

IN BRIEF

Student Senate proceeds with accounting system

The Student Senate on Wednesday night approved changes to the rules governing how it allocates student fees, preparing the government for the new accounting system the ASUO will use this year. The changes alter three sections of the Green Tape Notebook, the rules applied to student government.

If the changes are approved by the ASUO Constitution Court, they will be implemented beginning Nov. 1.

The new rules forbid student groups from transferring money

between accounts and establish a new General Fund for money donated to the ASUO Programs Finance Committee for a specific event by any non-ASUO department of the Oregon University System.

Senator Kevin Day said the drafted rule-changes were the best the Senate Rules Committee could produce under such strict time constraints.

"The gist behind this is not to make sure to have the i's and t's dotted, but to have the general philosophy of this," Day said.

The changes are "only the beginning of many changes that rules committee will be proposing throughout the year," according to a memo Day sent to senators on Oct. 20.

Also at the meeting, Senate Treasurer Eden Cortez said the Senate has about \$51,862 left in its surplus fund. Senate President James George said the surplus is lower than last year at this time, when the account held about \$90,000. He said the surplus is lower this year because last year's PFC process allocated money to groups more accurately.

The Senate also unanimously voted to release \$100 from MEChA's food-holding account for the group's Nov. 2 celebration of Día de los Muertos. A representative from the group said MEChA will use the funds to buy marigolds and food items to offer as gifts to the spirits of dead ancestors during the annual celebration.

— Parker Howell

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Peace Corps officials visit campus today

Tonight, students and community members considering volunteering with the United States Peace Corps will be able to learn more about the opportunities available from the program.

University Peace Corps representative Sarah Schrock will present information in the International Lounge at the EMU from 6-8 p.m.

Schrock served as an agroforestry volunteer in Kenya.

The Peace Corps is a federal agency that has coordinated international volunteer efforts in areas such

as "education, youth outreach, community development, the environment and information technology" since 1961, according to its Web site.

Tracing the agency's roots back to John F. Kennedy's leadership in the Senate, Peace Corps volunteers currently serve in 71 countries in various parts of the world.

All volunteers must be 18 years old and citizens of the United States. Knowledge of a foreign language is not required. However, volunteers are strongly encouraged to have earned at least a four-year college degree before leaving to serve in most programs.

For more information on tonight's meeting, contact Schrock at 346-6026 or visit www.peacecorps.gov.

— Gabe Bradley

Fraud: Several complaints filed on Sproul and Associates

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throughout the state during this election year. The Count Every Vote Project, a coalition of organizations working to ensure that people know their voting rights, has received at least six reports from the Eugene area of people being approached with phony petitions and then told they have to register as a Republican for their signature to count, according to the group's spokeswoman Patty Wentz. Wentz said her group has seen the same pattern on other campuses in Oregon, including Western Oregon University, Portland State University, George Fox University, Chemeketa and Mt. Hood community colleges.

"There is no such petition and no such requirement to register as a Republican; three people said it happened during a street fair," Wentz said.

Wentz said the Republican National Committee paid \$2.8 million to an Arizona-based political consulting company, Sproul and Associates, to

get new Republicans to register to vote. The Oregon Secretary of State's office is investigating that company, she said.

Anne Martens, a spokeswoman for the Oregon Secretary of State, confirmed that after receiving an official complaint the day after the voter-registration deadline, an investigation was opened into possible voter-registration fraud in Oregon.

"We received three official complaints; all three involved Sproul and Associates. One was from Multnomah County and two were from Douglas County," Martens said.

Martens added that in addition to the written complaints, the office also received a number of e-mail complaints, some from the Eugene area. However, she said she couldn't get into details because it is a criminal in-

vestigation.

Unlike other students who have still not received their ballots, Erickson said she was able to confirm her registration with the Lane County Elections Office and has received her ballot.

BALLOT ISSUES?

If you filled out a voter-registration form but have since been told you are not registered, contact Ilona Koleszar at ASUO Legal Services at 346-4273.

If you were surprised to be registered with the Republican Party when you received your ballot, contact the Count Every Vote Project at (503) 236-6058.

— some multiple times — but were told by Lane County Elections that they are not registered.

Wentz said she is concerned that registration cards may have been destroyed.

"This is a horrible manipulation of

our democracy," she said. "We are very concerned that some people have had their (registration) cards destroyed, which is the worst possible thing to happen to a voter."

Erickson said she was uneasy about the fact that some people get paid to register voters.

"They capitalized on my concern for the cause to make me register as a Republican," Erickson said. "The fact that someone can get paid to register people to vote seems wrong; there should be a law that registering people should be completely voluntary."

Aside from these sorts of allegations, Martens said she doesn't think that this sort of activity will have a large impact on the election.

"We're not talking about millions or even thousands," Martens said. "For any person who has been disenfranchised this is a terrible thing, but I don't think this will swing the election one way or another."

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Woody Harrelson visits to support Roadless Rule

Actor Woody Harrelson will join local activists to support the Roadless Rule at 1 p.m. today in the EMU Amphitheater. Environmental groups OSPIRG, the Oregon Natural Resources Council and Cascadia Wildlands Project have been working to raise awareness and support for the rule, which was implemented by the Clinton administration and is now under threat of being weakened by the Bush administration, according to an OSPIRG press release. The rule covers about 58 million acres of roadless public forests in the nation and limits timber harvest, road construction and reconstruction.

Harrelson is widely known for playing Woody on "Cheers," and his roles in movies such as "White Men Can't Jump," "Indecent Proposal" and "Natural Born Killers." He is also an activist for the legalization of marijuana.

— Parker Howell

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Thriller 80s Halloween Dance
10 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the EMU FishbowlFREE

Nov. 4:

New Zone Collective Opening Reception
5 p.m. in the Buzz & Aperture GalleriesFREE

Jason Harris: Glass Works Opening Reception
6 p.m. in the Adell McMillan galleryFREE

Control Room

9 p.m. in PLC 180FREE

Nov. 7:



And You Will Know Us By the Trail of the Dead
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8:30 p.m. at WOW Hall\$12, \$14 drs.

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