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Recall election slated for February

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The special election for students to decide whether to recall ASUO Vice President JoSonja Watson is planned for mid- or late-February.

ASUO President Jennifer Bills said it will take that long to hire students for the special elections board, get voter information distributed, and take care of other smaller details, such as setting up booths and getting ballots printed.

Plans for the election began in December, when members of the College Republicans ended a month-long effort to collect signatures from at least 10 percent of the student body.

Those signatures were handed over to the Constitution Court, which is responsible for verifying their authenticity.

The signatures were verified through the Registrar's office.

Although the College Republicans collected 1,844 signatures — 153 more than necessary — the Registrar's office reported to the Constitution Court that 1,703 were valid, only 12 more than the amount necessary.

Constitution Court Chief Justice Steven Briggs informed the ASUO last week that enough signatures were gathered.

Members of the College Republicans began the recall effort in November after the *Oregon Commentator* and the *Emerald* revealed Watson had been arrested in November 1990 while attempting to shoplift \$7.27 worth of merchandise from the University Bookstore.

Watson failed to appear in court at one point, but has since met the conditions of her

sentence. She did not disclose her legal problems while running for office.

Bills and ASUO Elections Coordinator John Goodman said the election will cost between \$2,000 and \$2,500, including stipends for the elections board and poll-booth workers, hiring the Physical Plant to set up the booths and take them down, and printing ballots and voter information.

The money is not available in the ASUO budget, Bills said, so a special request will be made to the Incidental Fee Committee.

If Watson is voted out, Bills will appoint a new vice president to fill the position for the rest of the year. The special election will take place about two months before the general election for the 1992-93 ASUO president and vice president.

RAPE

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Some McClain residents hope the move is permanent.

"Even though it's inconvenient to have 24-hour lock-up, I think that should be the way it is," said Kathy Kern, McClain resident.

Eyster said all dorms have the option of decreasing the hours their doors are open. The decision to be on a 24-hour lock-up is a decision each dorm must vote on, he said.

Despite the increased patrols and lock change, dorm safety is dependent on dorm residents, Heard-Johnson said.

"Residence halls will only be as safe as the residents in the halls want them to be," Heard-Johnson said. "The change has to happen with the res-

'I always thought of rape attempts as walking outside and being pulled into a car. It's really a reality check.'

— Cherie Young,
McClain resident

idents. It doesn't matter if we're on 24-hour lock-up if the residents leave the doors propped open."

In response to the rape, Hamilton will set up study tables in its cafeteria so residents no longer must study downstairs in the basement, Heard-Johnson said. Self-defense workshops have also been scheduled, she said.

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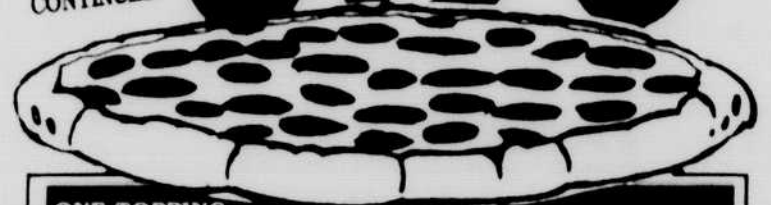
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