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Students approve all ballot measures

LTD barely passes with 15-vote margin

By Kelvin Wee
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Students approved all seven ballot measures in the ASUO General Elections on Tuesday and Wednesday, including the controversial Lane Transit District measure, which won by 15 votes.

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), the Oregon Daily Emerald, the University Counseling Center and three ASUO measures also came out on top during the elections.

A total of 1,764 students voted, whereas 1,685 turned out last week for the primaries.

The Lane Transit District (LTD) measure, which asks students to pay \$4.50 a term for unlimited bus use, received 855 "yes" votes and 840 "no" votes.

Donna Quon, LTD marketing intern and measure proponent, said she was surprised LTD won with all the recent controversy surrounding the measure. "I am really pleased with the results," she said.

In the past week, several concerned students attempted to invalidate LTD's proposal by citing possible procedural violations.

Quon said LTD intends to work with the ASUO Executive in spending the estimated \$240,000 that will be generated for 1988-89. She added that LTD will offer

Elections at a glance

Ballot Measures	Yes	No
81) OSPIRG	1,385	281
82) Lane Transit District	855	840
83) Oregon Daily Emerald	1,171	471
87) Counseling Center	1,053	453
Constitution Amendments		
84) Conflict of interest	812	547
85) Student Senate	1,126	154
86) Elections	914	292
Student Senate		
Seat 3 Nils Christiansen		
Seat 5 Paul Ehrlich		
Seat 8 Kevin Pedigo		

refunds each term to students who don't want to use the service.

The Oregon Daily Emerald measure received 1,171 "yes" votes and 471 "no" votes. Students will pay \$1.90 a term to fund replacement of the Emerald's computer production system.

The OSPIRG measure, requesting \$2 a student a

term, received 1,385 "yes" votes and 281 "no" votes.

OSPIRG Local Board Chairwoman Lauren Norris said she was ecstatic. "It shows the devotion and great energy that's been going on in this chapter," she said.

Maureen Kirk, OSPIRG State Board Chairwoman, said she too was pleased. "It shows there's a real upsurge in student activism," she said. "We've got plans for next year. This groundswell of support will ensure a good program for students."

The University Counseling Center measure won with 1,053 votes in favor and 453 opposed. Students will contribute \$2.50 a term to provide increased counseling service.

"We are very pleased about that," said Counseling Center Director Ron May. "The students have had a long history of supporting the center. That's very gratifying."

ASUO President Kasey Brooks also cheered the center's success. "I am happy to see those increased services will be provided because I think they are necessary. I think students did themselves a great service."

Brooks also expressed delight that voters approved the three ASUO "housekeeping" measures designed to increase student government efficiency.

Three new student senators also were voted into office: Nils Christiansen, seat 3 (98 votes); Paul Ehrlich, seat 5 (67 votes); and Kevin Pedigo, seat 8 (35 votes).

ASUO Elections Board Chairwoman Barbara Hankins announced late Wednesday that there will be a recount of all the ballots today. The recount was ordered by Brian Ebert, who ran for Student Senate seat 3.

Election rules allow for a recount order if a candidate or ballot measure comes within 40 votes of winning. Ebert received 85 votes, 13 less than Christiansen.

Greek presidents pledge obedience to 'dry' policy

By Mike Drummond
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After more than two hours of discussion Wednesday night with members of the University administration, the Greek Presidents Council announced it would abide by the University's new policy on keg and group-alcohol purchases using house treasury dollars.

However, Interfraternity Council President Hafez Daraee said the Greek community has problems with some of the provisions in the new policy.

"As far as the IFC is concerned, we support the policy in theory. It's very important we get our direction straight again — we were never supposed to be here for the alcohol," Daraee said. "But at the same time, there's a lot of rough spots in this policy that need to be worked out."

Some of those rough spots include policy enforcement and defining "large quantities" of alcohol.

House liability is another concern of the Greek community, Daraee said.

For example, Greek presidents questioned whether houses should be penalized if an individual member buys a pony keg to share with his fellow members. The purchase of hard alcohol using pooled money from three or more house members was another point of contention.

"If three or more people pooled their money to buy a half gallon (of hard alcohol), technically they would be in violation of the policy even if they were over 21, as ridiculous as it may sound," Daraee said. "In that case it would be to

your advantage to buy your own individual fifth."

