

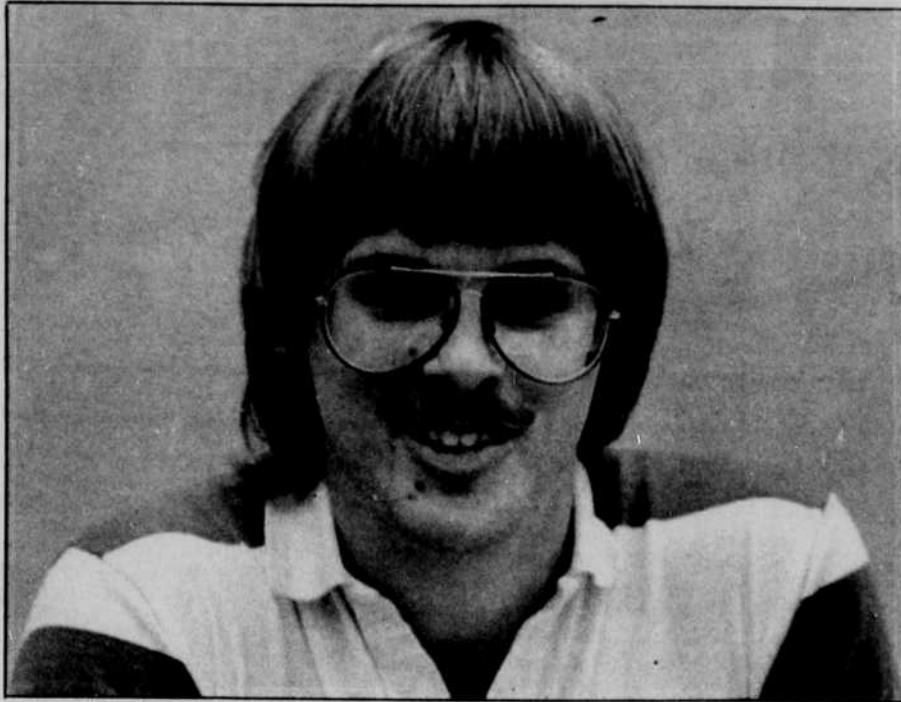
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New political party forms, looks to challenge SPA

By Dennis Fernandes

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A new coalition is being formed to offer "equal, non-biased representation" of all student groups and candidates to University students for the upcoming student elections.

The new party, Students for Equal Representation (SER), wishes to offer students information regarding "relevant issues" and to "educate the students on how their student government is really being run," something members feel the ASUO does not provide, according to Gary Cannon, SER chairman.

Cannon added that SER is not a group of "headhunters who are out to get specific groups."

The group held its second organizational meeting Monday night. It needs three such meetings to be considered a

student group by the ASUO. Currently, the SER is planning to use flyers and handouts to fulfill its informative goals before the elections, which are in April and May.

The group is currently funded by personal donations, and Cannon hopes to get financial backing from candidates and student groups after the SER is registered with the ASUO.

The SER is directing its major complaints towards the Incidental Fee Committee and Students for a Progressive Agenda, a self-named political group that has members scattered throughout ASUO. Cannon alleges while the IFC denies requests for funding increases in such groups as Circle K and the Athletic Department, it chooses to "support" programs with outside or international

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Graduation Gift backs renovation; donations pave campus sidewalks

By Sarah Kitchen

Of the Emerald

Following the trend initiated with Portland's Pioneer Square, and the Hult Center's "Be a Brick" campaign, graduating University students who contribute to Graduation Gift 1987 will receive a brick on 13th Avenue with their name and graduation date permanently engraved on it.

Since 1982 the Student University Relations Council has sponsored the Graduation Gift program, through which

students of the University may contribute a monetary gift to the University upon graduation. Up until 1986, the Graduation Gift went toward the library project, which was formed to benefit the University Library. The program recently was changed in order to incorporate areas of the University other than the library. The latest project, "Get a Piece of The Walk," was formed in conjunction with the planned renovation of 13th Avenue.

