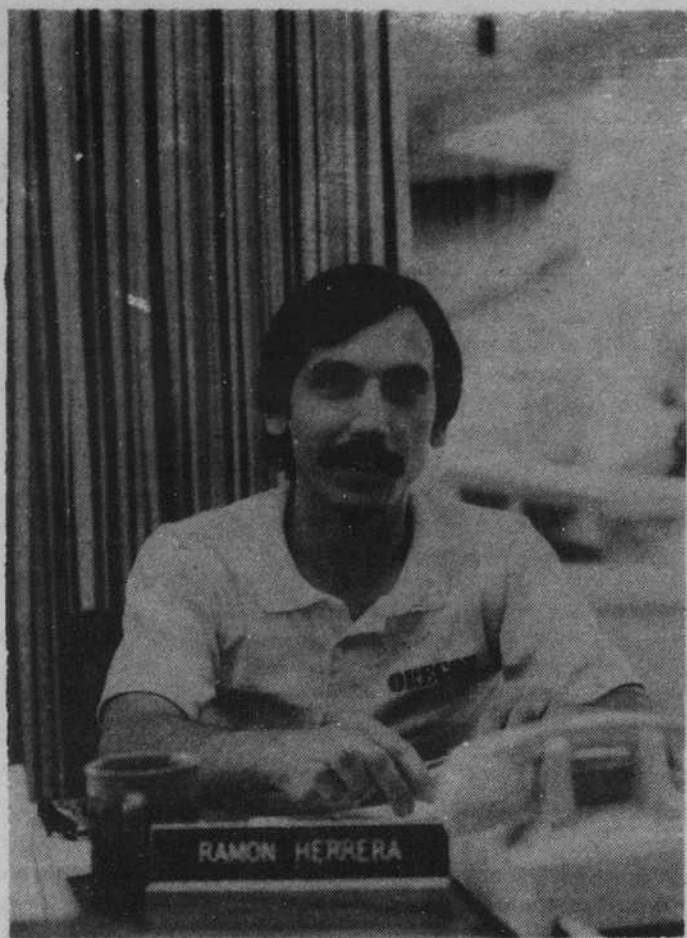




Ramon Herrera

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Herrera proposes two IFC appointments, class offices

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A ballot measure to change two Incidental Fee Committee positions from elected to appointed posts is one of three constitutional amendments ASUO Pres. Ramon Herrera is planning to submit to spring election voters.

A similar amendment was defeated in 1976, but Herrera says he thinks it has a chance this year.

"I've heard complaints from students and programs saying the IFC is biased," he says, adding that he hopes the appointments will do away with that criticism.

"I think it's important that the ASUO have some kind of representation on the IFC, Herrera says, "I don't think the students the ASUO appoints will be puppets of the ASUO."

Plans for the proposal are still in the beginning stages says Herrera, adding that one possibility is to have the Student University Affairs Board appoint a person to fill one position.

Herrera is also planning an amendment to eliminate the ASUO fall election.

"The fall election comes up too fast," he says, adding that it's elimination will enhance student interest and also may produce a higher turnout of voters in the spring.

IFC and SUAB members alone are elected in the fall,

says Herrera. "The elimination of the fall election will give the IFC and SUAB members more time to prepare for their jobs," he says.

Herrera also supports an amendment that would reinstate junior and senior class officer positions. The positions were eliminated in the fall 1976 election. One reason the positions were eliminated, says Herrera, is that class officers seemed more concerned with social instead of political affairs.

"I think social interaction with administration and community is important," Herrera says. "Without the class officers, we've kinda lost touch."

Class officers would also be called upon to work on ASUO issues, says Herrera.

Sophomores and freshmen are excluded from the amendment because juniors and seniors are "obviously the ones who are usually involved with student government," he says.

But Herrera says he is open to comments and is considering suggestions to add sophomore class officers and maybe freshmen representatives.

"There's always plenty of work to do," he says. "The ASUO has too many things to do and not enough people to do them."

Customers, legislators demand utility rate refund

By GREG WASSON
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SALEM — Consumers and legislators repeated demands Wednesday that Portland General Electric Co. (PGE) return at least \$1.57 million to its ratepayers.

The groups charged that after passage of Ballot Measure 9, which prohibited utilities from charging for plants not yet producing power, the Public Utility Commissioner allowed PGE to do so.

At a press conference featuring representatives of Oregonians for Utility Reform, the Oregon State Grange, the Gray Panthers, and the Democratic Party, among others, Sen. Jan Wyers, D-Portland, explained why the issue hasn't been taken to court.

