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IN BRIEF

ASUO Election Packet for next year available

Students aspiring to hold student government offices next year have until Friday of Finals Week to file paperwork declaring their candidacy.

The Election Packet, a document outlining available positions and procedures for running, is now available. Approved March 8 by the ASUO Constitution Court after it was initially rejected, the packet was under review by the court for 20 days, according to an ASUO press release.

"The elections board is disappointed that the Con Court took longer than expected to make a ruling," according to the press release.

The board will open the ASUO office on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to give students extra time to file. Candidates must file voter's guide statements with their petitions.

Ballot measures must be submitted by 5 p.m. today.

Campaign managers must register

by March 31, when a mandatory candidate meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the EMU's Ben Linder Room.

The primary election will be April 6-8 and the general election April 13-15. Online campaigns for the ASUO Executive have already begun, with five tickets establishing Thefacebook groups to promote their platforms and enlist supporters.

The Election Packet is available at the ASUO office in Suite 4 of the EMU.

— Parker Howell

Tribes considers 'racino' at Portland Meadows site

GRANDE RONDE — Grande Ronde tribes and the operators of horse racing at Portland Meadows are considering a joint effort to build the state's largest casino at the racetrack.

Tribal officials said the resulting "racino" has worked with struggling tracks elsewhere, notably West Virginia and Delaware.

Several regulatory hurdles would have to be cleared.

It would require approval by the governor and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

In addition, casinos must be on tribal or tribal trust land, and each tribe is limited to one casino. The Grande Ronde tribes already operate Spirit Mountain, west of Portland, the state's most popular tourist attraction.

The tribe would have to buy

Portland Meadows and have it put in trust, said Justin Martin, a lobbyist representing the tribe.

Martin said talks are still preliminary. "We've been sitting down and talking. What are the possibilities? What are the options? What would this look like?"

John Doussard, spokesman for Mayor Tom Potter, said the mayor has "repeatedly said he doesn't want a casino in Portland."

City Commissioner Sam Adams said it's something the city might have to consider.

"The only thing worse than a casino in Portland is a casino in Vancouver," said Adams, noting that one across the river would siphon off Oregon dollars.

But with Gov. Ted Kulongoski considering a Warm Springs off-reservation casino at Cascade Locks and the Cowlitz developing their La Center, Wash., casino plans, the Grand Ronde fear losing some of the Portland market.

"If the governor is going to allow off-reservation gambling, we have a responsibility to our 5,000 members to continue to sustain our newfound economic self-sufficiency," Martin said.

Kulongoski remains leery of allowing a casino in Portland, a spokeswoman said.

Horse racing enthusiasts say the "racino" idea could bolster Portland Meadows, which has seen diminishing purses.

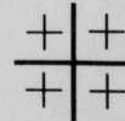
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Crossing: Intersection improvements proposed

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state highway system, which makes changes much harder to implement than if the street were a University or city street.

School of Architecture and Allied Arts Dean Robert Melnick has been working for several years with University Vice President for Administration Dan Williams to create possible improvements to the intersection.

Two possibilities were an overpass or an underpass, but both have too many restraints to be considered viable options, Melnick said. An overpass would need to be at least 14 feet high and would need a wheelchair ramp. An underpass could potentially create unsafe road conditions and would be too near the millrace.

The changes with the most potential involve altering the timing of the lights at the intersection and better notifying drivers of the upcoming intersection, Melnick said.

"At one point we were able to succeed in getting the length of the light lengthened," Melnick said. "The walk light now lasts longer. It used to be impossible to cross in one light, but it's still not long enough, and cars still run the light."



DANIELLE HICKEY | PHOTO EDITOR

The intersection of Onyx Street and Franklin Boulevard has undergone much speculation regarding its safety after a local homeless woman was hit by a car on March 2.

Melnick also suggested changing the timing of the lights so all cars have a red light for 20 seconds to allow a pedestrian caught in the middle of the intersection to finish crossing. Melnick has also suggested putting warning lights on the boulevard 100 to 200 feet away so drivers are aware of the upcoming light.

"A lot of cars go flying down

Franklin and realize it's a red light and just go through it or don't stop in time," Melnick said. "We need to better inform drivers."

Because the highway isn't a campus street DPS can't regulate traffic, but Hicks said DPS may encourage the Eugene Police Department to raise enforcement at the intersection.

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