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Through the lottery glass

The fate of 4,000 sports-minded students hangs in Suite 4 of the EMU on the windows facing the breezeway today with the annual posting of the results of the athletic ticket lottery. About 6,800 cards were placed in the lottery during registration. "It seemed to go smoothly," reports ASUO Vice-Pres. Lisa Barnhardt. The figure is down from last year; possibly due to declining enrollment. Today and Tuesday anyone with lottery

numbers 1-4000 is eligible and must buy a ducat. On Wednesday and Thursday any unsold tickets will be given to those with numbers beginning at 4001 until the remaining tickets are gone. If any tickets remain Friday, they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Numbers are posted next to individual student numbers. Fees must be paid in order to purchase one of the \$37.50 passes.

Paid Lausmann staffers draw fire

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Of the Emerald

The validity of a group of Democrats formed to support Republican 4th Congressional District challenger Jerry Lausmann has come into question because the support leaders had originally approached incumbent Congressman Jim Weaver and asked to work for his campaign.

Joe Rutledge, head of the committee to re-elect Weaver, said Friday he questioned the group's validity because it was formed only after its leaders were refused paid positions on the Weaver campaign staff.

Rutledge said David Mason and Bob Gorman, leaders of the "Democrats for Lausmann" committee, had first contacted him to ask for campaign positions in August.

Mason and Gorman, both University political science graduate students, offered to work for the campaign consultants or opinion poll supervisors, but were turned down because of a lack of finances, Rutledge explained. After they were refused, Mason and Gorman approached Lausmann and were hired to run his Eugene office for \$300 monthly salary each. The "Democrats for Lausmann" committee was formed in late September, less than a

month after they were hired.

Although Mason admitted approaching Weaver's campaign about working on the staff, he said the request was made as a member of a professional research firm and not as an individual.

Mason, Gorman and Paul Johnson, another graduate student now working for Weaver's campaign, were originally members of the "Eugene Research Group," a consulting firm established to work with candidates throughout the 1978 campaign.

In a letter to Weaver in August, Mason outlined the group's function and offered to help Weaver's campaign through polls and consulting services on issues they considered important to voters. In a reply, Weaver told Mason to meet Rutledge with their offer.

Before that meeting could take place, Mason said, Johnson joined the Weaver staff and hurt the research group's "integrity."

"By his joining the Weaver campaign, Paul compromised our integrity as a non-partisan or even bi-partisan research group," Mason explained. "Because, if you work for the Democrats then the Republicans won't hire you. That may work for people doing polls, but it won't work for political consultants."

Although he met with Rutledge, Mason said he and Gorman had already decided to contact Lausmann as individuals to help his campaign.

"Essentially we view Lausmann as the more viable candidate in the race," Mason said. "Lausmann has a more pragmatic and feet-on-the-ground approach to the important issues."

Rutledge, however, said Mason was enthusiastic when they met in August and wanted to work on the Weaver campaign.

"When he (Mason) contacted me, he said he was a supporter and that he wanted to help," Rutledge explained. "But he basically wanted to know if there were any paid positions left on our staff."

When they were offered volunteer positions instead, Rutledge said Mason refused to make a commitment.

Although Mason said the "Democrats for Lausmann" group was formed as an answer to growing dissatisfaction with Weaver among 4th District Democrats, Rutledge disagrees. The group wasn't formed until Mason was refused a position on the Weaver staff, which makes the committee's intentions suspect, he said.

At a meeting of the statewide Young Democrats organization two weeks ago, Mason and Gorman spoke in favor of Lausmann as "concerned volunteers" from the Lausmann office. At the meeting, Mason said they were looking for volunteers for the Lausmann campaign. Only after a heated confrontation did they reveal they were paid members of the Lausmann staff.

Rutledge said he was also troubled because Mason and Gorman are more than "concerned volunteers."

"The committee may not have been as spontaneous as they say," he said.

Mason, however, said the committee has "grass roots support" among dissatisfied Democrats and is not part of the paid duties in the Lausmann office.

"Democrats for Lausmann is not part of the paid organization," Mason said. "We weren't paid to set up this committee, we're just being paid to run Mr. Lausmann's office."

"This committee is purely voluntary," Mason said. "We're not being paid enough to do all this stuff."

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Bad checks hurt Jim Whittenburg's reputation, but their impact on Ballot Measure 6 remains to be seen. Details on Page 3.

Two University faculty members face off in the race for District 40's legislative seat. Jack Condliffe takes a look at their campaign on Page 14.

Fall showers a few days back dampened some spirits, but not inveterate 'shroomer Shaun Brink. She shares mushroom gathering techniques on Page 20.

The Ducks surprised everyone Saturday, including Wisconsin, until the last four minutes of the game. See Page 16.