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Honesty
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fees for off-campus programs and campaigns.

The Honesty campaign, which formed when OSPIRG went to the ballot for funding two years ago, is the group advocating for students to vote against funding the group.

But Melissa Unger, OSPIRG state board chairwoman, called the grievance absurd and unnecessary because OSPIRG members removed the extra posters as soon as they were discovered.

She said other posters covered their originals, so they added more. But when the other posters were torn down, the bulletin board had dual OSPIRG fliers visible.

Unger worked as campaign manager for C.J. Gabbe, who lost last year's election to ASUO President Jay Breslow. She said both Gabbe and Breslow accidentally broke posting rules last year, but the two candidates talked to each other to rectify the problem instead of filing grievances.

"I take the rules very seriously," she said. "If we made a mistake, we remedied the situation immediately."

But Beutler, who is also the editor of the Oregon Commentator, said his grievance is part of a larger picture about what OSPIRG does.

"I've always contended that OSPIRG is acting in bad faith. Here's the

ASUO Elections Board ruling:

The board gave OSPIRG a verbal warning for postering violations.

The board is investigating a grievance filled late Tuesday by vice presidential candidate Jeff Oliver against his opponents Bret Jacobson and Matt Cook, accusing them of illegally distributing campaign fliers in the residence halls.

The elections board is still investigating Oliver's grievance and hopes to make a decision late today.

The ASUO Primary Election continues today and ends Thursday. Students can vote via computer on Duck Web.

The ASUO general election is March 5-8.

SOURCE: ASUO Elections Board



Photo courtesy of Bill Beutler
OSPIRG campaigners received a verbal reprimand for placing multiple posters on bulletin boards, such as this one outside Chapman Hall.

perfect example," he said.

Unger said she also thinks the grievance represents a bigger issue: OSPIRG opponents' using election rules to keep the group's budget from coming to a vote.

But Unger could not be reached for comment about the decision itself.

Last week, Executive candidates Bret Jacobson and Matt Cook accused their opponents Eric Bailey and Oliver of tearing down Jacobson campaign posters on campus. Bailey, in turn, said his posters suspiciously disappeared.

Now, Oliver has accused Jacobson and Cook of distributing campaign fliers in the residence halls, which would violate election and University Housing rules, and has asked the board to remove the candidates from the ballot.

Rice said the board needs to investigate Oliver's grievance further before reaching a decision.

The board will have to make a quick decision, as the two tickets are currently squaring off in the primary election, which ends at 5 p.m. Thursday.

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and Patterson, a Nashville, Tenn., law firm, to serve as the paper's legal counsel in the contract negotiations. Guild releases have labeled Zinser a "union-busting attorney."

Prozanski said that The Register-Guard usually has lawyers representing the newspaper during bargaining sessions, but the move to bring an outside "union-busting" law firm into negotiations is a detour from tradition.

"It's not just us that label him [a

union buster]," Prozanski said. "He's very proud of his record — he labels himself that."

The law firm's Web site lists many "significant victories" achieved in National Labor Relations Board cases, along with other state and federal cases. According to the Web site, "ZINSERANDPATTERSON limits its practice to the representation of management in the law of Labor and Employment."

According to Prozanski, the time and location of bargaining sessions are withheld from the guild's lead negotiators until the day of the negotiations. Prozanski reiterated that the

guild believes the management has been negotiating in bad faith.

Contract disputes are not uncommon in the industry, said Tim Gleason, dean of the University's School of Journalism and Communication, citing recent strikes and dissent at Seattle and Detroit newspapers.

Gleason said that issues of law and "good faith" are two separate areas, and while both sides claim to be in the right, each side has a biased opinion.

Issues that the guild is focusing its efforts on include salaries, base wage pay freezes, freedom of expression and personal e-mail use.

WISTEC
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quire more parking lots to accommodate the greater number of seats.

The University has offered a little more than \$200,000 in compensation over the next seven years, an offer WISTEC has yet to accept.

WISTEC's threat to close after the January City Council decision was later reversed, and the museum is now searching for ways to stay open.

City Councilor Scott Mesiner voiced concern at Monday's meeting about the inconsistency of WISTEC's decision to remain open. He said a well-developed business plan must come from WISTEC if the council is to trust the museum with the leases.

"If WISTEC doesn't meet their demands, they could go out of business with a debt that could fall on the city's shoulders," Mesiner said. "We want to protect WISTEC, but my first priority is to be the protector of the city. I won't give away this lease without protections."

That's where the city comes in.

Glen Svendsen, the manager of the city's facility management division, manages most city buildings. He and the city manager have been working with WISTEC to develop a plan that will earn the council's approval.

"They asked for this building a year ago," Svendsen said. "There was some talking, but the process was put on hold. When the Autzen situation came up, we began meeting regularly with WISTEC to help them get the council's approval for the leases."

Trendler said WISTEC will continue to develop a business plan with steps devised to acquire funding.

"As any business or non-profit organization, we have been constantly re-evaluating our plan so as to have the most successful plan," Trendler said.

City Councilor Gary Rayer pointed out that the city would continue to support WISTEC.

"It's never all or nothing for anybody," Rayer said. "We'll do what we can to help WISTEC stay open."

Johnson said WISTEC should be ready to approach the council with a successful plan by March.

WISTEC History

1995—The University gives WISTEC the use of the Autzen Stadium parking lot so the museum can generate revenue from parking during football games.

Jan. 19, 2001— Eugene City Council gives the University clearance to build a bus transit station on the Autzen Stadium parking lot to compensate for the additional seating being added to the stadium. WISTEC loses possible revenues from the parking lot for the next seven years.

Jan. 23, 2001— WISTEC refuses \$200,000 compensation offered by the University for the next seven years. WISTEC says it will close.

Feb. 1, 2001— WISTEC reverses its decision to close and begins searching for ways to stay open.

Feb. 26, 2001— WISTEC receives approval from the City Council to continue developing a business plan that will allow the museum to acquire its building and land leases.

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