"The way the policy is written right now, three people are considered a pool," said Vice Provost for Student Affairs Gerard Moseley.

The Greek Presidents Council met with Moseley, Dean of Students Shirley Wilson and Director of Student Development Jane DeGidio.

"They (Greek presidents) pointed out that for groups that are very large, this is really a difficult thing to police," Moseley said.

The current draft of the policy is subject for modification, he said, noting some of the Greek presidents suggested that a pooling number based on a percentage of house membership would be more fair.

"These were just rough suggestions, but a percentage basis would really show that this was an organizational event. And that seems reasonable to me," Moseley said.

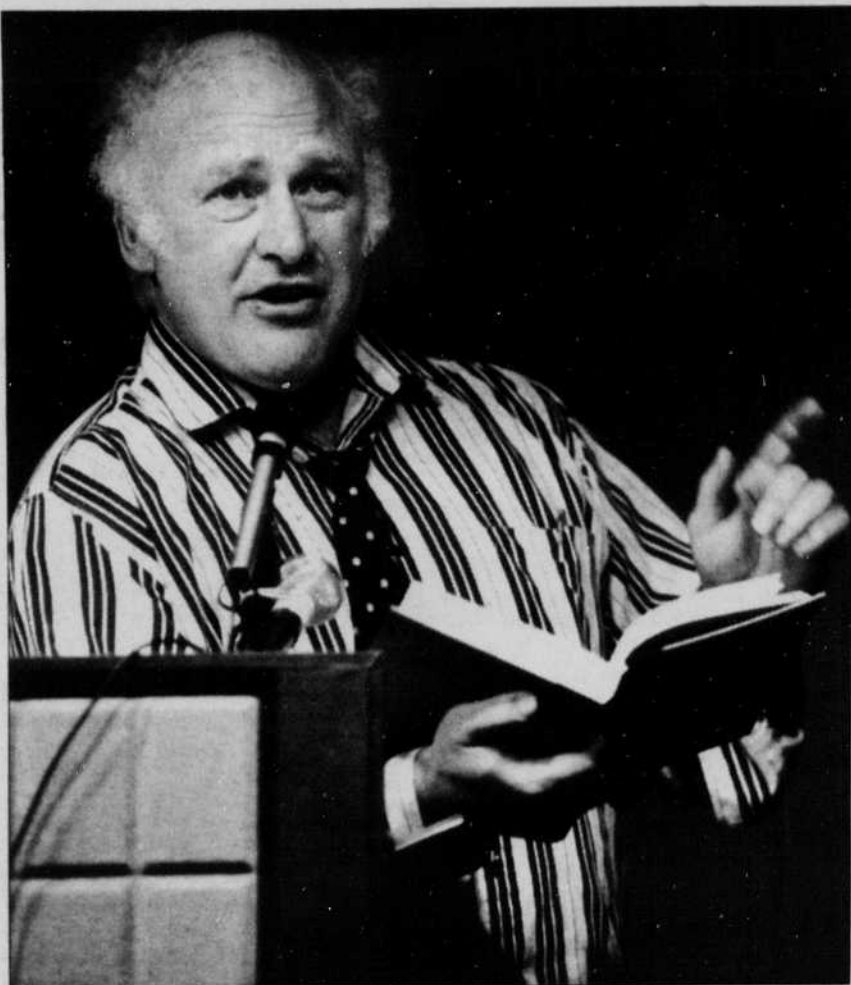
"If they (University administration) want an effective policy, right now what they have is an ineffective policy. It has a few loopholes," Daraee said.

Kathy Sullivan, Panhellenic chairwoman, said the sororities fully support the new policy; however, modifications need to be made.

"The sororities are just as responsible as the fraternities are (for drinking liability). Even though we don't throw the parties, we half-sponsor them."

She said in some respects the new policy "is going a little too far in saying over-21-year-olds can't buy kegs when

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Tales from the 'Demon Box'

Author Ken Kesey read a short story from his novel "Demon Box" on Wednesday night before a jam-packed crowd at the Beanery, 790 E. 14th Ave. Kesey appeared with Australian performance poet Geoff Goodfellow, who is touring the United States.

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