Citizens given opportunity to witness legislative process

Several University students and more than 100 citizens from around Oregon witnessed the legislative process in action during OSPIRG's Citizen Lobby Day, Feb. 13.

Grapevine

Constituents from districts throughout Oregon spent the day attending a Senate committee hearing on several recycling bills currently being discussed. participated in issue briefings and workshops on lobbying. and met directly with such representatives as Grattan Kerans, Carl Hosticka, Marie Bell and Larry Campbell

University OSPIRG organizer Jeff Rogers said Lobby Day is a unique opportunity for students to get their voices heard and help directly promote change on recycling issues in Oregon."

ASUO Elections Coordinator Dylan Coulter and the ASUO Executive have announced the 1991 ASUO Elections Board: Angela Keller, junior; Erin Ryan Noonan, freshman; Wiese, sophomore; Catherine Yoon, freshman; and Deepa

Subramaian, senior.

Kore, an honor society for outstanding Greek women who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership and involvement within the campus greek system, has reestablished at the University.

The 1990-91 membership includes: senior Kim Barger, for-mer Pi Beta Phi president; senior Mara Linville, former Kappa Kappa Gamma president and Panhellenic treasurer; senior Deanna Jurgens, former Panhellenic president and past Alpha Chi Omega treasurer; ju-

nior Nicole Kiesz, former Panhellenic Expansion chairwoman; senior Megan Rasmussen. past Delta Gamma vice president; and senior Christy Saito, current Delta Delta Delta president and past Panhellenic vice

Kore serves as an advisory board to the Panhellenic Council on such matters as social policy and greek relations, and assists in several all-greek activities.

Economics Professor Robert Smith was recently awarded

Professor of the Month by the Mortar Board senior honor society. The honor is in recognition of dedicated service and teaching excellence at the Universi-

Several University students submitted nominations for Smith at the drop-box located on the main floor of the Knight Library. Smith's sense of humor and "walking dictionary" knowledge, coupled with stu-dents' feelings that he is a "friend and role model," contributed to his award.

The University greek system hosted 17 university and college greek systems from the Northwest at the recent Rocky Mountain Greek Conference.

The conference included workshops dealing specifically with such issues as racial diversity, values and ethics, student empowerment, public and media relations, time management, date rape, rush and marketing skills, as well as seminars on the fundamentals of leadership and social issues of the nineties.

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However, Kerans said he believes the competition for affordable housing perpetuates the problem, rather than forcing agencies to offer the lowest possible costs.

Like Dwyer, Kerans believes any costs incurred by screening applicants should be charged in overall rent payments.

Meissner said the credit check Gateway Village runs on each applicant costs about what his company charges: \$15. Instead of banning the application fee, why not design legislation that would limit the fee to what it costs to screen applicants, Meissner asked.

But Dwyer said that kind of proposal misses the point of his bill, that an application fee makes finding an apartment unnecessarily difficult, and that applicants who are eventually denied an apartment shouldn't have to pay for being turned down.

As for the bill's passage in the Legislature, Kerans and Dwyer both said they expect the proposal to pass, despite opposition from those in the rental industry.

Although most of the bill's sponsors are Democrats, Dwyer said he expects Republican legislators also to favor the proposal.

"I've talked to some conservative Republicans about it, and they were appalled that this kind of thing goes on.'



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