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Deadline nears for filing ASUO election petitions

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Now that a relaxing spring break is behind, it's time to gear up for the hectic month ahead of ASUO elections. The elections officially start Thursday evening with the closure of filing for all candidates seeking ASUO offices. Those interested in running are reminded to submit their election petitions by the 5 p.m. deadline that day.

Positions that are open for the 1985-86 year include the ASUO Executive presidency and vice presidency. The ASUO Executive is the recognized voice of University students and it administers the more than 70 student programs. A candidate for the president's office may run with a designated vice president or alone. Each position receives a stipend and lasts one year.

The Incidental Fee Committee has six of its seven positions open for next year. IFC members are responsible for distributing more than \$2.5 million in incidental fees to the more than 70 ASUO-funded groups. Four members will be elected to serve one-year slots and the remaining two new members will serve on the committee for two-year terms. IFC positions also receive a stipend.

In addition, 15 two-year positions on the Student University Affairs Board are available. SUAB represents students in the faculty-student University

Senate and Assembly, which debate and set general University policies. Members are elected to represent specific academic departments and colleges, as well as undeclared majors. SUAB members also receive a nominal salary.

The EMU board of directors has four two-year spots open. The board determines the policies and long-range plans of the union, and deals with day-to-day management decisions. The board also is divided into EMU House and Budget subcommittees, which respectively allocate EMU office and lobby use of space and the organization's budget. Some board positions receive a stipend.

Also available are two one-year positions on the Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council, which discusses and advises University President Paul Olum on matters of student concern. ASPAC includes representatives from the ASUO, SUAB, IFC and other organizations, as well as two "student-at-large" positions that each last one year and do not receive a stipend.

Finally, a one-year "student-at-large" position on the Oregon Daily Emerald board of directors also is available. The ODE board handles the business matters of the paper, such as budgeting, hiring and employee evaluations; but it does not determine editorial policy or newspaper content. It is helpful to have knowledge of jour-

nalism and/or business. The positions do not receive stipends.

Candidates who file after the Thursday deadline will not appear on the ballot but may run as write-in candidates. Success in the April 17-18 primary permits the candidate to file a petition for the general election one week later.

The deadline for ballot measures is April 8 at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in placing a measure on the ballot should immediately contact the Elections Board, located in EMU Suite 4, as the process can be complex. The wording of initiatives and referendums must be first approved by the ASUO Constitution Court before signatures can be gathered.

The deadline for submitting Voter's Guide statements is Friday at 5 p.m. A candidates meeting will be held the same day, at a time to be announced later.

Additional elections information is available from the Elections Board or from the people who now fill the positions. Visit the ASUO office, EMU Suite 4, to pick up a candidate's information packet.

Formal candidates debates have been scheduled for April 8-12, 15, 16, 22 and 23, says Jayashree Sil, elections board member. Also, a forum is set for April 10 in the Carson Hall dining room at 7:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



The delights of Saturday

Colors and smells abound weekly at the Eugene Saturday Market, and last weekend was especially exciting — Saturday was the first day of the market's 1985 season.

Despite the gray weather, the market, which features homemade foods, unique and unusual crafts and local entertainment, was teeming with curious and friendly faces, like those of the balloon man and the toddler.

Photo by Karen Stallwood

Nine declare candidacy for student positions

Nine people recently have filed to run for 1985-86 ASUO offices, including the Executive presidency and vice presidency, Incidental Fee Committee and the Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council.

Lynn Pinckney, co-director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, is running for ASUO president with John Dreeszen, ASUO finance coordinator and member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Pinckney is a second-year law student and Dreeszen, who is running for vice president, is a graduate student in finance.

Kevin Lewis, ASUO budget director and a member of the Chi Psi fraternity, is running for the ASUO president's office with vice president candidate Ryne Jackson, an IFC member. Lewis is a senior in finance and management, and Jackson is a second-year law student.

Others who have filed to run for offices include Todd Walcott, currently the IFC's office manager and a sophomore pre-business major. Anne Wyatt, a first-year law student who was involved with the Women in Transition program, also has filed to run for an IFC position.

Cheryl Pellegrini, a first-year law student, and Michael West, ASUO coordinator for program development and a junior in English, also are running for IFC positions.

Running for ASPAC is Lloyd Athearn, a junior in history and political science and currently an IFC member.

Although he has not yet formally filed, Todd Saunders, ASUO assistant coordinator of events, is running for the president's office. Saunders, an economics major, has not yet announced if he will run with a vice presidential candidate or alone, however.

Voters approve widening of streets in a special election

By Cynthia Whitfield
Of the Emerald

In a March 26 special election, Eugene residents approved the controversial widening of Sixth and Seventh avenues by a margin of 2-1. Voters also approved a county-wide serial library levy, but voted down the proposed Lane Community College levy.

The controversy surrounding the \$7.2 million federal- and state-financed street-widening project centered around the removal of 26 historic trees. According to plan adopted by the Eugene City Council, the trees must be removed in order to widen the streets from three to four lanes.

The city's official project description calls for reconstruction of the present roadbeds of Sixth and Seventh avenues between High and Garfield streets, widening Sixth and Seventh avenues to four lanes (46 feet) between High and Garfield streets, and removing 26 historic trees while planting approximately 600 new trees. In addition, the project involves reconstructing and installing sidewalks as well as installing new traffic signals, street lights and signs.

"I was sure the measure would pass, but I didn't think it would pass by so large a margin," said Eugene City Councilor Emily Schue.

Citizen's Alliance for Trees member Jon Silvermoon speculated that the absence of

University students in Eugene during spring vacation was part of the reason the measure was approved by so large a margin.

However, Schue says it is unclear whether the low University turnout can be attributed to student scarcity or just disinterest.

"The election dates are set by state law, and there are only a small number of dates to choose from. March 26 was chosen because we already planned to hold an election on that date," Schue says.

CAT sponsored a ballot this fall to amend the city charter to require a public vote before trees 50 years or older could be removed from within the 1915 Eugene boundaries. According to Silvermoon, the amendment passed in the Nov. 6 election and was heavily supported by students.

Subsequently, both CAT and Citizens for Better Streets, a group supporting the street-widening plan, waged public information campaigns in an attempt to persuade voters of the validity of their respective views.

Phase One of the project, stretching from High Street to Washington Street, will be done this summer. Construction of the section from Washington to Garfield streets will be completed in 1987 or later.

The approved \$510,000 county library levy

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