

Herrera's victory hangs in limbo

Ramon Herrera nabbed the ASUO Presidency in this week's run-off elections...probably.

Herrera received 544 votes to Jeff Warren's 503, or a margin of 51 to 47 percent. However, 19 votes have yet to come in from the University's marine biology institute on the coast in Charleston. If Warren receives those 19 votes, it eliminates the majority Herrera needs to win...probably.

To complicate matters, there are two conflicting rules in the election regulations. One rule says a candidate must have 50 percent of the vote plus one vote. The other rule

says the candidate with the largest number of votes automatically wins.

If the 50 percent plus one vote rule is correct, and Warren receives all 19 votes, it eliminates Herrera's majority. Another run-off would then be held. If the other rule holds, Herrera comes out on top.

The ballots from Charleston were scheduled to arrive Thursday night on the bus at 7:30 p.m. However, they did not. ASUO Vice-Pres. Molly Devlin is hoping they will arrive this morning so the results can be finalized.

"Hopefully, we'll know by 8 a.m.," said Devlin.

Devlin says she'll recheck the election regulation, but thinks "we'll have to ask for a constitutional ruling." The constitutional committee, made up of two law students and two students-at-large will determine the outcome of the election should Warren win the necessary votes in Charleston. Devlin says if the committee is called, they'll have a decision "within three days."

The candidates for both Student University Affairs Board positions hang in the same limbo. They too must wait for the

Charleston votes. Those candidates are Don Heady and James Pasero in position #14, political science, history and sociology and Robert Wah and Don Condliffe, position #8, biology chemistry, physics and general science.

Both Heady and Pasero got 44 votes and the Charleston votes will decide the outcome. Wah is the unofficial winner in the #8 race with 44 votes to Condliffe's 28.

Bookstore Board of Directors election results are also in. The results appear on page 3.

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Today is the last day to change grading options for spring term classes. Changes must be made before 4 p.m. in the Registrar's Office, Oregon Hall.

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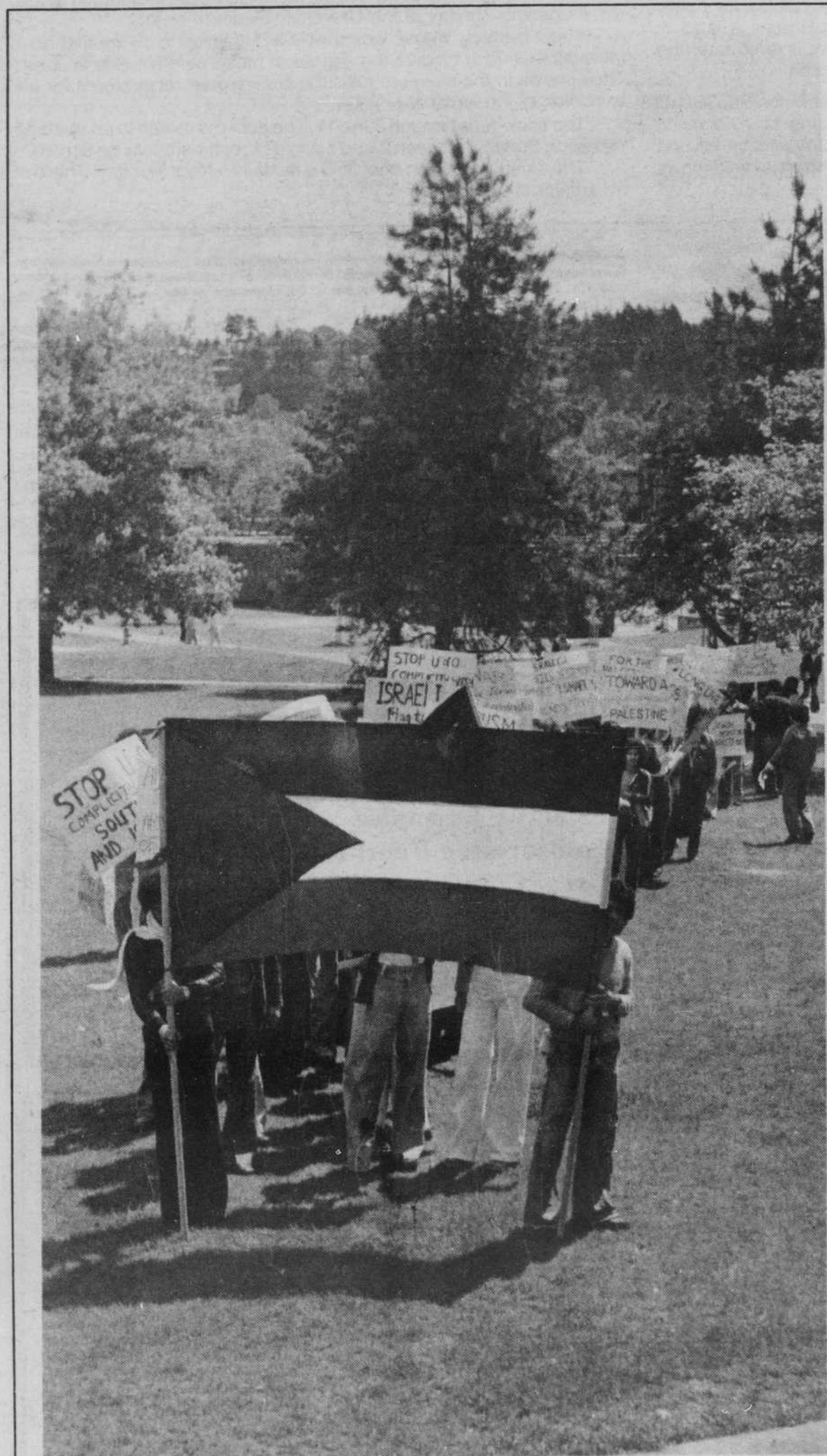


