

Election: DDS denied new van

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 feat of OSPIRG made it a party mixed with joy and dejection.
 "It's a bittersweet victory," Wortman said. "A lot of people lost their jobs today."
 Due to more than 10 grievances filed with the ASUO, election results are unofficial until the constitution court rules on the complaints. The rulings could come as late as May.
 Of 15,442 eligible student voters, 2,355 cast ballots during the elections, representing 15.25 percent of eligible voters.
 Other election night victors included 1998-99 Student Senators Shantell Rice, Spencer

Hamlin, Jereme Grzybowski, Jessica Timpany and Autumn Depoe.
 Cambell Kidd was elected to the EMU board, and Matt Swanson was elected to the Associated Student Presidential Advisory Council.
 Student voters opted to limit the power of EMU board members to place initiatives on the ballot by a vote of 671 to 624. Students overwhelmingly approved funds for a new elevator in the EMU, 1,038 to 680.
 A funding increase for the United States Students Association was defeated, but students decided 1,430 to 298 to main-

tain its current funding.
 By a vote of 1,285 to 395, voters maintained free bus service for students.
 The Designated Driver Shuttle was granted money to operate seven days a week, but it was denied funds for the program to purchase a new van.
 Students voted to pay to keep the EMU open longer in an effort to persuade the computing center to keep longer hours at the EMU computer lab, 1,045 to 631.
 Programs receiving multiple-year funding will be limited to two years starting in the fall of 1998, by a vote of 924 to 349.

Grievances: Ballots were still counted

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 phone is against rules set by University Scheduling and Services.
 According to Miner's complaint, ASUO Elections Board Director Christy Lorenzini confronted Collegio about it: "Christy approached Jonathan and asked to confiscate the bull horn. According to Christy, he didn't even remove his mouth from the bull horn. He then preceded to taunt her and refused to give up his bull horn." Lorenzini said Miner's story was accurate.
 The Emerald has been unable to reach Collegio.
 Miner's grievance raises the total number of election complaints past 10, according to Corcoran.
 "Some of them have been pretty minor," he said. "Others have been significant."
 The Emerald has not reported on all of the grievances.
 None of the current members of the court were members last year, but Corcoran said he has heard the number of grievances during this year's elections is not out of the ordinary.
 ASUO Vice President Ben Unger said he is pleased with the court's performance during what has been a busy year.

"This year is a lot better," he said. "I think they've done a better job dealing with grievances this time around. I definitely think there is some adjusting that could be going on to make things smoother."
 Corcoran said the court agrees, and it will make some changes this summer.
 "The court is concerned with the increasing number of complaints that have been filed," Corcoran said. "This is something we're going to work on over the summer."
 In more immediate action, the court decided Thursday to mandate that all elections grievances be in by noon on April 27.
 The grievance filed Wednesday by Matt Gross, a supporter of ASUO Executive candidate Kelli McCartan, is tentatively scheduled to be heard on May 11. The court denied his request that the elections be stopped.
 The Emerald has been unable to reach Gross.
 "It would take an extremely, extremely severe violation by a large number of people [to stop the elections]," Corcoran said.
 Unger, who does not know Gross, said he is not worried about

the grievance and pointed out that although Gross is accusing him of breaking rules, he is also admitting that the McCartan campaign broke rules by distributing leaflets in classrooms.
 "That person [Gross], whoever it was, wasn't there," Unger said. "It's a personal attack. If someone's worried about the elections, they would be worried about the elections rules. If they're mad about the elections rules being enforced by the elections board, then that seems weird."
 The court did not receive Miner's grievance until Thursday afternoon, and it did not make any immediate decisions. Potentially, the court could hear more than one case per day, but that will not happen until May because finals are approaching at the law school and three court members are law students.
 Despite the large number of grievances, the five-member elections board counted ballots as scheduled on Thursday.
 The two most recent grievances against Unger and Collegio have centered around rules set by University Scheduling and Services. The Emerald was unable to reach manager Virginia Johnson.

Health: City to extend benefits starting July 1

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 the consolidation. As a result, the current board has more leverage to extend health care benefits.
 According to board administrator Mylia Wray, the board does not expect an influx of additional enrollments this year. However, Wray said she expects the number of enrollees to climb in future years as people learn of the added benefits. Additionally, she said that based on national figures, the amount of money the state spends on providing benefits will not increase by more than 1 percent.
 Tuesday's decision might also affect two other lawsuits involving University employees and the Oregon University System.
 University employees Kelly Matchett-Morris and Barbara May both filed separate suits against several state higher education institutions, alleging that the University discriminated against them when it denied health care benefits to

their respective domestic partners.
 Now that benefits will be extended to domestic partners, the two employees may choose not to pursue further litigation.
 As of Thursday afternoon, Matchett-Morris could not be reached for comment. In an interview Thursday, Martha Walters, the lawyer for May and her partner, said she had not yet been contacted by either of her clients regarding the matter.
 The move places Oregon among a growing number of states, counties, businesses and cities that have extended similar benefits to employees' domestic partners.
 The city of Eugene will extend health care benefits to the domestic partners of its non-unionized employees beginning July 1. The Eugene Water and Electric Board and the cities of Portland and Corvallis have already extended similar benefits to their employees.

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Monday, April 27

Rally
 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., East Lawn, EMU
 Drag queens, Theater Groups (F.O.W.L. & A.P.E.), and all the information tables you could hope for!

Live Music
 5:00 - 8:00 P.M., East Lawn, EMU
 The Third Sex, Sarah Dougher from The Lookers, and the Ether Bunnies!


Tuesday, April 28

Ian Bernard: "Queer Race"
 12:30 P.M., Ben Linder Room, EMU
 This presentation explores the place of race in Queer Theory.

Bisexuality: Embracing All of Our Community
 2:30 P.M., Ben Linder Room, EMU

Queers in the Media
 6:30 P.M., 110 Willamette Hall
 Tim Joyce from KVAL will be a guest speaker.

Bridges: Guess the Straight Person
 7:00 P.M., Carson Gold Room




WYMPROV!
 Comedy
 8:00 P.M., Ben Linder Room, EMU

Wednesday, April 29

Writer's Workshop
 3:00 P.M., Walnut Room, EMU
 Lesléa Newman: Right from the Heart.

Keynote Speaker: Lesléa Newman
 7:00 P.M., Gerlinger Lounge
 Heather's Mommy Speaks Out: Homophobia, Family Values, and Censorship



Movie Night
 9:00 P.M., Carson Gold Room
 Priscilla, and To Wong Foo

Thursday, April 30

Quality Queer Relationships
 3:00 P.M., Carson Gold Room

Morris Kaplan
 3:30 P.M., 224 Gilbert Hall
 Hannah Arendt: Political Equality and Social Difference.

Morris Kaplan
 7:00 P.M., Ben Linder Room, EMU
 Same-sex Marriage & Sexual Freedom.

Doug Dance
 8:00 P.M., Carson Gold Room
 Discrimination and Living with HIV.

Friday, May 1

Morris Kaplan
 Noon, Board Room, EMU
 Emergence of "Modern Homosexuality" in Late Victorian London.

Gay People of Color
 1:30 P.M., Multicultural Center, EMU

Saturday, May 2

Dance 8:00 P.M., Collier House
 Free Food Provided

Sunday, May 3

Bowling 2:00 P.M., Southtowne Lanes

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