"We've gone to the Governor, at whose pleasure the Commissioner serves.

There's still time to see if the Governor will respond."

The PUC, Charles Davis, has said he has no intention of forcing PGE to give the rebate. Wyers told of a meeting he had with the Governor last week.

"I didn't find him to be terribly interested or well briefed on the subject."

Wyers expressed cynicism at seeking help from Atiyeh.

"Statewide political campaigns are run on utility money. This makes it rather difficult to operate in an arena where the people you have to go to for redress are statewide elected officials."

The House Elections Committee took testimony Wednesday morning on a bill that would allow political parties to include Independents in their primaries.

The measure, HB 2307, sponsored by Rep. Bill Rutherford, R-McMinnville, is "a

realization that this is an appropriate time to open the primaries to Independent voters," said State Treasurer Clay Myers. "The nearly one-half million Oregonians who would hypothetically prefer Independent status will no longer be locked out of the process by which nominees are selected."

But the measure received static from the Democrats on the committee. The chairer, Rep. Wayne Fawbush, D-Hood River, charged that Rutherford and Myers were proposing major changes in the election system.

"If we want to change the primary so it is truly a general election, fine, but let's say so. We have to be careful about couching it in terms that the parties aren't being fair to the Independents who choose not to belong to them."

Two bills that would help middle-income families with college students have been

introduced by Rep. Grattan Kerans, D-Eugene.

One allows establishment of an education fund where \$750 per year could be donated and shielded from income taxes.

The other would allow an eight percent credit on education expenses up to \$1,000 and a four percent deduction on costs between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

The credit would be limited to \$140 per year, and could not be taken on money spent for living expenses.

"It's not planned to be a total, 100 percent scholarship," says Kerans. "It's to provide some parity into the middle-income bracket."

On a similar bill, introduced last session, Legislative Revenue estimated it would cost the state about \$11 million over two years. According to Richard Munn, head of that office, for the 1979-81 biennium, the measure would likely cost \$15 million.

ask the sexpert

This is a weekly column by Planned Parenthood of Lane County. Send questions to the Emerald, 300 EMU, or call Planned Parenthood at 344-1611.

Is it just a myth that athletes should abstain from sex the night

before a game?

Yes — a classic myth. Perhaps it had its beginnings in the old-time notion that sports epitomize good, clean living (sex, of course, being neither good nor clean).

There is no scientific basis, however, for the idea that ejacula-

tion physically exhausts the athlete. (Note that the myth applies only to men, women being neither athletic nor sexual). Roman gladiators were offered female companionship the night before games, although this may have been more a gesture of kindness

to the likely-to-be-deceased than anything else.

Many modern-day coaches still warn against intercourse or masturbation the "night before." If they don't believe sex saps strength, then they may fear it reduces necessary tension. Quite the opposite is true. An athlete who is tense has less body control.

Coaches are right on one score, however. Teams on the road often include sex in a whole evening of wining, dining and late hours. Obviously the team would be much better off if its members spent their last few hours curled up — alone — with a copy of *Sports Illustrated*. Dr. Williams Masters (of Masters and Johnson), himself a former athlete, is reported to have said that athletes can perform at maximum ability after a sexual experience as long as they have sufficient time to recuperate — one to five minutes!

Are some foods or drugs really aphrodisiacs?

Chemical analysis of countless foodstuffs has found no evidence of properties that would increase sexual desire or performance. Sexual desire is certainly related to health, which depends partly on highly nutritious foods. For extremely malnourished people, food can restore a sexual drive

lost during severe hunger.

The drug cantharides (Spanish Fly) does cause irritation of the urinary tract, which in turn causes blood to rush to that area. An erection can result but usually without accompanying desire. Besides, Spanish Fly is a poison. The amount required for an erection can be fatal. Drugs like marijuana, morphine and hashish have also been called aphrodisiacs. Like alcohol, these drugs release inhibitions, but taken in large doses, reduce sexual desire.

Recently there have been intriguing reports of the accidentally discovered aphrodisiac effects of L-dopa (used in treating Parkinson's disease) and PCPA, which is experimentally used to treat schizophrenia and some tumors. Research on their aphrodisiac properties is being done with animals, but it's much too premature to extrapolate to humans.

A friend of mine thinks you can't get pregnant if there's no female orgasm. Would you please tell her the facts?

The fact is pregnancy is unrelated to orgasm. For example, women get pregnant through rape and artificial insemination with no orgasm.

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