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Photo by Dave Kao

The Political Faire brought candidates to campus to debate the issues. While few students attended the all-day event, ASUO officials remain positive about their efforts.

Low student turnout mars Faire

By Richard Burr
Of the Emerald

The ASUO Political Faire was marked by low student turnout Thursday, but faire officials say the event was worth the effort.

Attendance averaged 18 people through the first five debates. The turnout reached its lowest point when no one except participating officials and the media showed for the 11:30 a.m. Rep. District 42 debate with Democrat Larry Hill.

Hill was delayed and was 20 minutes late for the debate, said Dan Allen, Student Universities Affairs Board chair. The Democrat decided to talk to the media and left, he said.

The faire was sponsored by ASUO, SUAB and Student University Relations Council.

Officials said the event ran smoothly and the sole problem was the attendance.

"None of us are upset or disappointed," ASUO Pres. C.J. Balfe said. "We offered the students a service that was worth the effort and

we'll keep on doing it.

"We've been fighting apathy for the three years that I've been here and it's a slow fight," he added.

But for Debi Lance, ASUO vice president of state and University affairs, the attendance problem was baffling.

"I really don't know what happened," she said. "I'm confused."

Allen said the debates ran smoothly and were informative for him.

"It's too bad more people didn't show up," he said.

Although higher education is in trouble, students seem to need a larger incentive to attend the faire and become involved, Balfe said.

"We can only go so far," Lance added.

In another faire development, Rep. Jim Weaver's office requested a Weaver representative be allowed to debate against Republican challenger Ross Anthony, Lance said. The request was denied, she said.

Board to consider funds; ethics code

By Debbie Howlett
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The State Board of Higher Education will meet today on the Oregon State University campus to consider a policy and a code of ethics for intercollegiate athletics and financial statements from foundations and development funds at each institution.

The system-wide code of ethics, a result of former Chancellor Roy Liewallen's request in September 1981, was drawn from separate statements from the seven institutions affiliated with intercollegiate athletics. (The Oregon Health Sciences University does not have an athletics program.)

It was decided at the July 23 meeting to approve separate policies for each institution and then combine all seven into one comprehensive policy and code.

The basis for the comprehensive policy is the policy submitted by Portland State University with aspects of the other policies included, according to a state systems official. "(PSU's) was the most comprehensive," she said.

The policy sets guidelines for finances, levels of competition and "cost containment." The code of ethics outlines directives for operation of athletic programs and an outline of coaching and athletic standards as representatives of an institution.

The board will also review financial statements from the state college and university fund raising groups such as the University Foundation.

Gifts, grants and contract income from the past two years will be compared. The major decreases reported for the state system as a whole were in instruction and research, down 36 percent; academic support, down 35 percent; and general instructional support, down 63 percent.

The report also shows the University Foundation with an income decrease of 15 percent, down from \$4.6 million dollars in 1980-81 to \$3.9 million in 1981-82. Total expenditures for both years was \$5.2 million.

Of all groups, OSU reported the most income with a total of \$8.8 million from three different "corporate affiliates" for 1981-82.

Western Oregon State College's total jumped 301 percent, the most of any institution, from 1980-81 to 1981-82. Their total last year was \$215,815.

Other items on the agenda include a recommendation to the board to eliminate the position of vice chancellor for educational systems. Rex Kreuger held the position prior to his resignation.

Arid desert blooms under guru's influence

By Randy Malat
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Editor's note: This is the second part of a two-part series that looks at the reason people follow Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

ANTELOPE — Time is short — dance, sing, be joyous! Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

Followers of a religious leader from India are demonstrating that a blend of faith, money, leadership, technology and manpower can make the desert bloom and move mountains.

On a piece of desert twice the size of San Francisco, the Rajneesh Ranch has about 350 full-time residents and a supporting cast of 500 other Rajneesh disciples called "sannyasins." Selected by the commune's leaders according to skills, depth of commitment, wealth and available facilities, they work 70-80 hours a week without pay.

Rajneesh claims 270,000 followers worldwide; relocated from Poona, India in the summer of 1981, this is the religion's center, an international sensation.

Reactions to the experiment are as much a product of the speaker's values as the ranches' tangible signs of progress.

"It's a pretty simple way to live," says Prem Deep. "Get up in the morning and go to work. Be part of a growing farming community with a lot of nice people.

Eat like a king. Have a couple of hours at night for yourself."

"They're the new society dropouts," says Don Smith, a retired Marine who lives in nearby Antelope. "They claim all these skilled and professional people are driving tractors and milking cows and relying on the Rajneesh organization to provide for them. If that isn't a dropout, I don't know what a dropout is."

"This is not a hippy commune," says Krishna Deva, mayor of Rajneeshpuram, the newly-incorporated city that covers 2,000 acres of the 64,000-acre ranch. "The people here are a very successful group. It has nothing to do with escaping. They were successful but something was missing."

"All religious movements start with tremendous vitality," says Dr. Hee-Jin Kim, chairer of the University's religious studies department. "Right now this movement is highly idealistic. In the course of idealistic activity you get involved in political and economic issues. Any religious movement is a mixture of good and bad."

"There is no complaining, no bitching and moaning, no contract signed," says Sunshine, who shows visitors around the ranch.

"People are here because they want to be," she says. "If there's anything they don't like they can leave. There's plenty of people that want to come and replace them."

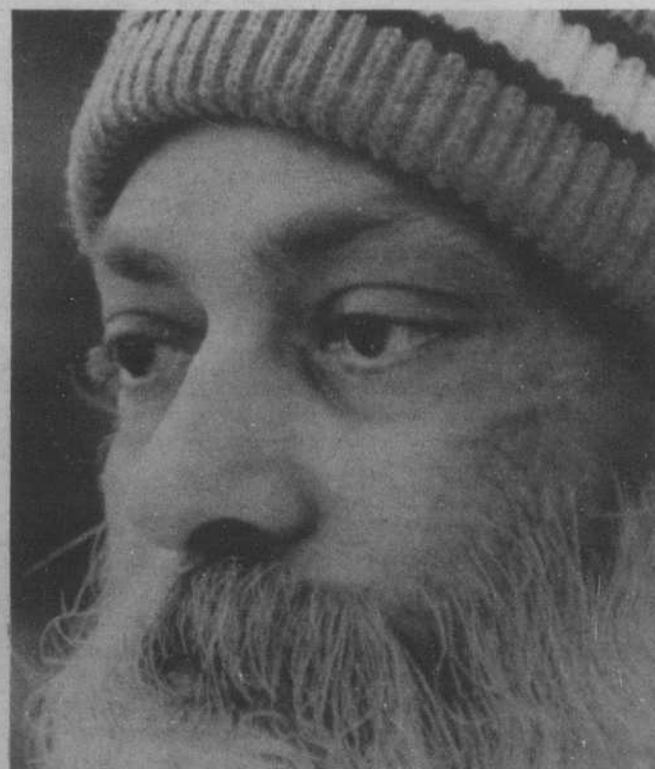


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Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's image is prominent throughout Rajneeshpuram.

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