

ASUO ELECTIONS

Elections results delayed due to computer errors

■ **DEBACLE:** Shake-ups in the Elections Board forced members to step forward

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As of midnight, computers connected to the ballot card reader had crashed several times, and, despite the perseverance of elections coordinators, the process was delayed and the votes were tallied continuing into the morning. The results of the student body primary elections were almost non-existent as unforeseen glitches in the new tallying delayed the entire process.

"I don't have a title right now," said still technically ASUO Elections Board Publicity Coordinator Dave Whipple. "We're [the board] not working with Stacey [Harding, still technically ASUO Elections Board Coordinator] right now. It was amazing that we pulled an election out of the remnants of the elections board. It's just been real taxing on all of us."

Several members of the Elections Board expressed displeasure with Harding, who did not show up until late in the day Wednesday.

Many of the Elections Board members, as well as several candidates, said they thought Whipple did an extraordinary job keeping things together.

"Dave Whipple is a rock star," said Ben Unger, vice-presidential candidate.

In addition to the Elections Board dissent, a second computer-related dilemma occurred in this year's primary election — a

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new system of ballot counting using computers to register each voters' student identification card failed to work on both Wednesday and Thursday. Although one voting booth had a computer working consistently, the majority of students voting used sealed envelopes with their name marked on one envelope.

In February, the ASUO Student Senate granted a \$7,400 special request to the elections board to purchase computers and electronic equipment in order for students to use identification cards to vote. Because the student identification system implemented this school year no longer uses stickers on the cards, the elections board said it needed a computer method for verifying students' enrollment and to ensure that each student voted only once. The money was drawn from the senate surplus fund.

At that time, senators expressed concern about whether the computers could be implemented for use in less than the two months before the election. Ryan Ositis, ASUO's computer support person said, "there are many details with the system that need to be worked out."

Elections: Many races still close

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tor race is looking like it will come down to Greg Labavitch and Dan Reid. The Arts and Letters/Journalism seat on the Student Senate is up for grabs with Mark Hemingway ahead by three votes. Gillian Brinegar and Tamir are close behind with 28 and 29 votes, respectively.

Seats 7 and 9 for the Athletic Department Finance Committee show signs of producing clear-cut winners, instead of run-offs. Mike Price and Taryn Thompson both have more than 50 percent of the vote.

The Elections Board has not finished tallying the vote, so no races are final.

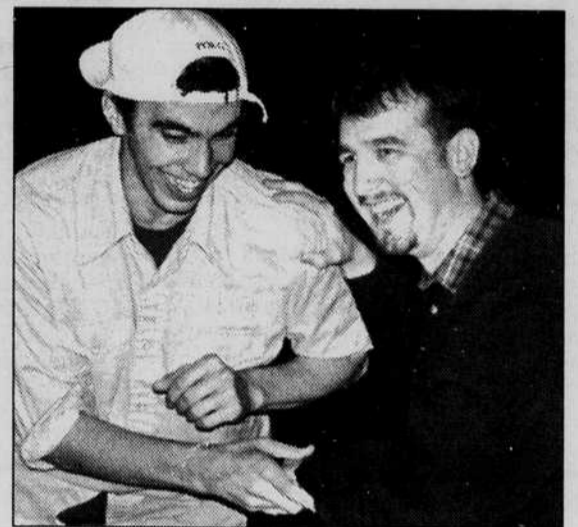
Maggie Veatch, Voter Education Coordinator, said the Elections Board will continue counting the ballots today. As well, not all the write-in candidates have been tallied, so some may challenge for run-offs in the General Election.

In order to win out-right in the Primary Election, a candidate must win more than 50 percent of the vote.

Otherwise, the top two candidates go into a run-off in the General Election.

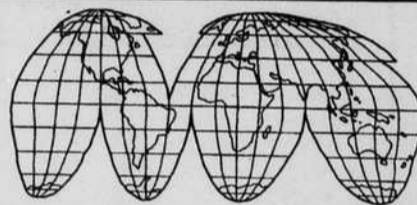


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Ben Unger (left) and Bill Miner play around at their election party (top photo) while Andrew Oberriter (left), Ryan Ositis and Mark Hemingway look to a higher power for their fate at an elections' night party at Oberriter's house. (photo to the left)



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