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discussions about the subject and to get people to examine their own shopping habits.

"It doesn't matter if you shop," he said. "Just think about the role consumerism plays in your own life."

Liacas said that the idea of curbing consumerism appeals to people not only in heavily populated and industrialized countries but in less-developed nations as well.

"People sign up to organize Buy Nothing Day in their own countries, and we've had people sign up in

countries as far away as India and Hungary," he said.

The Rev. Heather Parr, a clergy assistant at St. Mary's Episcopal Parish, where the event is being held, said her church does a lot of charity work with needy and homeless people and agrees with the ethos behind Buy Nothing Day.

"I think we have a tendency to overconsume and confuse what we want with what we need," Parr said. "We should be looking toward others' needs instead of our own wants."

The coat exchange will take place at St. Mary's Episcopal Parish on the corner of East 13th Avenue and Pearl Street



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## Breslow

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whether to put Breslow back in office. "It would defeat the purpose," Watts said. "I would expect Holly to run the office."

Chief Justice Rob Raschio said the ASUO Constitution Court has yet to review the recall rules, and the court will be generally removed from the recall process.

ASUO rules require about 1,700 signatures to force a recall vote by the student population. Before the weekend, petitioners had gathered more than 70 signatures.

The court will be responsible for verifying the signatures and appointing an independent counsel to administer the election.

"We're just going to follow the procedures of the constitution," Raschio said.

Junior sociology major Chris Fosnight and freshman business major Jarrett White, who organized the recall campaign, have accused Breslow of political bias and neglecting his presidential duties.

They said Breslow refused to let Republican politicians and candidates speak at an Oct. 27 "Get Out the Vote" rally with former presidential candidate Bill Bradley and rock band Everclear. The event was sponsored by College Democrats, but the ASUO Executive had already scheduled the EMU Amphitheater for the day.

The Executive, which is required to refrain from political bias, allowed College Democrats to use its reserved time in the amphitheater for the rally.

Although Republican speakers attended the ASUO Candidate Fair later that day, Fosnight said a variety of political opinions should also have been represented at the morning rally.

Breslow also left more than 10 student government positions unfilled for longer than 30 days, which violates the ASUO Constitution. Some of those positions were never filled after last spring's election. Fosnight said Breslow had plenty of time to fulfill his presidential responsibilities and fill those positions.

"He's been president since last spring. He should have anticipated this, especially with a busy fall term and elections," Fosnight said.

Fosnight and White said they don't know how many signatures they got during the weekend. They have until Dec. 13 to get 10 percent of the student population to sign the recall petition.

White said four or five people have been on campus with clipboards collecting signatures, and they sent petition forms to many of the Greek houses.

White and Fosnight said they are confident they can get enough signatures to force the recall, but Magner said she isn't worrying.

"They're wasting their time," she said. "They're spending too much time

## ASUO positions that were vacant for more than 30 days or still are vacant:

- Elections Coordinator
- Four Elections Board member seats
- Executive Safety Advocate
- Executive Federal Affairs Coordinator
- Athletic Department Finance Committee Executive Representative
- Two ASUO Constitution Court justices
- Program Finance Committee At-Large member
- Programs Finance Committee executive appointee

Source: ASUO Controller's Office

reading nit-picks of the [Constitution]."

Magner said the majority of students don't care whether Breslow filled positions on the court or the elections board within the required 30 days.

"In general, the office is running fine, and life will go on," she said.

But White said the unfilled positions show the office is not running fine. He said even if the campaign fails, the petitioners have at least raised awareness about the ASUO and what student government does.

"Before we began, a lot of people didn't know Jay or understand what he has or hasn't done," White said.

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## Elections

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about so hard in other courts and in public statements.

But oral arguments in an appeals court are rarely a comprehensive guide to justices' thinking. In this case, the court is being asked to rule whether the manual re-counts Democrats requested should continue, how the counts should be done and whether those results should be included in the final state tally.

After the hearing, Gore advisers said privately they were pleased by the tone of the justices' questions and the fact that re-counts could continue at least for now.

Gore spokesman Doug Hattaway was circumspect when surrounded by reporters outside the court building.

"We're not attempting to divine the outcome based on the questions," he said. "Like everyone else, we'll have to wait to see what they say."

The Republican legal team expressed private concerns about what

they perceived as tough questioning and pondered options that could include an emergency appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

Carvin, buffeted by questions from Justice Barbara Pariente, appeared to suggest a GOP fallback position if the court rules against Bush.

The law, he said in the hearing, "makes it clear that the federal courts — federal law will not allow this court or the Florida Legislature to change the rules of the election after the election has taken place."

The justices were vigorous questioners from the outset, none more so than Wells, the 61-year-old Democrat who presided.

Again and again, he asked at what point the state would risk missing the chance to cast its 25 electoral votes. Sometimes, he punctuated the question with outstretched arms.

Both Bush and Gore need those 25 votes to win the White House.

Wells' questions at one point sketched a scenario in which re-counts could continue into December.

Democrats said Dec. 12 was when

Florida needed to have its results final, six days before the Electoral College meets. But Joe Klock, representing Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, said she was bound by a state law that required her to certify all ballots except for overseas absentees by seven days after the Nov. 7 election.

At the same time, asked by Justice Harry Lee Anstead whether the seven-day limit was absolute, Klock conceded, "Of course it's not absolute."

The justices ruled last Friday that Harris could not yet certify a winner and that the re-counts could continue — though taking no position on whether those re-counts must eventually be included. The Democrat campaign, still trailing, hopes the re-counts will give Gore the presidency.

At one point on Monday, Wells seemed to suggest that Harris might be permitted to certify a winner soon, so Democrats would have time to challenge the next step in the process — appointment of the state's electors — and still resolve the dispute before the Electoral College meets.

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