

# Court: No opinion makes mockery of government, Bostic says

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hearings officer. Appointing a hearings officer would have probably solved a lot of problems right there."

Miner's campaign was targeted by two petitions in April. While the court reached decisions in the petitions, it never issued an opinion. Miner, though he said he was

thankful that the elections were not overturned, said the informal hearing was "kind of sketchy. We weren't informed of the process at all."

Since the court issued decisions in the two petitions, no one involved has spoken with anyone from the court.

Miner speculated that because the hear-

ing was informal, and only the injunction was lifted, the court didn't need to write an appeal.

"But I know that Coffman wrote a dissent, so there should be an opinion somewhere," Miner said.

Farrah Bostic, who filed a petition against the Elections Board and, by default, against

Miner and Ben Unger's campaign, said the problem with not having an opinion is that it nullifies the appeal process and makes a mockery of student government.

"Without an appeal, I don't know the reasoning behind a decision. I don't know the impact the decision will have," Bostic said. "Without those, I can't seek recompense."

## TODAY'S NEWS

# BRIEFLY

### Students honored at luncheon

University students were honored on Saturday during the annual Parent's Weekend All-University Awards luncheon.

Pi Beta Phi sorority and Beta Theta Pi fraternity received the Bert Brown Barker Vice Presidential Cups for the women's and men's living organizations with the highest cumulative grade-point index for the year ending winter term 1997.

The individual students who won awards included:

Aneelah Afzali won the Vernon Barkhurst Award; Yujin Chi won the Bess Templeton Cristman Award; Marisa Tabizon won the Gerlinger Cup; Betty Boeving won the Ray Hawk Award; Corey Johnson and Benjamin Unger won Maurice Harold Hunter Leadership Scholarships; Patrick Tandingan won the Koyl Cup; Kalpana Krishnamurthy won the Olum Award; Eloina Gonzalez won

the Wilson Cup; Christopher Nelson won the Emerald Athletic Award; Marie Davis won the Doyle Higdon Memorial Trophy; Arianne Boyer won the Jackson Award; Susanna Spekter won the American Association of University Women Senior Recognition Award.

### Ad team places 2nd at district level competition

The University student advertising team placed second at the district level in the National Student Advertising Competition last month.

The ad team was led by journalism Professor Debra Merskin and included the following students: Anna Eickmann, Siamak Fooladi, Kai Wing Lai, Anna Beth Grimes, Sarah McGill, Justin Grady, Tiffany Trueman, Justin Plantico and Espen Lovold.

The competition was held in Anchorage, Alaska, and nine schools from five western states participated.

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## Race: Safety technicians inspected cars

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traffic cones, have few straight sections so competitors must concentrate on handling, rather than on reaching top speeds. Because Sunday's course was relatively small and had many tight corners, cars rarely exceeded 60 m.p.h. "It's a blast," club Vice President Bonnie Mueller said. "It's fun to be able to get out and drive your car like you want to. It gives you a rush."

Mueller said the main goal for the event was to have fun. Competitors learned from each other as veterans helped novices understand effective driving techniques.

Safety was also a concern. Before the competition, technicians checked each car for loose parts and adequate

seat belts. The club supplied every driver with a certified helmet and gave a guided tour of the course.

Several University students participated, including Clayton Horste who has been racing in his 1981 Volkswagen Rabbit for a year and a half. Other racers came from cities as far away as Seattle, Portland and Medford.

Many of the cars were "daily drivers" and not modified. Other cars, such as Mueller's 300-horsepower Formula Atlantic, have specialized suspension, tires and engines that are not legal for streets. Event officials assigned cars to run in different classes and categories based on their performance and modification.

Unlike standard races, this au-

tocross involved a wide variety of cars, including a Dodge Viper, Porsche 911, Datsun 510, Ford Mustang, Dodge Neon, Mini Cooper, Mazda Miata, Corvette, BMW 325 and cars from just about every other manufacturer.

In addition to the entry fee, the club asked participants to donate cans of food or cash, which were given to Food for Lane County.

The next scheduled EESCC autocross competitions will be events number two and three on June 14 and 15 in the Coca-Cola parking lot on Chad Drive. Event sign-up fees are \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members.

For more information, contact Jim or Bonnie Mueller at 485-4341.

## Park: Tenants will determine future expansion

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Percon, Inc., a local barcode and scanning company, will become the main tenant of the building, occupying more than half of its space. Wiley said Percon researches and develops scanning devices and debt-management software.

Wiley also said she knew of three other, smaller companies that would probably also share space in the building.

In addition to the construction of the third building, Millrace Drive will be extended to Moss Avenue, making a loop through the research park where there is currently an open field.

"That's going to provide access to the new building, and it's also going to integrate the [Innovation Center] into the site, because right now the

only way you can get to [the Innovation Center] is down off of Moss Street and Garden Avenue," Wiley said.

The multi-tenant expansion is the third phase in the 20-year research park construction plan. The first building, a 60,000 sq. ft. multi-tenant structure costing \$6 million, was built in 1992-93. The Riverfront Innovation Center, a 4,000 sq. ft. facility, was opened in 1994 after the revamping of what was an old University biology building.

More recently, Lane County residents saw the construction of the bike roundabout at the Autzen Footbridge and the extension of the Riverfront Parkway underneath the railroad tracks that ends near the University intramural fields.

Wiley said many residents did not

understand why the underpass and road were built. She said the emergency vehicle access to the north side of the train tracks was a necessary component in case a train was blocking the only other crossing at 8th Avenue and Hilyard Street.

"No development could occur until there was emergency vehicle access into the property," Wiley said.

"This was instrumental before we could consider any future development on the north side [of the railroad tracks]."

Wiley said construction on the north side of the railroad tracks would begin near the 8th Avenue and Hilyard Street crossing and work its way east as tenants are found. She said no facilities will be built unless tenants are first found to fill them.



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