

AOSL to hear rent, child care proposals



Editor's Note: The following article is the last in a four-part series on AOSL-ASUO legislative issues to be lobbied before the Oregon Legislature next year. The AOSL will meet at 10 a.m. Friday in Salem to discuss the proposals.

Proposals to change child care eligibility standards and establish rental hike schedules will be aired at the Associated Oregon Student Lobby (AOSL) meeting Friday.

The changes in child care eligibility, which will be presented by ASUO Vice-Pres. Kirby Garrett, call for a general broadening of requirements to allow more student parents to become eligible. At the present time, Garrett says, the state considers many students "voluntarily poor," and hence unable to qualify.

"We want the state to understand that poor students are just poor," Garrett says. "Many students take classes for one quarter, then have to drop out and work. After working one quarter they'll return, only to drop out the next quarter."

"We want students to be able to qualify, to break this cycle."

Garrett feels that perhaps 800 student-parents could qualify for child care assistance if the standards were liberalized. Presently, approximately 80 families are involved in the program. He points out that an increase in participants would necessitate a boost in financial support from the state.

Garrett also will propose to the AOSL that they consider backing legislation which calls for rental increase schedules and ceilings, both in university housing and in privately-owned housing which is rented primarily to students.

He believes that many students, living on limited budgets, must be made aware of the amount of rental increases and when they will be coming. In this way the increases can be planned for, with the added knowledge that boosts won't exceed certain limits.

Garrett describes the housing proposals as "good consumer issues. They will help raise people's awareness that they are consumers, that it is their education and that they should order it according to some pre-determined schedule."

Other changes in housing regulations will be presented by AOSL representatives from Oregon Col-

lege of Education (OCE). The OCE proposals, still in the formative stage, call for a general strengthening in the tenant-landlord law, an end to the \$50 non-refundable deposit dorm applicants now pay and a 24-hour notice of entry requirement for workmen and management entry into dormitory rooms.

AOSL leaders from Oregon State University (OSU) will ask for substantial increases in state educational benefits for veterans. The OSU representatives want to reactivate two bills which first appeared during the last legislative session and which sought to raise state benefits for veterans from \$35 a month to \$50 and \$150 a month.

Another OSU proposal recommends that student publications be exempt from state bidding procedures which now require that the state printing office receive a percentage of contracts given to private businesses.

A third objective asks that individuals who engage in voluntary services be considered for tax deductions similar to those awarded to wealthier people who are able to make tax deductible donations.

Legislator sounds out public view

In 1971, the State Legislature established a grant to support ethnic and minority groups at the University. After that, says Herb Cawthorne, director of the Center for Self-Development, the programs were left to go as they would.

Cawthorne told a Demo Forum audience Wednesday that services which should have been offered weren't.

He believes that legislators should be more responsible for the programs they fund and that they should be the people's link to education. Legislators should talk to administrators, parents, and "God forbid," students to see what programs are needed.

Cawthorne wants politicians to look at the budget and decide where public priorities lie.

He believes that politicians can do this by investigating educational alternatives and various philosophies of education and by sounding them out on the public. Then, he says, legislators can be the people's voice in educational decisions.

They haven't done this in the past, he says, because they have not had the access to information. He plans to be in Salem next session to provide some of this data.

Marvin Hollingsworth would like to be in Salem too. The state treasurer candidate told his fellow democrats that if elected he will not encourage industrial growth. "We shouldn't make this state another Los Angeles," he said.

Hollingsworth prefers to loan money to existing Oregon businesses. As for investments, he will follow the Prudent Man Act, which says that bonds must produce the highest yield at the lowest risk.

He sees the treasurer's job as an administrative bookkeeping role and feels, as an attorney, a former legislator, district judge and a business man, he is well-qualified to fill the job.

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150 people voted in two days

New SUAB, class officers elected

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The elections for senior and sophomore class officers and Student University Affairs Board (SUAB) positions ended Wednesday, deciding the four races. Almost 150 students voted in the two-day election.

"Sandman" Benz captured the race for sophomore class president with 49 votes, over Brian Purnell who received 28 votes. Benny Barnes won the senior class presidential race, receiving 71 votes over opponent Jane Harris' 48 votes.

The race for SUAB position no. 3 for Business Administration was won by Kim Defenderfer over David Stewart, 50 to 34. Position no. 18, which includes languages, arts and letters, religion and philosophy will be filled by Jeff Warren who netted 11 votes over Tom Milligan's 9.

Cost of the mail-out election totaled \$4,981 as compared to the traditional election system cost of \$4,682. Although the mail-out figure is slightly higher, the per capita figure for mail-out election is actually less because 75 per cent more voters participated in that election.

The constitutional amendment on the primary ballot passed 1,029 to 460. SUAB vacancies occurring more than eight weeks

prior to a regular election will now be filled by a special election. Previously, vacancies occurring more than four weeks prior to an election were filled by an ASUO presidential appointment.

"I wish the amendment hadn't passed," said Kirby Garrett, ASUO vice-president. The faculty pushed for the change, he says, but the extra elections will put additional strain on the elections budget.

Although he had anticipated a 3,000 to 5,000 turnout in the primary, Garrett says he is still "very pleased" with the 2,457 ballots received. The figure represents a 16 per cent increase over last year's turnout. Only 2,089 of the ballots received were valid, however, due to the omission of the number one fee card stub. That puts actual voter participation at 13 per cent, a 75 per cent increase over last year's turnout.

"Still, the turnout is very good, considering this is the first mail-out election ever conducted by a student association," Garrett says. "It allowed us to communicate with many students, even those who didn't vote. The general election will enable us to see how students react, again," the vice-president added.

Part of the problem with the mail-out election occurred when the ballots were held up by the

manufacturer. Consequently, there wasn't time to print voting instructions on the computer ballot cards. Garrett says he "still believes the process was fairly clear, because over 2,000 students returned valid ballots."

But those instructions will be included on the general election ballot. Garrett anticipates a 2,500 to 3,500 turnout, an increase over the last turnout, because of a "highly-visible presidential race," a ballot referendum and the fact that instructions will be included on the ballot.

The referendum states that the "Associated Students of the University of Oregon should be recognized as the collective bargaining representative of students and should continue efforts to negotiate a student contract with the State Board of Higher Educa-

tion or its designees."

The idea of the referendum is to reaffirm the principle of a student association in contrast to a student government, and to give students a choice between the two, Garrett says.

The concept of the student government means students deal with internalized, introspective matters that are not in the best interests of students at large, he explains. But the student association "looks outward to represent collective interests." That means dealing with external areas that frequently influence the cost and quality of education," he added.

"The student government worries about incidental fees, but the student association deals with building, instruction and health fees, in addition to incidental fees," the vice-president says.

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