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General election begins today

Record voter turnout expected, if sunny

By Richard Burr
Of the Emerald

A close ASUO presidential race and several ballot measures will be decided as ASUO general elections voting starts today and ends Thursday.

A record voter turnout is expected if sunny weather prevails, says Paul Rudinsky, ASUO executive vice president in charge of elections.

"(Turnout) should run at least into the 3,000s," Rudinsky says. "This is the closest race in several years."

With so much at stake, ... I can't see any student not being affected by these elections, he says.

Students need to present their picture identification and paid fee card to vote at the six campus voting booths. The booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

David Gibson, an accounting senior, and Mary Hotchkiss, an English and French senior, are facing off for the ASUO presidency. The two candidates were forced into a runoff when neither won more than 50 percent of the vote during the primary election last week.

Fourteen Incidental Fee Committee candidates will vie for seven committee seats. Only one Student University Affairs Board seat, telecommunications/speech/theatre, needs to be determined.

Six EMU Board candidates are vying for three "at-large" positions. Richard Mason, who was eliminated from the field in the primaries, has replaced Steve Pesante on the ballot because Pesante withdrew.

Four candidates are competing for two seats on the

newly created President's Advisory Council. The council meets with the University president but does not decide binding policy.

Two candidates are vying for the "at-large" position on the Oregon Daily Emerald board of directors.

Students also may vote on three ballot measures, two opinion questions and three pages of ASUO Constitution amendments.

The ballot measures involve increasing the funding of the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, asking students to vote on OSPIRG's increased funding every two years and declaring the University a nuclear-free zone.

Students also will be asked their opinion on which scheduling system — quarter or semester — they prefer and whether ROTC scholarship practices violate University discrimination policies.

House revives bill banning state investing

SALEM (AP) — The House on Tuesday changed its mind and revived a once-dead bill that would restrict state investments in companies doing substantial business in racially segregated South Africa.

The House voted 32-26 to reconsider the bill that had been rejected Monday and sent it back to committee.

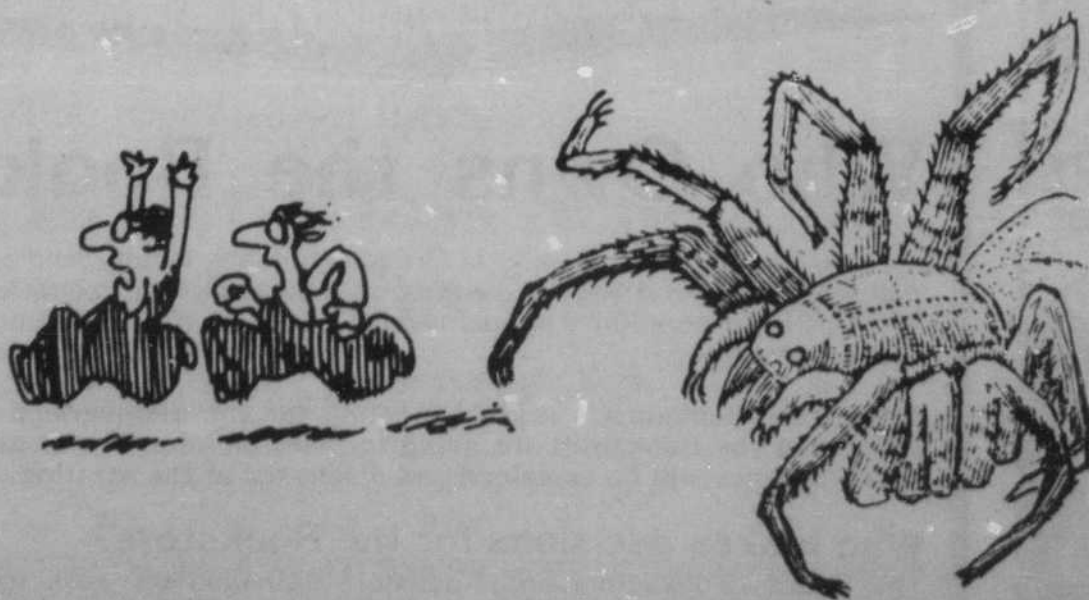
The measure, intended to force the state to get rid of investments in enterprises doing business with South Africa, was defeated by a 34-25 vote on Monday. But it was revived Tuesday without debate and returned to the Human Resources Committee.

Opponents contend HB 2772 could result in lower earnings on public employee pension money and other state funds that are invested in securities of companies with enterprises in the African country.

But backers of the bill argue that it doesn't require the state to drop any investments if the money couldn't be invested elsewhere at similar rates of return.

In other action, a bill dealing with health insurance payments for treatments by acupuncturists won narrow approval after surviving an attempt to ship in back to committee.

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