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OH NUTS!

With the long, hard winter behind him, this squirrel dug into his store of goodies to have an enjoyable snack. It must not have been entirely filling, for he was busily searching the ground for more tasty morsels shortly after.

Today ends ASUO voting

By LOIS LINDSAY
Of the Emerald

Today is the last day to vote for ASUO president, OSPIRG and Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) positions. Polling will close at 5 p.m. in Suite 4 EMU.

Students who have not posted their ballots should hand-deliver them to Suite 4 by the afternoon deadline. Those who did not receive ballots in the mail may pick one up and vote in Suite 4.

Students who did not receive ballots by mail were overlooked because of insufficient information, according to Kirby Garrett, ASUO vice-president. Garrett said ballots were mailed to all students whose names were included on the registrar's computer print-out list spring term matriculants.

"If students failed to file correct or current addresses with the registrar's office when they registered this term we have no way of reaching them," Garrett explained. The vice-president said slow or inefficient mails may have prevented other students from receiving ballots.

But those students still have a chance to vote if they bring the No. 1 stubs from their term fee cards to Suite 4. Ballots will be available until the 5 p.m. deadline. Students who already mailed their ballots but forgot to include the No. 1 stub should also bring

the stub to the Suite 4 in order to validate their votes.

Ballots will be tabulated Monday and results of the primary will be released by Tuesday morning. Run-off elections for president and IFC will be conducted the second and third weeks of May in the event that no candidate receives over 50 per cent of the primary vote.

Although law students will not be on campus during the run-off, they will be able to vote under an absentee ballot system set up by the ASUO. Following tallying of primary results law students may cast run-off ballots in Suite 4 for the duration of the run-off process.

Run-off elections for SUAB and class officers will be held Tuesday and Wednesday at two campus locations. Polling booths will be open at 13th Avenue and Gilbert Hall and 150 Science from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Cost of the mail-out elections have been "grossly exaggerated," according to Garrett. Figures released by the executive show that cost of the traditional voting system totaled \$4,682. The mail-out will cost a projected \$4,981, only about \$300 more.

Garrett said the additional cost is minimal "when you consider the vastly larger number of students reached by the mail-out system."

Committee urges no '77 tuition hike

By PATTY FARRELL
Of the Emerald

A committee of the State Board of Higher Education Thursday recommended no tuition hikes for the 1977-79 biennium provided their budget remains untouched at the state legislature next year.

Late in the afternoon, the Finance Committee passed its staff's recommendations unanimously, although two of the five committee members had already left for the day. Committee member Robert Ingalls called the vote "hypocritical," however, since the board has recommended no tuition increase for the past few years.

The board's committee on instruction reluctantly passed discrimination rules before them for the third time. Board member Edward Harms was the only committee member to vote against the recommended rules, stating that they "will contribute to an adversary atmosphere rather than improve it."

Both recommendations will come before the full board at its May meeting.

Tempers flared when the full board considered the appeal of Dr. Anne Frenz, a University education teacher who claims she was dismissed from her job on the basis of sex. An Equal Employment Opportunities Committee (EEOC) on this campus heard her appeal and ruled in her favor, but University Pres. William Boyd reversed their ruling and upheld Frenz's firing. Her attorney, Charlene Sherwood, told the board that Boyd's process in making that determination was arbitrary and possibly illegal.

University counsel Dave Frohnmayer and Sherwood argued back and forth in their testimony before the board. Sherwood said that Boyd had made his ruling primarily on the basis of ten letters he received after the committee made its finding. The letters were written by women in the education department saying they had never been discriminated against within that department. Frohnmayer argued that was not the basis for Boyd's determination, and that the president had done nothing illegal in making his finding.

Boyd told the board that he had considered all the information given him by the EEOC, but during questioning by board member Valerie McIntyre, Boyd admitted he had not heard the committee's taped interviews because the committee did not submit them to him.

The board broke for lunch, and when they returned, Boyd asked that the matter be sent back to the University for reconsideration. The board agreed, although there was some argument over what the process for the rehearing would be.

Since the Finance Committee recommendations call for no tuition increase for any students, the policy of differentiating between residents and non-residents will also be continued. Presently non-resident undergraduates pay for approximately 100 per cent of the total cost of their education, while residents pay somewhere close to 28 per cent.

Chancellor Roy Lieuallen advised the committee that it would be unwise to determine a set percentage for residents to pay, since board recommendations are subject to change if the legislature underfunds the higher education budget.

"We should simply go to the legislature with the budget, and let the percentage be derived rather than have it prescribed," he said.

Ingalls argued that "the board consistently goes to the legislature with no tuition increase. Isn't it hypocritical to say we'll freeze tuition for the next biennium when we haven't been able to do it in the past?"

Despite argumentation by ASUO representatives and Pres. William Boyd, the committee decided to continue its policy of charging non-resident undergraduates 100 per cent of the cost of their education. The ASUO also urged the board to recommend that the State Scholarship Commission seek ways to provide financial aid assistance to students from middle-income backgrounds.

Most of the members of the board's Committee on Instruction were hesitant to pass discrimination rules as explicit as those outlined by the board's staff.

"If we cannot expect the universities and colleges to satisfactorily deal with discrimination without detailed rules," argued Harms, "then God help us all, because that way it will never get done." Committee chairer Jane Carpenter expressed similar concern, and member Marc Maden shared Harms' fears that the process would be "expensive and cumbersome."

"But the cost to democracy as we believe in it would be greater if we didn't adopt these rules," said Maden. Carpenter decided to vote for the rules "very, very reluctantly."

Two University students, Jan Oliver and Loren Simonds, felt they had been discriminated against and attempted to convince the committee of the necessity of the rules.

Although the ASUO and the Oregon Women's Political Caucus urged the committee to make some changes in some wording, the committee passed the rules untouched. Carpenter said that minor changes can be made at a later date.