By donating to "Get a Piece of the Walk" students will be able

to leave a mark on the University, said Sandy Baruah, chairman of the Graduation Gift Committee.

"The University will remain a part of the graduating students, and their name on a brick here in Eugene, Oregon will remind them of the University," Baruah said.

The University does not favor gimmicky fund-raising techniques; however, putting student's names on bricks is a

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Senate confirms Weiner to ASUO Constitution Court despite process controversy

By Cami Swanson

Of the Emerald

Despite recent controversy over its process of confirmation, the Student Senate confirmed the ASUO appointment of Richard Wiener to the Constitution Court Monday, calling him a "qualified and mature" candidate.

Due to criticism of confirmation procedures, the senate decided to discuss the problem at length at their April 4 retreat. According to Chairman Randy MacDonald, the real reason for the present confusion about the senate's confirmation process is because the process was never defined by any of the previous Student Senates.

"There's never been any mention of it made in any record, at least not in what I've read," he said. "We've started

Concerned that senators' personal views printed in the Emerald would be unfair to candidates being considered for confirmation by the senate, Frymoyer suggested that the senate's confirmations be held in a closed session, saying "personal opinion shouldn't be spread all over the pages of the Emerald."

Other senators disagreed with the idea of a closed session, saying that if the senate confirms a candidate, the student body needs to know why and that their decisions should not be based upon personal opinion in the first place. Senator Tim Chase added that if a conflict exists in the senate, students should know that as well.

Citing the Oregon Open Meetings Law, which was enacted by the Oregon

Goldschmidt changes budget, source of money not specified

By Chris Norred

Of the Emerald

Gov. Neil Goldschmidt made major changes in his recommended budget for higher education on Monday, adding \$1.4 million in state support, said Debbie Lincoln, education budget analyst for the state Executive Department.

Goldschmidt's new recommendations came as a surprise to legislators beginning the process of writing the 1987-89 budget for Oregon's public colleges and universities.

"I think there will be problems with that, because right now I can't see where (the added money) is going to come from," said Rep. Tom Mason, D-Portland, chairman of the Ways and Means education subcommittee. The governor did not recommend a source for the funds, Mason said.

The education subcommittee is responsible for writing budgets for all sectors of Oregon public education, and it began work on the higher education budget Monday.

The governor added the \$1.4 million to his budget recommendation to help pay costs the University and Western Oregon State College are expected to incur in the 1987-88 school year due to extreme increases in enrollment.

Goldschmidt's original recommendation did not include funds for enrollment increases before 1988-89.

"When the governor made his initial recommendation, the enrollment estimates were not complete," said Dave Quenzér, State System budget and fiscal policy administrator. But new estimates of next year's enrollment at WOSC and the University provided evidence that convinced Goldschmidt more funds would be needed to hire instructors and meet other demands of the extra students at the two schools, he said.

Higher education officials agreed to help fund enrollment increases by shifting about \$2 million from budgets for new building operation and maintenance and agriculture and forestry programs' "federal fund replacement," Quenzér said.

With the shifted funds, Goldschmidt's new budget recommendation includes a total of \$6.3 million in state funds for college enrollment increases in the next 2 years.

A portion of that money, plus the tuition from the added students, should cover the University's needs for educating the record number of students expected in 1987-88, said University President Paul Olum.

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MacDonald said that the Student Senate limits its reason for confirming a candidate to times when there is a question of whether a candidate is incompetent or has a conflict of interest.

Vice Chairman Karen Frymoyer voiced concern over recent articles in the Oregon Daily Emerald that she said made "ourselves and others look absurd."

Legislature, MacDonald said that all meetings must be open to the press, although in some cases an executive session could be called in which the press would be allowed to attend, but would not be allowed to report on a particular subject.

The senate voted to approve the ASUO's nomination of Wiener to the Constitution Court by a 12-0-2 margin. Senators Tim Chase and Shahbaz Yusuf abstained from voting.