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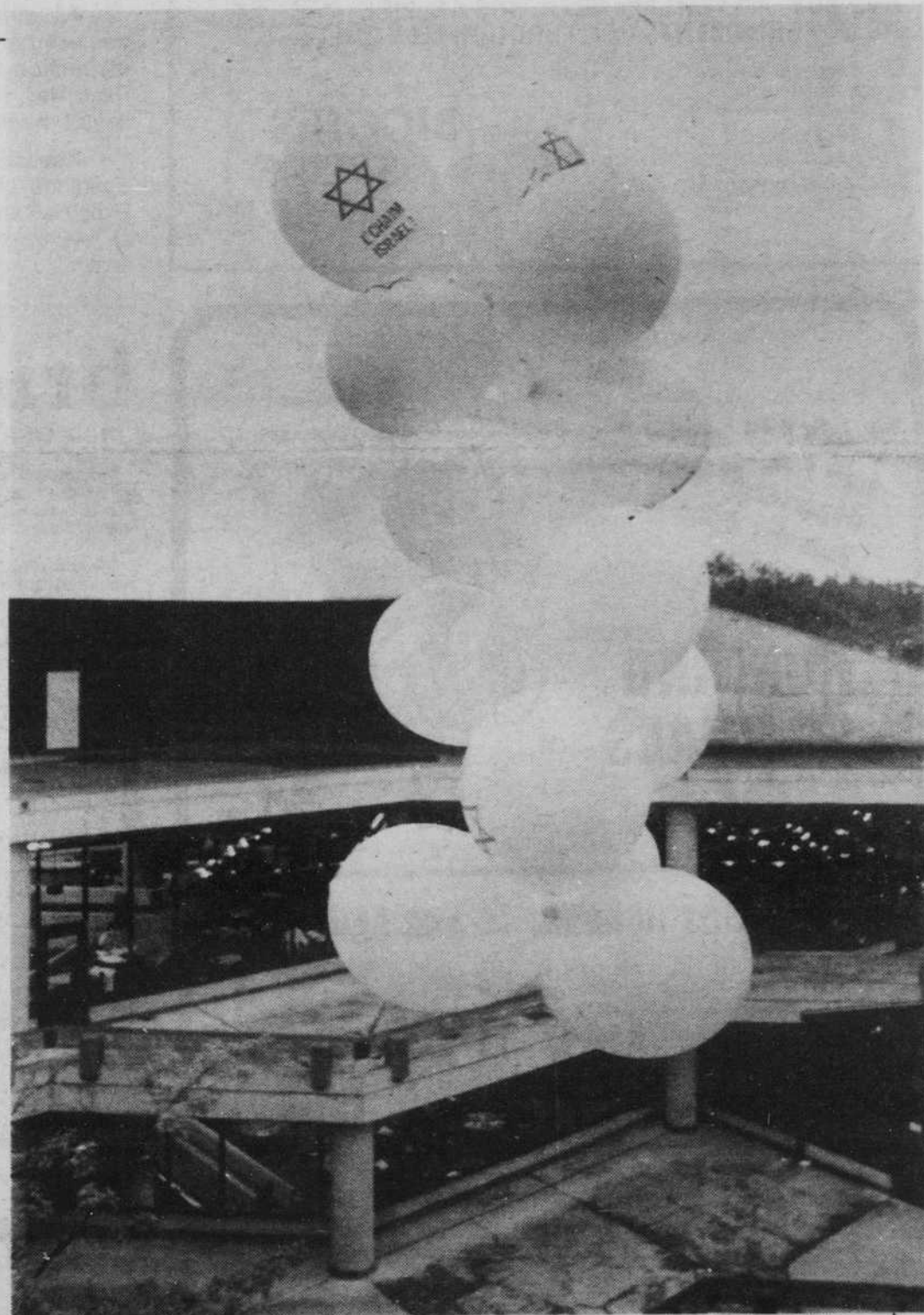


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Protest flags fest

While white balloons emblazoned with the Star of David and distributed by the Jewish Student Union flew above the EMU Thursday to mark the 30th anniversary of Israel, the Arab Student Organization and its supporters staged a protest march outside. The demonstrators claimed that the University administration's decision to raise the national Israeli flag in front of the EMU in honor of the day and Israeli University students signified a denouncement of the Palestinian cause. During a morning press conference, Esaway Amasha, Arab student spokesman said "This is a mockery," adding that the Palestinians are fighting for "a better tomorrow" with "laws to protect you - not suffocate you."