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City council requests ballots be reviewed

Complaint: Election date not stated on many mail-in absentee ballots

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The Eugene City Council is asking for an investigation of absentee ballots used in the May 17 election after receiving a letter complaining of a "gross irregularity."

Rhoda M. Love, a library bond measure supporter, sent Mayor Ruth Bascom a letter telling how her daughter in Reno, Nev., didn't mail her ballot in time because her absentee ballot didn't have the date of the election on it.

"We were just really upset that our daughter's vote didn't count," Love said.

Love's daughter, who plans to teach, felt strongly about passage of the library bond measure. She called the Sunday night before the election to find out when to cast her ballot, and was told that the election was just two days away. This was not enough time for her ballot to reach election officials before the 8 p.m. deadline on Tuesday.

All absentee ballots sent to Lane County voters except those outside of the United States did not state the election date.

The city council at its work session Wednesday decided to send a letter to Lane County Elections calling for an investi-

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A final shot



The Martin Hawkins Open at Hayward Field on Wednesday gave the Oregon men's and women's track teams a last opportunity to qualify athletes for the NCAA championships. See story, page 12

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Bowen reacts to year's issues during interview

ASUO: Outgoing president addresses questions regarding revised constitution

By Edward Klopfenstein

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The transition is official: outgoing ASUO President Eric Bowen is now out of office and Leslie Warren is now in. Bowen's last official day was Tuesday.

Looking at Bowen's year, the following interview features some of his reactions to issues that made the news this year.

Today, Bowen answers questions on the revised ASUO Constitution. Part two on Friday will feature Bowen's handling of the media and concerns over possible conflict of interest.

Emerald: As far as successes, the revision of the ASUO Constitution is widely considered just that, a success. What do you feel came out of that process?

Eric: I think we'll have a more rational, streamlined fee structure. I think that we'll have a government process that has the confidence of the student body and the administration that we have lost in the old system. There was no confidence in the Incidental Fee system whatsoever. Everyone expected it to be a place of political conflict and that fees would rise, and they have. This will allow the fee process to gain some respect.

Emerald: The process itself was very open, as many have said, but others argue that comment was only taken on periphery issues, with the ASUO in charge of changing the central points. How would you respond to this?

Eric: I would disagree. Most of the core issues were

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FIRST OF TWO PARTS

Police warn students of suspicious subject

Report: Man asks women for directions, then to get into his car

By Susanne Steffens

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The Eugene police are warning all female students about a suspicious subject who has been spending time on campus for the past couple of weeks.

The police are looking for a Hispanic male about 28 to 32 years of age who has been asking women for directions.

According to reports from several women, the suspect asks where the University Inn is located, and then very insistently asks the woman to get into the car with him to show the way.

One victim, who was approached just like this Tuesday, told the police that the suspect had said things like, "My car is very big; there is plenty of room," and "I just need you to ride in my car with me to the University Inn," according to

police reports.

At present, 10 women have experienced the same incident, in a time frame of just about four weeks. None of the women agreed to get into the car with the suspect, who contacted them within the campus area. Some of the women were approached near the EMU, others outside of McClain Hall, near the tennis courts and between 13th Avenue and Agate Street.

The police believe the man to possibly be dangerous, and advise women who have been approached to call campus police at 346-2904 as soon as possible.

The suspect is about 5-foot-7, has brown hair and brown eyes. He has a Spanish accent and a nice appearance. On several occasions, he has been wearing a white T-shirt with writing on it, and a pair of blue sweat pants. He has been observed in a newer red full size pickup truck, but may be driving another vehicle.

GOOD MORNING

► TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Howard Jenkins had fun as a multimillionaire, even making a \$4 million withdrawal during his lunch break.

Why?

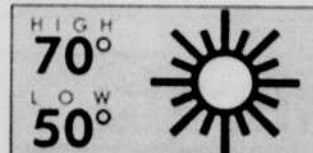
Because it was there, after a bank's computer error put \$88 million in his account.

Jenkins' brief stint as a rich man started when he lost his checkbook. He called Nations Bank and put a hold on the account. When he went to make a deposit Friday, he was told to check the automated teller machine outside to make sure the account was working.

When he withdrew \$10, the receipt said Jenkins' balance was \$889,437.

Jenkins went home and called the bank's telephone system. A computerized voice told him his account topped \$88 million.

Jenkins decided to ask for \$4 million. "They handed me



\$4 million and didn't bat an eye."

Jenkins picked up his girlfriend for lunch and showed her the money.

"Her first reaction was, 'Where are we going?' Her second reaction was 'You know we can't keep this,'" Jenkins said. "I said I knew that."

Later that day, he went back to the bank with his lawyer — to make sure the bank didn't try to arrest him — and "handed them back every penny they gave me."

"It was a hell of a day for me," said the 31-year-old promotional manager for a roofing company. "I was a multimillionaire for about half a day."

Police help store owners spot fake i.d.'s

Program: Alcohol purchase by minors is less with Cops in Shops

By Rebecca Merritt

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Tom Winn says he can usually spot a false identification.

"You get almost a gut feeling that something's not right," Winn said.

The owner of the Franklin Boulevard 7-Eleven, Winn said his store has had a constant problem with minors attempting to purchase alcohol because of its proximity to campus.

"We have a large university here with a lot of minors," said Pete O'Rourke, an Oregon Liquor Control Commission representative. "It's a contributing factor to the problem."

However, Winn may have found an effective aid that keeps fake i.d.'s away from his store.

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