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OSPIRG denied all ballot bids

■ The group's proposed measures missed some key points required by updated regulations, which the Executive hasn't published yet

By Emily Gust
Oregon Daily Emerald

When OSPIRG turned in eight versions of the same ballot measure to the ASUO Constitution Court for review, it hoped it was making the election process a little easier.

But Sunday, when the court rejected all eight of OSPIRG's versions of a measure that would determine whether it would get funding next year, a vital element of the elections process was missing.

An updated version of the Green Tape Notebook, the book of rules governing the ASUO, would have included new regulations about what a ballot measure has to contain. Students approved the new regulations for how ballot measures must be written during last year's election.

But halfway through this year, ASUO President Jay Breslow still has not issued a new Green Tape Notebook with the updated rules, even though it is a constitutional requirement that each president do so every year. In using the old system of writing ballot measures, OSPIRG missed some key points it needed to cover.

The OSPIRG measures failed to include the amount of money

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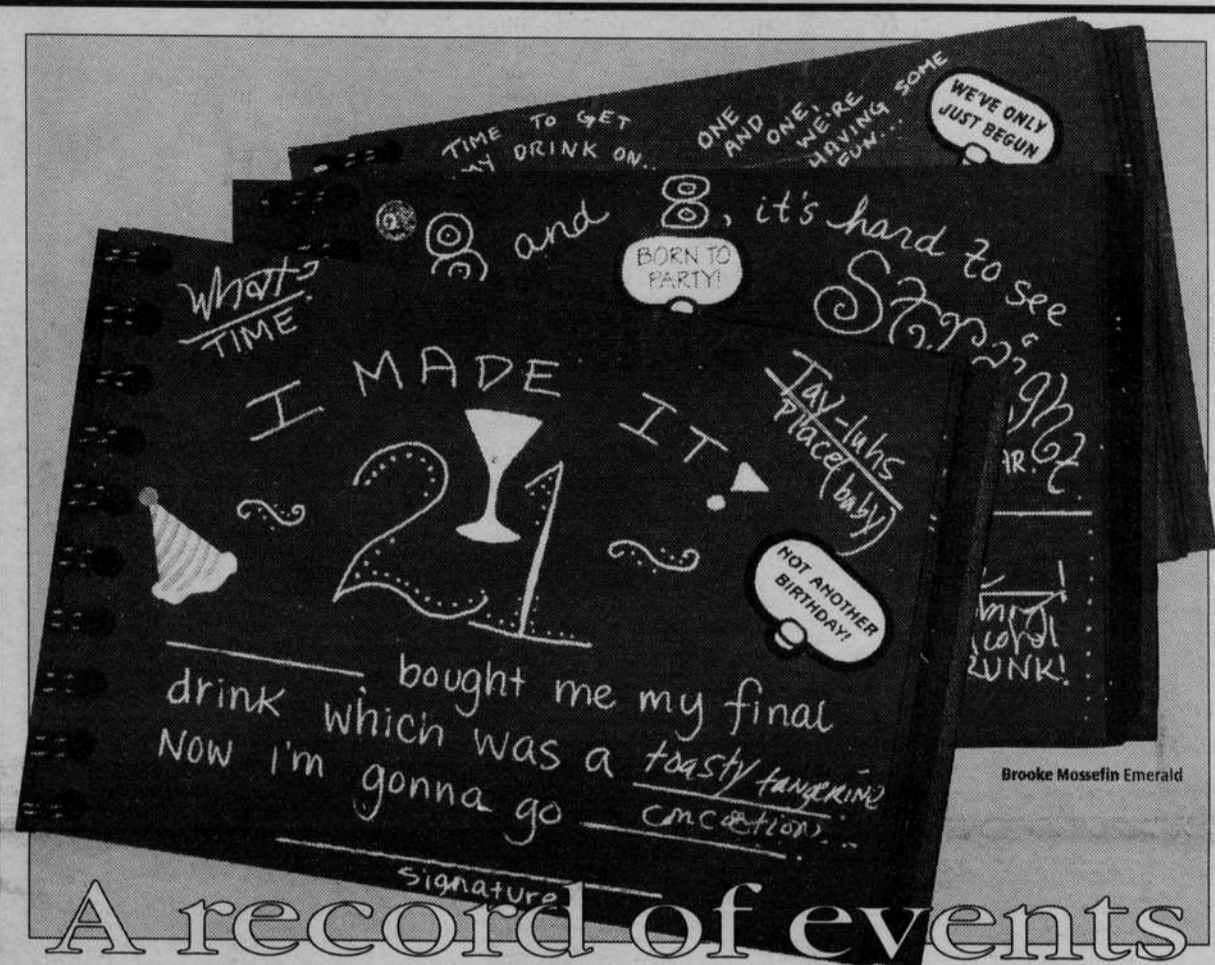
EWEB hears public comment on rates

■ Eugene residents gave their opinions on proposed rate increase plans at the Eugene Water and Electric Board's Tuesday night meeting

By Lindsay Buchele
Oregon Daily Emerald

More than 30 Eugene residents attended the Eugene Water and Electric Board's meeting Tuesday night to voice their opinions and offer suggestions as to how the board should handle its inevitable price increase.

