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IFC incumbents move to run-off

All three incumbent Incidental Fee Committee members advanced to next week's run-off election Thursday night after the votes were tabulated in this week's ASUO primary elections.

Incumbent Scott Bassett easily outdistances a field of 21 candidates, capturing 406 votes, while IFC member Janet Eggleston took sixth place with 268. Bill Nelson, an incumbent who was appointed this summer by ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera, finished 13th with 162 votes. A total of 990 students participated in the election.

The top 14 vote-getters will participate in a run-off election to be held next Wednesday and Thursday, with the top seven candidates in that election capturing posts on the IFC.

Maria Rojo led all newcomers to the IFC elections with 321 votes. She was closely followed by EMU Board Chairer Dusty Rhodes with 298 and Debra Ehman with

Straub ballot favors Straub, Weaver

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Also advancing to the run-off next week are Janet Schroer with 269 votes, Perry Buck with 222. Steve Wenzel with 210, Jay Donaldson with 186 and Mohammed Abdullatif with 181.

The final four qualifiers were Rocky Schatz with 177 votes, Harry Ricks with 170, Nelson, and Kevin Chambers with 148.

Candidates Clark Harris and Rich Vranizan narrowly missed the runoff, receiving 145 and 143 votes respectively.

In the Student University Affairs Board elections only one race produced a clear-cut winner. In position 7, representing physical education, recreation and health, Marty Owens ran unopposed and garnered 23 votes. Several write-in candidates received six votes each.

In the race for positions 3 and 4, representing business and economics, four candidates were scheduled to advance to the finals, but a four-way tie for the final spot sends seven people into the run-offs. Phil Hart led the balloting with 13 votes, but was closely followed by Paula Duthoy with 12.

Four candidates, all with one vote, will advance to next week's run-off in position 11, representing Fine and Applied Arts. They are: Stan Hall, David Pritchard, Ed Weston and Hiroshi Kihoshita.

In the race for position 17, representing undeclared students, Mark O'Brien is the tentative winner pending a review of the campaign by the ASUO elections Court. Meanwhile, in a close race for position 10, representing Architecture and Allied Arts, Harry Benedict was victorious pending

another campaign review by the elections court.

ASUO also conducted a straw ballot to determine student sentiments on some of the important political races and ballot measures in the state this year. Students picked incumbent Gov. Bob Straub over challenger Victor Atiyeh, 546 votes to 238, while Fourth Congressional District incumbent Democrat Jim Weaver defeated Jerry Lausmann 587 votes to 174.

Property tax limitation measure 11 was favored by a 446-366 margin, while rival ballot measure 6 failed overwhelmingly, 667-166.

University voters also rejected ballot Measure 7, which would remove state funding for abortions, and Measure 8, which would restore the death penalty in Oregon. Measure 7 failed by a 688-172 count, and Measure 8 failed 573 to 290.

Sweet-pickin' Bluegrass

Bill Monroe, considered by his fans to be the father of Bluegrass music, brought his sweet-picking Bluegrass Boys to the EMU Ballroom Thursday night and played what the folks wanted. It was an occasion to forget your troubles and whoop it up a bit.

