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Briefly

The Student Senate met Tuesday night to discuss its plans for the year and ways for students to get involved in the decision-making process. Senators also announced the vacancies of several senate seats.

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Regionally

Bureau of Land Management officials said Tuesday about one-quarter of the Oregon forest parcels on which they plan logging next year will suffer a significant adverse impact on tree corridors used by the rare northern spotted owl.

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Nationally

One witness invoked the Fifth Amendment 14 times and another refused to appear voluntarily as a hearing began Tuesday on conflict-of-interest allegations against Neil Bush, the president's son.

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Internationally

The U.N. Security Council ordered an air embargo of Iraq on Tuesday and warned of worse to come unless Iraq quits Kuwait. The vote was 14-1, with only Cuba opposed, and extended the powers of an earlier U.N. trade embargo.

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Weather

Mostly cloudy today, with a slight chance of showers and highs around 70. Winds variable to 10 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers. Lows 50-55. Thursday: Morning clouds. Partial afternoon clearing. Highs 70-75.

Co-presidency gets approval

But constitutional right questioned

By Catherine Hawley
Emerald Associate Editor

University students and administrators have reacted mostly favorably to a decision to run the ASUO executive office as a co-presidency, although some are concerned about the constitutionality of the move.

Bailey and Stickel were elected as student body president and vice president, respectively, in April; they decided to refer to themselves as co-presidents in June, shortly after they took office.

"The feedback has been very positive," co-President Sheila Stickel said Tuesday. "We've had nothing but good comments."

However, members of the Student Senate said they are concerned that Bailey and Stickel do not have constitutional authority to change their titles. The subject was discussed during the Student Senate's Tuesday meeting, said Kim Heiney, Senate chairperson.

"We were just concerned that this happened over the summer when everyone was gone," Heiney said. Members of Student Senate decided Tuesday to investigate the matter further and asked Brian Hoop, ASUO University Affairs coordinator, to talk with Bailey and Stickel about the constitutionality of their decision.

"From what we were told (at Tuesday's meeting), it's not unconstitutional, but there's nothing in the constitution that says they can do it," Heiney said. "Some people feel it's no big deal. ... The thing is, we voted for a president and a vice presi-



File Photo

Kirk Baily and Shelia Stickel, elected as ASUO president and vice president in April, have decided to combine their offices into a co-presidency.

dent, and some of us feel that if they were going to do this, they should have announced it earlier."

Heiney said that Bailey and Stickel had mentioned the idea of a co-presidency to some Student Senate members and last year's ASUO staff as early as last spring, before elections were held.

Bailey and Stickel said, however, that although they ran a "team-oriented" campaign and had always planned to divide responsibilities equally if elected, they did not consider did actually changing their titles until after they were in office.

"Originally, we never thought about

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Challenge to judge's ruling in the works

SALEM (AP) — Lawyers in the state attorney general's office were working today to put together a legal challenge of a judge's ruling that disqualified five initiative measures on the Nov. 6 ballot.

"The attorney general's office is getting all of the appropriate documents together today," state Elections Director Jack Graham said. "They will file the appeal with the Court of Appeals either today or tomorrow."

The measures affected by Monday's ruling would limit property taxes to 1.5 percent of value, shut down the Trojan nuclear plant until certain conditions are met, ban some non-recyclable packaging, establish a work in lieu of welfare program and grant state income tax credits for costs of private schooling.

Secretary of State Barbara Roberts, the state's chief election official and the Democratic candidate for governor, said the controversy stems from different interpretations of what is required to "certify" fiscal impact statements for measures.

But Craig Berkman, chairman of the Oregon Republican Party, blamed Roberts for the ruling.

"It's a big issue because Barbara Roberts' fingerprints are all over this fiasco," Berkman said. "If these initiatives don't go on the ballot, Barbara Roberts is the sole person responsible."

State law specifies that the secretary of state and state treasurer and the directors of the Executive and Revenue departments certify the fiscal impact statements.

Roberts said the officials agreed orally by the Aug. 8 deadline in the law, a procedure she said had been used in the past. None of the officials signed the certifications until several days after the deadline.

Earlier court rulings said certified

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Leaders ask women to get involved Eugene's women 'bright, creative, devoted'

By June Russell
Emerald Reporter

Women need to bring their perspectives and values to civic government, a panel of women leaders in Lane County told community members Tuesday at the Eugene Conference Center at the Hilton Hotel.

Susan Smith, newly elected EWEB board member, told approximately 40 community members that more women need to get involved and start speaking out.

"The first reason of why women need to get involved is the same reason that men need to get involved," Smith said. "In this community it's important for women to share in power and in the empowerment that men have traditionally held.

"What I get back is in terms of what I offer," Smith added. "The type of self-esteem you

feel with that empowerment is something we've been ripped-off of in the past. Also, we have different perspectives, and it's important for these perspectives to be heard at all levels of the community."

Cynthia Wooten, an eight-year member of the Eugene City Council, said women have much to offer their community government, including conflict resolution skills.

"This is our community too, and we are bright, we are creative, and we are devoted," Wooten said. "Take the time and persevere, because we do need all of you. Regardless of what your personal perspective might be, it's important to know and share your own values.

"Also, I less frequently see women going head to head over something," Wooten said. "Sometimes I feel there are some men who want to settle

things with a duel on Willamette Street. We, however, are trained to compromise, and to be nurturing and understanding."

Since the original event sponsored by the Eugene Commission on the Rights of Women, the percentage of women on city advisory bodies has risen almost 20 percent, from 24 percent in 1982 to 43 percent today.

Despite the increase in women serving in community government, however, the lack of encouragement, time commitments and the demands of job and family continue to be barriers to greater involvement.

"I often speak to women who want to be involved in public office," Wooten said. "The first of the things I see is a lack of confidence, that they aren't knowledgeable enough or no one will pay attention to them and take them seriously."



Cynthia Wooten

"But I can only ask them to remember why they wanted to be involved," she added. "If it interests you, pursue it. If it matters to you, pursue it."

Hillary Kittleson, management analyst with the City of Eugene, stressed the importance of finding an advisory committee with time demands

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