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head and said that the newspaper had "endorsed Kantrowitz's work on the Programs Finance Committee." But in actuality, the *Emerald* endorsed Williamson and Kelton, which is where the controversy began.

"It was my work, I worked on the PFC and anything is open to interpretation," Kantrowitz said in defense of the flier. He said that just because the opposing ticket was endorsed by the *Emerald's* editorial board, it shouldn't allow them the right to use the masthead.

"If you took an exit poll of the people on this campus that felt misled, I bet you they have on a Zachary and Jen button," he said.

But others question Kantrowitz's logic.

"I think the safe thing to say is it would be a violation of state campaign laws in that it's a false claim," said Tim Gleason, University associate professor of journalism who specializes in media law.

Gleason had not seen the flier but said despite a subtle language change, it's a false claim if a reasonable reader gets the impression that the *Emerald* endorsed Kantrowitz after reading the flier.

ASUO President Leslie Warren began investigating the possible violation Thursday, she contacted the Student Press Law Center in Arlington, Va., and received the opinion that the flier violated copyright laws. Dzeikan also met with Ellona Koleszar, an attorney with the ASUO Office of Student Advocacy and Legal Services Division.

"They're assuming guilt before finding out the facts. You're innocent until proven guilty in this country," Kantrowitz said early in the evening.

"Until a federal judge says Chris Kantrowitz is guilty of violating a copyright law, I'm innocent and the election should proceed as normal," he said.

Before the counting began, Warren said she advised Dzeikan to withhold the results of the Executive race. But she said her tone changed when the issue of voting results as public information arose.

"In the best interest of the students and to be fair to the candidates, we're releasing a tally of what the

results are so far with the expectation that the results might be changed," Dzeikan said before all the votes were tallied.

The elections board is awaiting votes from University students at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology before the election results are official. But none of the students at OIMB sent in their votes during the primary election and the number of potential votes will not change the results of the ASUO Executive race.

Since Williamson and Kelton won outright, the issue of candidate disqualification becomes null, as it would not affect the results.

Victory

Williamson and Kelton spent the evening at a friend's house waiting for the results. Kelton referred to it as their "victory or death party."

"We knew it was going to be close and we're obviously very happy," Kelton said. "We were working our tails off and we were out there talking to every student we could to remind them how important real issues were," Kelton said.

"I think students chose what's really important to them - like financial aid, community involvement and recruitment and retention of minority students - not tours of the EMU," Williamson said referring to one of the campaign platform ideas of the opposing ticket.

Kelton said they will begin their transition into the office of ASUO Executive starting today when they step into the office as ASUO president and vice president-elect and begin to learn the positions. Their term officially starts May 25.

Results

Warren said on Monday she should have the final word as to whether or not the Kantrowitz and Scott flier would have disqualified them from the race.

Dzeikan said the whole issue has prompted her to work on better defining the campaign laws that govern the candidates who run for all ASUO positions.

"We want to make sure this doesn't happen again and that there's no confusion," she said.

Judges urge creation of new juvenile center

Samantha Martin
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Lane County judges came together for the first time since 1986 to publicly speak out together on an issue.

In a press conference hosted by Juvenile Court Judge Kip Leonard Thursday morning, local judges discussed the importance of a new ballot measure that would call for a new juvenile justice center to be built in Lane County.

The current juvenile detention center, Skipworth, is located at 2411 Centennial Blvd., would be replaced by the new juvenile justice center, if Measure 20-48 passes on the May ballot. Skipworth has the capacity to hold 36 juveniles, while the proposed facility would be able to accommodate 96.

Judge Leonard called the current detention center "unsafe, much too small and cannot ade-

quately be remodeled to fit our needs."

"We do not have the bed spaces to house those kids that must be detained and placed in shelter care," Leonard said.

Although the youth population in Lane County has increased by 37 percent since 1958, the year that Skipworth was built, and violent crime has increased by 4,800 percent, only minor changes have been made to Skipworth.

"Everyday decisions are made at Skipworth to release kids who should be in detention, who make threats to the community or are threats to themselves," Leonard said.

"It's essential that the public feel that they're protected and they're safe," Circuit Court Judge Ann Aiken said.

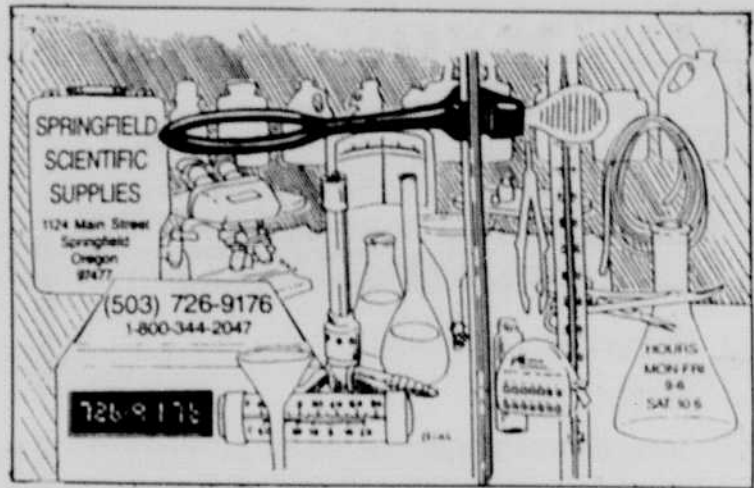
Aiken said the way to put balance into the juvenile court sys-

tem was to indicate to the offender that "there was a bed waiting for them to go if they cannot conform their behavior to the community norm."

From 1990 to 1994, violent crimes committed by juveniles in Lane County have increased 52 percent, while the number of available beds at Skipworth has remained the same, according to a Juvenile Justice Center fact sheet.

Total cost to taxpayers for the bond measure to create a new center would be \$38,940,000 and would be paid by Lane County property owners.

"Right now in our community we're sending a message that you can't run a stop sign on your bike but its ok to steal a stereo (out of a car)," Municipal Court Judge Wayne Allen said. "I don't think that's really what we want to send as a message."



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