

Students want to keep present ASUO fee system

An independent survey conducted during winter term shows that University students are generally "favorable" to the allocation of incidental fees.

The survey was conducted and compiled by Bardsley and Haslacher, Inc., an independent Portland firm. The firm polled 852 students. This number was broken down by sex, class and school.

Fees are allocated to EMU (40 per cent), Athletic Dept. (15 per cent) and ASUO (45 per cent). There are over 50 agencies or programs funded under ASUO. The questionnaire used mentioned only six agencies: the Emerald, legal services, ethnic student unions, outdoor programs, Day Care Center and OSPIRG.

All three segments receiving fee allocation were deemed "reasonable." Financing of ASUO programs, however, were rated on a "willingness to support" factor. The Emerald fared best with 71 per cent favorable. Ethnic student unions was the only program that received a negative "willingness" to support (47 per cent).

Regarding ethnic student unions, the survey showed that male and female students were "diametrically" opposed to their funding. Men oppose; women favor. And freshmen are the harshest critics of ethnic unions (60 per cent unwilling). Of the students polled, the male students represent 61 per cent and female students represent 38 per cent of the total student body.

The survey also sought an "importance" factor of each program. EMU and its services ranked highest with 75 per cent and ASUO government ranked lowest (48 per cent). The firm observed that government actions are surrounded by "disinterest and-or disaffection." They found that students have high regard for ASUO programs but not for the government body.

It was also found that underclassmen are more impressed with incidental fee programs than upperclassmen.

Bardsley and Haslacher found that support for ASUO Agencies and programs is "marginal" at best. However, there is unanimity that allocations for athletics and EMU are "fair and reasonable." At present, athletic financing is funded both by incidental fees and student ticket sales. It was found that two out of three students feel incidental fees should be included for athletic funding.

Results of the survey also indicated that Oregon should stay in the Pac-8 conference (79 per cent favor) and that the Day Care Center is particularly important to the graduate students.

The study was conducted with full support of student government and University President Robert Clark.

A similar study was concurrently initiated at Oregon State University for the same purposes.

Roseburg man gets 20 years on rape charge

A Roseburg man, Richard Bartley Thompson, has been sentenced to one 20-year prison sentence and another 10-year term after being convicted of rape in the first degree and kidnapping in the second degree.

Thompson was arrested by Eugene Police early this year following a lengthy investigation into the rapes of several University women in and near the Pioneer cemetery. He was brought to Eugene on a Circuit Court warrant for kidnapping.

Thompson was originally indicted by the Lane County Grand Jury on multiple counts of rape, sodomy and sexual abuse. At his trial Thompson pleaded guilty to the kidnapping charge and rape in the first degree. The remaining charges against Thompson were dropped.



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Budget, kindergarten initiative face voters

The Eugene School District's 1973-74 \$26 million budget and a proposal for publicly supported kindergartens are up before Eugene voters today.

The \$26 million figure is up \$2.4 million (10 per cent) over last year. \$1.3 million of the increase would go for higher teacher salaries, \$700,000 for "fixed charges" (higher Social Security taxes and retirement premiums), and \$150,000 for the hiring of 15 new teachers.

The kindergarten proposal asks for \$706,700 to initiate a kindergarten program for Eugene area five-year-olds. Similar program proposals have been offered to Eugene voters over the past few years, but have been rejected. Participation in the kindergarten program would be optional.

The ballot also calls for the re-election of unopposed board member Sam Frear. Frear is currently Chairer of the Eugene board.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Polling places are the same as for last week's tax plan vote. If you have questions about where to vote, call the Lane County Elections office, 342-1311.

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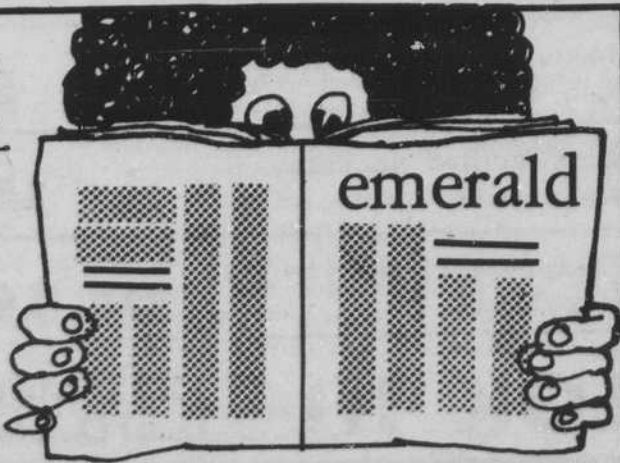
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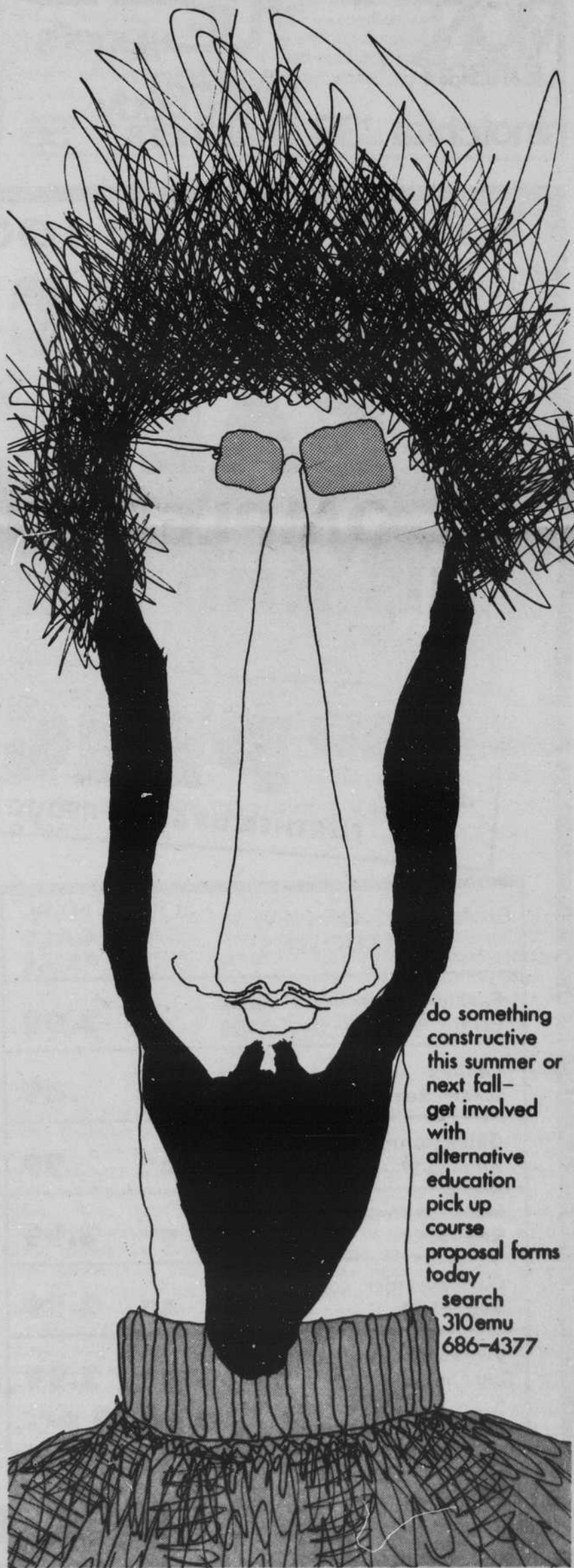
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