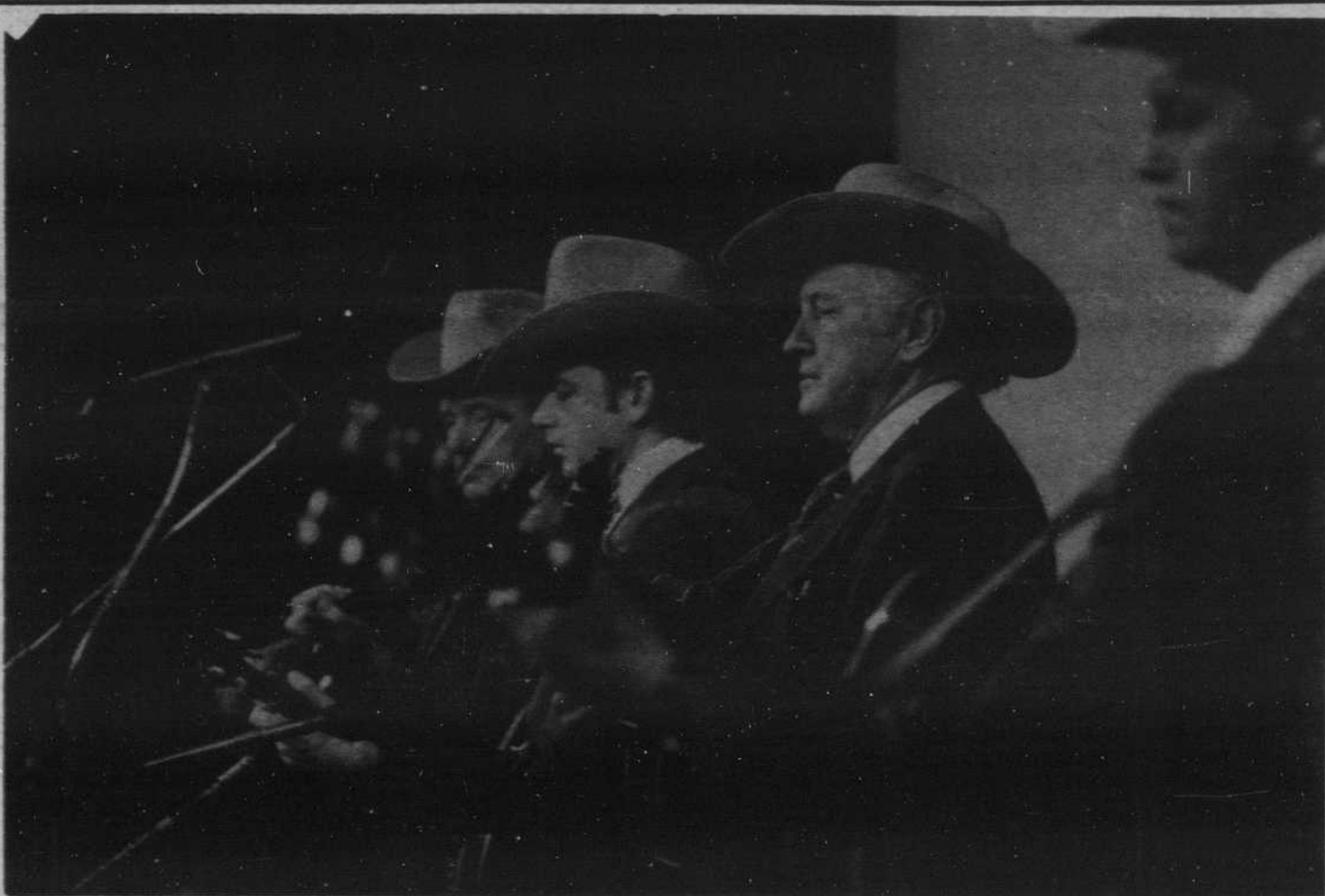


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Chunks of Oregon land are being sold from offices in Paris, Hong Kong and Los Angeles, former Gov. Tom McCall said in Eugene Thursday, warning against passage of Ballot Measure 10. See Page 6.

A U.S. District court judge ordered construction of a \$1.6 billion dam and power plant in Wyoming stopped, because the work threatened a population of whooping cranes. See Page 15.

Testimony supports community gardens

By RON TAYLOR
Of the Emerald

Strong public testimony presented Thursday night on the proposed update of Alton Baker Park's master plan stressed the importance of continuing the Community garden program.

The County Commissioners heard testimony from a dozen people representing widely varied interests. Most supported the community gardens, a garden rental space for city-bound found. The Commissioners requested the Advisory Committee to take the public testimony into consideration while further updating the Alton Baker master plan.

Speaking for the University Survival Center, Jim Stratton expressed concern over previous lack of public input. "It is unclear to me how Lane County can plan something without asking anyone about it," Stratton said.

Stratton's main concern was with the community's need for continued support on the garden sites. He also said that the plan

headed the park in the direction of over commercialization by incorporating a boat rental shop and concession stands through-out the park.

The update plan as submitted to the commissioners listed several changes to original plan. Included in the plan are the elimination of a proposed golf course and a major road through the park. The road would be replaced with a series of parking lots on the edge of the park, according to the Advisory Committee. The swimming facility in the east show case area will also be left out of future plans.

The Advisory Committee also recommended that the wording of the woodland and riverside uses reflect strong concern for preserving the natural character of these small eco-systems within the park.

The idea of a natural park was another major point. Those speaking feared the idea of allowing paths and picnic areas in the places designated to be kept natural.

Alan Contreras speaking in behalf of the Lane County Audubon Society, said the

only thing that can be done to a natural area is leave it alone. "Wildlife will not stay in an area that has been cleared of dead trees and underbrush as would be the case if this space were developed with paths and picnic areas," Contreras said.

Rust said that the community gardens should be included in the master plan. Commissioner Weinstein agreed. Rust also expressed his desire to have the natural areas of the park more clearly defined in the wording of the plan.

In another area, Tom Brandt of Eugene said the area that had been planned as a golf course had been filled with garbage. He said the kind of garbage dumped there was unknown, which might lead to severe problems similar to those experienced in Niagara, New York. There, dangerous chemicals started to seep to the surface of an old land-fill site. This seepage caused serious health problems for local residents. Brandt suggested that Lane County needs to look into the possibilities of this happening in Alton Baker.