EWEB board members agreed that a price increase was in-
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A record of events

'21er' scrapbooks can celebrate a coming-of-age birthday, but they can also be used as evidence if something goes wrong

By Lisa Toth
Oregon Daily Emerald

Senior Kari Briscoe, like most students when they turn 21, hit the bars recently with a handful of her closest friends. Drink number seven was a tequila shot bought by one of her friends. She threw up at shot number 19 and had her picture taken, but then downed two more shots just to prove she could make it to 21.

Briscoe used a "21er book," given to her by her friends, to keep track of how many drinks she had during the night, who

bought them for her and what they were. The 28-page book includes pictures of Briscoe and her friends, along with humorous quotes she blurted out during the night, and her signature for every time she finished a drink.

The 21er scrapbook can take any form, and is usually decorated with stickers, colorful pens, photographs and a guest sign-in section. But while the birthday books serve as a creative way to remember a 21st birthday, those who contribute to putting it together can be legally liable if

something goes wrong.

"It's kind of a tradition we started, and it goes along with the territory of turning 21," Briscoe said. "The people who are making the books are your close friends. It's nice they keep track of how many drinks you've had. They are watching out for you."

A scrap of paper or a napkin may suffice as a guy's memorabilia on his 21st birthday; the practice of having of 21er book is primarily a female custom.

"Guys keep track of their shots,
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Sharon camp rejoices as exit polls project huge victory

By Laura King
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Jubilation broke out at Ariel Sharon's headquarters after exit polls projected him the winner of Israel's election on Tuesday, giving the hard-liner an overwhelming victory over incumbent Ehud Barak in the race for prime minister.

Exit polls by Israel's two main TV channels said Sharon won 59.5 percent of the vote, compared to Barak's 40.5 percent. The exit polls give pollsters a large sample — 50,000 out of an electorate of 4.5 million. The margin of sampling error is less than 1 percent.

The first official returns — about 4 percent of the vote, drawn from areas where Barak is strong — showed Sharon leading by a smaller

margin: 52.2 percent to Barak's 47.7 percent, election officials said.

Sharon's supporters at his campaign headquarters whistled, clapped and blew horns, waving blue-and-white banners as they awaited his arrival. "The end of Oslo!" some shouted, referring to the interim peace accord that Sharon had always opposed.

Barak supporters were plunged into gloom. "It's a disaster for Israeli democracy and the Israeli people, because they totally want something Sharon is unable to deliver," said parliament member Yael Dayan. At Barak headquarters, a few downcast young campaigners softly sang a line from the national anthem: "We have not yet given up hope."

Heading into the election —

widely seen as a referendum on Mideast peacemaking — Sharon had been heavily favored, with public opinion polls giving him a lead of up to 20 percentage points.

Barak called Sharon soon after the exit polls were announced, and Sharon proposed a government that would include Barak's Labor Party, a Sharon aide said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In appearances earlier in the day, Sharon said he hoped to form an alliance with Barak's party. But Barak associates have so far rebuffed those advances.

The 72-year-old Sharon, a veteran hawk, says he will not cede the Palestinians more territory or a foothold in Jerusalem. Barak had offered Palestinians a state, encom-

passing most of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, together with a share of the contested city.

Officially, Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority says it will work with any Israeli prime minister. But some of his top associates expressed deep misgivings.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat warned that Sharon's hard-line program for peace talks was a "recipe for war."

For many Israelis, neither candidate was a satisfactory choice — and the depth of that frustration was driven home by what election officials called a historically low turnout, just over 60 percent. Traditionally, Israel's voting average is close to 80 percent, among the democratic world's highest.

Israeli Arabs, who account for 12.5 percent of the elec-

torate and were a key source of support for Barak in 1999 elections, stayed home in droves. They were angry at Barak over the fatal shooting of 13 Israeli Arabs by police during riots in October.

Barak, 58, was forced into early elections after 19 turbulent months at the helm of an ever-fraying governing coalition. He had hoped to the end for a turnaround. "We're busy winning!" he told supporters in Tel Aviv as evening fell.

Israel clamped an election-day closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where Palestinians have already been under tight travel restrictions since the start of ferocious clashes that are now in their fifth month.

Palestinians declared a

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Israel election

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For the first time in Israel's history, voters were choosing only a prime minister. No lawmakers' seats were at stake, so Sharon inherits the same sharply divided Knesset, or parliament.