

Court hears 3 election complaints

□ Students allege election rules violations

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The ASUO Constitution Court postponed ruling Wednesday night on three complaints alleging election rules violations.

The constitution court will release its rulings on the complaints today, said Justice Mike O'Leary.

Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson, who lost their bid for 1993-94 president and vice president respectively, filed a complaint against the ASUO Elections Board for three alleged violations of rules.

Warren and Johnson's first complaint was that the elections board didn't act impartially when it allowed Saferide members to work as poll booth members after Saferide officially endorsed the Eric Bowen/Diana Collins Puente ticket.

The constitution court members spent most of their time on the Warren/Johnson complaint questioning Anne Lyman, a Warren/Johnson representative, about Warren and Johnson's second complaint.

In their second complaint, Warren and Johnson said students were not informed of the absentee ballot option and therefore were "unduly alienated" from the elections process.

Lyman said she, Warren and Johnson knew of students who wanted to vote but who were out of town during the primary election and didn't know about the absentee voting process.

Lyman and Nicole Sabourin, elections manager, disagreed on when students at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston received ballots for the primary election.

OIMB received the ballots April 23, a Thursday, which is the day of the week on which many students are doing fieldwork, Lyman said. The ballots arrived at OIMB April 22 and students received them the next morning, Sabourin said. The ballots were due by 5 p.m. that day.

"There is no stipulation OIMB must have two or three days to vote but just that they have the opportunity to vote," Sabourin said.

Warren and Johnson's third complaint was that ineligible students

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Assembly extends curriculum debate

□ Supporters walk out of meeting after proposal's wording is changed

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The University Assembly Wednesday voted to reconsider the new race, gender and non-European requirement but adjourned before taking a final vote on adopting the measure.

After two hours of debate, the assembly voted to postpone further discussion until the next assembly meeting, June 2, the last meeting of the year.

Several amendments to the two-course requirement will likely be discussed at the University Senate meeting next Wednesday, said senate President Mike Hibbard. But even if a revised requirement passes the senate, he said, the assembly will have to approve it.

Some supporters of the requirement, which passed the April 7 assembly 175-155, said the reconsideration and prolonged discussion of the measure is merely an attempt by opponents to drag the issue past the end of the school year in the hopes of burying it.

"This has been on the table for the last three months," Student Senator Matthew Hasek told the assembly. "Why can't we just take care of the issue?"

But others said the matter needs careful consideration, and the University hasn't had enough time to discuss costs and other implications of the requirement.

Ultimately the assembly voted 210-187 to reconsider the requirement, reopening discussion. At first, vote tallies counted 126-185 votes against reconsideration. But student cheers at the motion's defeat were cut short when natural sciences Associate Dean David McDaniels demanded a recount. When the recount turned out to be 210-187, tallies realized they'd left out a section of voters in their original count.

With the requirement back up for discussion, faculty members began suggesting amendments.

One amendment broadens the first part of the requirement from courses on African-Americans, Native Americans, Asian-

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Photo by Anthony Forney
Associate Professor Rob Proudfoot and other supporters of the multicultural curriculum proposal walked out of the University Assembly meeting Wednesday after the assembly voted to amend the requirements.

Legislators slow in addressing Measure 5

□ Despite demands, Oregon Legislature has so far failed to find replacement revenue

By Katy Moeller
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Although higher education officials have been insisting for the past two years that the Oregon Legislature find replacement revenue for money lost because of 1990's Ballot Measure 5, legislators have been slow and cautious in addressing the issue.

"We're nearing a turning point. Many legislators wanted to wait until the cuts were made before they began to consider tax reform," said Karmen Fore, ASUO vice president.

A few legislators who have supported tax reform since Measure 5 passed are fed up with the actions of the so-called "do-



nothing" Legislature.

"I've seen nothing to indicate that the majority of legislators are ready to do the hard stuff — come up with a tax proposal for voters," Rep. Jim Edmunson said. "There are cowards on both sides of the aisle. They are scared to death of the shadow it might cast on their re-election."

Many of those who want to reform the tax system say that the current system is inadequate to meet the state's needs, it fluctuates with the economy and is not as equitable as it could be.

Others say there is too much fat and inefficiency and that "reform" is just another word for tax hike.

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WEATHER

A storm system will pass overhead today bringing rain and possible thunderstorms. The highs will be near 60 degrees.

Today in History

In 1937, the hydrogen-filled German dirigible "Hindenburg" burst into flames and crashed while docking in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 36 of the 97 people on board.

BOOKSTORE ELECTIONS

Following are the results from the University Bookstore Board of Directors elections. Winners listed by name, position elected to and total votes received:

Zach Fruchtengarten, freshman position, 66 votes; Chanira Reang, sophomore position, 96 votes; Mark Rhinard, sophomore position, 116 votes; Erika Armsbury, student-at-large position, 78 votes; Jason Ashley, graduate (one year) position, 109 votes; Carl Swanson, graduate (two year) position, 80 votes; Stu Thomas, faculty position, 92 votes.

A total of 330 ballots were cast.

New board members will take office on May 25.

SPORTS

Two women golfers from the Oregon golf team received honors from the Pacific-10 Conference Tuesday as the 1993 all-conference women's golf team was announced.

Shannon Maier and Leigh Casey were both given honorable mention awards from the conference. Maier, a senior from Bend, averaged 78.2 strokes per round to pace the Ducks. Casey, a sophomore from San Jose, Calif., posted a 78.3 stroke average on the season.

Wendy Ward, a sophomore from Arizona State University, was named Pac-10 Golfer of the Year, while her coach, Linda Vollerstedt, was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year.