

## Elections

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The pair hosted an International Coffee Hour, for which they paid for the refreshments and provided potential voters with materials about their campaign. Student Sen. Jennifer Greenough claimed they violated elections rules by offering a "thing of value" with the campaign

fliers, and the decision whether to remove Gabbe and Larson from the ballot eventually went to the ASUO Constitution Court.

The pair were allowed to remain on the ballot but were defeated soundly by Breslow and Magner.

Rice said she hopes that to help avoid a repeat from last year, candidates will communicate better among each other and with the elec-

tions board.

Rice said the board members she hopes to hire won't be afraid to confront candidates and hold them strictly to the rules.

"The people we're looking at aren't afraid to call somebody when they do something wrong," she said.

Students can also begin writing ballot measures now. The deadline to file a ballot measure by initiative

is Jan. 31, and all wording has to be approved by the Constitution Court to be clear and free of bias.

Rob Raschio, Constitution Court chief justice, said he hopes people will not wait until the last minute to file measures so the court has enough time for review and to give suggestions to the authors.

The Executive usually places a handful of measures on the ballot as

well. Breslow said he currently isn't sure whether he and Magner will write any measures, or if so, what they will detail, but he realizes the deadline is approaching.

"We're going to have to do it pretty soon," he said.

One measure for certain on the ballot will be funding for OSPIRG, which goes to the ballot every two years for incidental fee funding.

## Register-Guard

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these lengths to bust the union."

With several important issues yet to be addressed, Register-Guard representatives have told the union that they are approaching a final proposal. If the company continues to dig in its heels, union members can choose to accept or reject the proposal, Prozanski said. If the union rejects it, The Register-Guard can post conditions, and then a strike might occur.

The following are the issues that the union believes should be addressed in a future contract, Prozanski

ki said:

### Management clause

"If someone quits, they could divide that job between a manager and a part-timer or freelancer rather than hire a guild member," Prozanski said.

If accepted, the clause could erode the number of family-wage jobs, Prozanski said. With this proposal, the newspaper could decrease the number of people working full-time with benefits. Currently, there are 155 employees in the union and almost an equal number of part-time employees. The union tried to get part-time workers covered in its proposal to The Register-Guard but was again rejected, she said.

### Base wage pay freezes

The advertising department is facing a base wage pay freeze. When the economy isn't doing well, advertising employees rely on base pay rather than commission, Prozanski said. If the proposal goes through, base wages will be frozen for 10 years.

"The Register-Guard is at the bottom line regarding economic issues, hinting they won't budge," Prozanski said. "Issues like new ad commission rates have not even been talked about."

### E-mail

"Register-Guard employees are not allowed to use their e-mail accounts for personal e-mails," Prozanski said.

The guild has argued that it is an employee right to use e-mail for personal communications.

### Freedom of expression

Wearing arm bands as a silent reminder of union-member rights is another area where The Register-Guard has cracked down on employees, though not uniformly, Prozanski said. After The Register-Guard management told a circulation employee not to wear arm bands outside of the building, staff received a letter banning controversial, political or union insignia worn while in contact with customers.

"In this case, [the customers] were newspaper carriers, independent contractors," Prozanski said. "People

have worn arm bands during interviews [without reprimand]."

### Salaries

The Register-Guard management has also outlined in the contract a decrease of the district manager's salary by 4.5 percent, Prozanski said. The union had proposed 5 percent increases for all staff, but The Register-Guard said the bottom line is a 2 percent maximum increase.

With the union's issues yet unaddressed and the Register-Guard negotiation team seemingly unwilling to budge for any major compromises, the outcome of contract negotiations has yet to be determined, Prozanski said.

## Roe v. Wade

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many said they feel is threatened now that Bush is president and John Ashcroft will most likely be confirmed as attorney general in the next few weeks.

"It's very timely," Thoenes said of the anniversary falling so close to the inauguration of George W. Bush. "We'll take every opportunity we can to raise awareness about contraceptives."

Sara Poynter, one of the event's organizers and a member of Students for Choice, said she hoped the event would remind students that a woman's right to choose is still in jeopardy.

"Many students don't see it as a pressing issue," said Poynter, a senior general science major. "I hope this motivates and activates students to get involved."

Some EMU patrons said no to cake but took advantage of the free condoms, grabbing them in handfuls.

Anyone who approached the table could get a quick history of Roe v. Wade and its significance.

"A lot of people feel very helpless now that [Bush] is in office," ASUO Vice President Holly Magner said. "He's a bit too conservative, and people are afraid that women may lose the right to choose."

Though political talk laced conversations, it was mainly a light-hearted party to celebrate an im-

portant breakthrough in history.

Similar celebrations also took place at two other Oregon universities with the idea that the anniversary is a good time to remember that birth control prevents abortion.

Along with the multi-colored condoms and temporary tattoos reading "Keep the Choice Yours," information about the Family Planning Expansion Project was also available.

The project is the result of a five-year federal grant that enables low-income women and men to receive free or reduced-cost birth control supplies. The program was implemented at Planned Parenthood in 1999 and expanded to the University last summer.

## WISTEC

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The council narrowly passed that amendment but also approved 5-3 an alteration, proposed by Councilor Gary Rayor, that withdrew the three city lots from Bettman's proposal. In effect, the revenue the city could allocate to WISTEC was slashed.

"(Bettman's amendment) could have worked," Trendler said after the vote.

Councilors who supported Rayor's change to the amendment said that taking away University control of the lots would have unfairly changed an agreement between the University and the city. Also, they suggested WISTEC more vigorous-

ly pursue fund raising.

"I think WISTEC would be miles ahead if they went out knocking on doors and doing the hard work we all do (to fund raise)," Councilor Gary Papé said.

But Trendler said WISTEC has already been doing as much fund raising as possible.

Earlier this month, the University and WISTEC considered a proposal that would have placed a transit station on the edge of Alton Baker Park and allow WISTEC to continue selling parking passes on the lots that the University gained access to use Monday night. But that proposal would have set the stadium expansion far behind schedule and incur unacceptable changes to the park, Eugene senior planner Allan Lowe said.

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