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Chrystal McConnell Emerald

Courtney Smith, Arlie Adkins and Serene Khader hand out cake and condoms to University students in the lobby of the EMU commemorating the 28th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

## Anniversary marked with message

■ After 28 years, the landmark Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade still evokes strong feelings from both sides

By Serena Markstrom  
Oregon Daily Emerald

At first Emma was task-oriented:

She organized the variety of condoms into color-specific piles and dutifully handed them out to passersby Monday afternoon in the EMU. But once the cake was cut, the toddler shifted her focus.

"Cut it, cut it," Emma chanted from her mother's shoulders. Soon she was sticking her fingers in frosting and

licking them clean.

She joined her mother, Jen Thoenes, a Planned Parenthood volunteer, and members of pro-choice student groups to celebrate the 28th anniversary of Roe v. Wade in the EMU lobby.

The landmark 1973 decision guarantees the right to an abortion, a right

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## ASUO stretches election period

■ Extending students' voting time is intended to encourage a higher voter turnout than last year

By Jeremy Lang  
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In an attempt to buck the recent trend of too few voters and too many grievances against candidates, the voting period for this year's student election will be longer than previous years, said Shantell Rice, ASUO elections coordinator.

This year's primary election will span almost an entire week, from Feb. 26 to March 1, and the general election will run from March 5 to March 8, in an attempt to boost last year's scarce 10 percent voter turnout.

Like last year, voting will take place entirely via computer on Duck Web.

Although Rice is still running the early stage of the election organization alone, she said it has helped to settle small paperwork matters before she compiles her election board.

Rice hopes to bring four board appointees to the Student Senate on Wednesday night for confirmation, and then the board can get down to business.

But students with their eyes on a desk in the Executive office or a seat on the Student Senate or other campus committees can file for candidacy now. Packets are available in the Executive office in the EMU Breezeway.

Rice hopes that a media blitz will help increase the number of candidates too. Last year, a handful of candidates ran uncontested, and some seats were completely unfilled.

As the number of candidates rise, the chance of grievances could increase as well. ASUO President Jay Breslow and Vice President Holly Magner beat hopefuls C.J. Gabbe and Peter Larson last winter after Gabbe and Larson's campaign became bogged down by countless grievances.

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## Union contract dispute lingers at Register-Guard

■ The Eugene Newspaper Guild has reached only one compromise with the publication since discussions began in 1999

By Rebecca Newell  
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After two years of contract negotiations, neither The Register-Guard management nor the Eugene Newspaper Guild is expecting a resolution in the near future.

"As of May 1, it will be two years without a contract," said Suzi Prozanski, guild president and a copy editor for The Register-Guard features department. "We're hanging in limbo and still operating under the expired contract, which is better than anything they have on the table."

The dispute began two years ago, when the former contract expired and new contract negotiations were initiated. Both The Register-Guard negotiating team and the Eugene Newspaper Guild offered contracts proposals, but the guild's recommendation was rejected by newspaper management, Prozanski said.

Guild representatives allege that since negotiations began, Register-Guard management has been failing to negotiate in good faith, resulting in little progress. Newspaper management says the issue is one that is drawing to a close, leaving the union won-

dering when the concerns of employees will be addressed, Prozanski said.

November marked The Register-Guard's first and last significant compromise during the negotiations, Prozanski said. The Register-Guard removed a union-busting proposal from the negotiation table, and in exchange, the union dropped four unfair labor practice charges against the company, she said.

"They have an 'our way or no way' attitude," said Prozanski, who has worked for The Register-Guard since 1985. "They're trying to roll back our rights we've had for the last 50 years."

Register-Guard publisher Tony Baker didn't return numerous calls from the Emerald, and Cynthia Walden, director of human resources, would not discuss specifics of the negotiations.

"It's our position that we're going to handle our negotiations at the bargaining table," Walden said. "We don't want to bargain it in the media."

State Sen. Tony Corcoran, D-Cottage Grove, who has followed the negotiations, said The Register-Guard hasn't been bargaining in good faith since it hired Zinser and Patterson, a Nashville, Tenn., law firm with a reputation among labor organizers as a union-buster.

"They're trying to force employees to accept a management right clause that would basically neuter the union," Corcoran said. "This is typical slow-down tactics, and it's the first time The Register-Guard has gone to

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## Autzen expansion approved, might force WISTEC to close

■ Construction of a bus transit center leaves the neighboring museum with few options

By Darren Freeman  
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City Council granted the University clearance Monday night to build a bus transit center on a parking lot near Autzen Stadium, a lot which the Willamette Science and Technology Center used to augment its revenue by selling parking passes to football fans.

In a 5-3 vote, the council ended a months-long dispute, during which WISTEC officials warned that the passage of the transportation proposal would force the non-profit museum to close.

WISTEC Executive Director Meg Trendler said after the decision that the museum's board of directors will meet today to decide whether the museum must close its doors.

The decision was a victory for the University, which proposed the transit center to circumvent a city code that had stalled plans to expand Autzen Stadium. The expansion would bring 12,100 more fans to football games, and city code requires the University supply 1,375 more parking places to accommodate the additional fans. The transit center would bus fans to games and negate the need for added parking.

However, the council dished WISTEC a

major setback. WISTEC officials said that the decision will cost the museum one-third of its parking revenue. In total, parking revenue constitutes roughly one-third of the museum's income.

The University has offered WISTEC about \$200,000 in compensation, and Dan Williams, vice president for University administration, said Monday that the offer still stands.

"We've made a good-faith effort to mitigate the negative consequences some members of the community foresee," Williams said.

But WISTEC officials said that the offer won't cover the museum's long-term financial needs.

Monday night, Councilor Bonny Bettman proposed an amendment that could have further mitigated the financial blow WISTEC will receive, but changes to her amendment reduced the benefit the museum could have received.

The amendment would have placed parking spaces on three city lots and on Leo Harris Parkway under city control, rather than leave them for the University, as current agreements between the University and city provide. This would have allowed the city to raise significant funds in parking revenue from those spaces, revenue which Bettman suggested be allocated to WISTEC.

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