws national attention

By NAN HENDERSON  
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SALEM (Special) — Though the 1973 Oregon Legislature is daily cranking out new legislation, a bill passed during the 1971 legislative session continues to draw more state and national attention than any piece of legislation in the history of Oregon.

"I have never known a piece of legislation to attract so much attention as the bottle bill," reports Kess Cannon, natural resources assistant to Gov. Tom McCall.

In a Monday interview, Cannon said a bill similar to the bottle bill, which called for a cash deposit on all soft drink and beer bottles and cans, has been introduced in every state in the country except Kentucky, where the legislature is not in session. "And 18 foreign countries have also contacted us about the bill," Cannon said.

So a recent announcement by the commercial can and bottle lobby implying that the famed bill might be hurting the environment instead of helping it came as quite a shock.

The lobby announced last week that the percentage of beverage container litter in relation to the total amount of litter on Oregon's highways had increased from 14.4 per cent to 15.2 per cent by volume, since the new law went into effect in October.

And the lobby attributed the statistics to a highway division report on the effect of the bottle bill instigated in September by the state's Executive Office.

But the announcement failed to point out that the report indicated the total amount of litter has decreased tremendously since October, Cannon said.

And in a Monday press conference on the issue, McCall, who was a strong proponent of the bottle bill, called the lobby figure "meaningless." He said it only

indicates that there has been a shift in the type of litter.

"The significant thing is that littering has been substantially decreased since the bill took effect," McCall said.

Cannon pointed out that piece counts provide the true indicator of whether beverage container litter has increased or decreased.

On Oct. 1, the highway division report indicated maintenance crews found 3,958 bottles and cans along 25 randomly chosen one-mile sections of highway in western Oregon, Cannon said.

The number has dropped to 1,149 pieces by Jan. 1, he added. Neither Cannon nor McCall said they can figure out how the commercial can and bottle lobby got hold of the report, but McCall said he was "disturbed" that the lobby is using the figures from the report to try to prove the bill has not worked.

McCall said the lobby "gave a shockingly distorted view of what is happening." He added that legislative and state officials from five states called his office asking about the lobby statement.

"We were able to assure them that nothing went wrong and that the bill is working to our great satisfaction," McCall said.

And Cannon reported that legislation to extend the law to require a deposit on wine and liquor bottles will be considered by the legislature this session.

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