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ODE BOARD

The Oregon Daily Emerald Board of Directors voted 7-1 in a secret ballot to remove former Board Chair Dane Claussen from the board in a special meeting Wednesday night.

Claussen, publisher of the fledgling student newspaper the Oregon Commentator and a student-elected member of the board, was removed without board discussion and with no cause of removal stated.

"I think the board's vote was based on politics and personalities," Claussen said.

The bylaws of the Oregon Daily Emerald Publishing Co. include a section that allows the board to remove any director by a majority vote without citing cause.

The special meeting had been called for the purpose of removing Claussen and Rich Burr, editor of the Oregon Commentator, who was appointed to the board by ASUO Pres. Mary

However, the vote to remove Burr, also in secret ballot, was 4-2 with two directors abstaining and Burr remains on the board.

Claussen will remain on the board until a replacement is determined.

At the board's regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, David Kosse, student director representing the paper's advertising department, was elected Chair of the Board and Denise Fuller, student director appointed by ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss, was elected Secretary of the Board.

HEARINGS OFFICER

Joseph Hollander, a Costitution Court hearings officer, has determined that a "potential conflict" exists with University student Tom Birkland holding positions on three different University groups.

But Hollander has recommended to the Court that Birkland be allowed to maintain his positions if he adheres to four provisions.

Birkland is director of the Political Science Student Union and the campus chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and is a member of the Student University Affairs

Hollander's recommendation is that Birkland, as a voting member of SUAB, abstain from confirmation votes concerning Incidental Fee Committee members and EMU Board members, be involved in no matters before SUAB concerning the PSSU or ACLU and he not represent either PSSU or the ACLU before SUAB.

EMU BOARD HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee of the EMU Board

Wednesday discussed renting office space to the Oregon Commentator, the new student newspaper; whether to charge rent to the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group and granted a request by ASUO for use of the Open Mike in the EMU Courtyard every Wednesday through the end of fall term.

University student Dane Claussen, publisher of the paper, was told to ask EMU Director Adell McMillan to provide a lease contract and submit it to the full board for approval.

The question regarding OSPIRG was tabled and a research committee was formed to determine if a parallel exists between other non-profit groups in EMU and OSPIRG

SUAB

The Student University Affairs Board Tuesday outlined an amendment that would raise student representation in a reduced University Senate to 14 from the eight originally suggested by a task force on faculty governance.

The admendment passed in the senate Wednesday and now must face the facultydominated University Assembly on Nov. 9.

In other action, SUAB added three members to its ranks, including Mia Anderson, an architecture and allied arts graduate student; Shereem Proper, an education senior; and Maureen Noland, a senior majoring in human development and resources.

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chcraft secretly because of are about 80,000 witches in the society's incorrect assumptions United States.

Saturday night she and about 30 about witches, Fox says. Most Americans remember the other followers of the Craft burnwitchcraft trials and subsequent ed down a 10-foot maypole they burnings of witches by the 17th had built last spring, while they century Puritans. Yet witches were chanted and danced around its persecuted long before then, Fox The maypole symbolizes earth's

Since the 12th century Inquisifertilization, which enhances growth of living things. Burning tion, paganism - and especially witchcraft - has been persecuted the maypole in turn symbolizes by the Christian church because the death of old life to make way paganism deviated from the norm, Fox says. Fox is one of few witches who

The Inquisition was a Roman have dared "come out of the broomcloset." Most practice wit-Catholic tribunal aimed at suppressing heresy. During the Inquisition, 9 million people were killed in the name of Christianity,

Inquisition leaders portrayed witches as devil-worshipping, wart-nosed, ugly, old hags who soured milk when they came near

That reputation is still prevalent in society, Fox says.

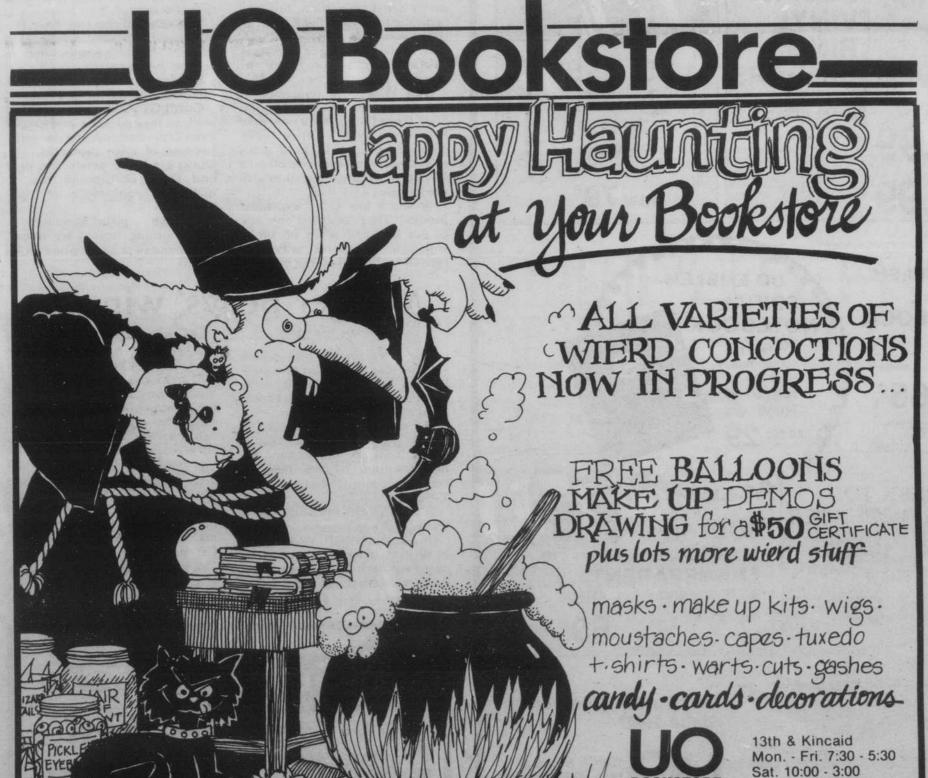
Ironically, witches don't even believe in the devil, Fox says. "We believe in nature. To believe in the devil, you have to believe that the world is black and white. It is many colors. The world isn't that simple," she says.

"We're just like everybody else, normal folks with normal jobs. People tell me I'm in this for some reason other than I am. But this is an important spiritual thing for me and I just like to practice it without harassment.

"In a country that practices freedom of religion, I'd like to be able to practice (witchcraft) without being thought of as committing a crime."

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