

## Most ballot measures worth student support

In continuing our endorsements for ballot measures, we find ourselves supporting four of the remaining five proposals students will be asked to vote on Wednesday and Thursday.

Measure 6 deals with childcare. This issue has been a hot topic lately and for good reasons. Currently, campus childcare is woefully understaffed and underpaid. Measure 6 calls for a 61 cent increase in incidental student fees to fund two staff positions.

This fee increase would provide for a full-time program assistant/accounting clerk (the current position is only part-time), and re-establish an assistant coordinator for the Child Care and Development Center. Childcare dollars go a long way in terms of the services they provide, and an additional 61 cents in student fees would provide badly needed funds.

Measure 7 asks students to support an 83-cent increase in student fees for the Marching Band. This proposal is well within reason. The Marching Band hasn't asked for a budget increase in three years. Moreover, the Marching Band's membership has increased 100 percent during that time — jumping from 100 members to 225. Similarly, the number of Marching Band performances has soared from 25 to 80 shows.

Measure 8 happens to be our own, and, of course, we support it. The measure asks students to approve a 26-cent increase in student fees. Printing costs have skyrocketed during the last three years, which was the last time the Emerald asked for a budget increase. The appealing aspect to this measure is that students can request a refund of the subscription price during the first five days of each term.

Measure 9 asks students to support a \$6.55 increase in student fees for the Athletic Department's non-revenue-producing sports. It was a tough call, but we are compelled to endorse this one.

The obvious problem with this measure is the drastic student fee increase it calls for. But it is needed. If the University is forced to cut another sport in order to meet budget constraints, then the school will be eliminated from the PAC-10. (However, it is unlikely the Athletic Department would allow this to happen, no matter how students voted on this measure.) The PAC-10 brings prestige, enrollees and national exposure to the University and dropping out of it would be a nightmare for this University.

The sorry aspect to this measure is that if the Oregon Student Lobby had been doing its job better, funding for University athletics could have been coming from the state rather than being milked from students. The Athletic Department is in a hole and students will have to bail it out this time. Our hopes are that there won't be a next time, and the student body won't be forced against a wall by being "asked" to save school athletics.

Measure 10 seeks to change the way the University student Counseling Center fee is administered. Rather than being funded through incidental fees, this measure, if passed, would make the Counseling Center fee a permanent, non-incidental fee.

This sounds innocuous enough, but there would be a lack of Incidental Fee Committee oversight created if Measure 10 passes. Although the wording of the measure contains assurances fees for the Counseling Center would be supervised by a joint student faculty board, there is little reason to form a new layer of bureaucracy.

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## Letters

### Free ticket

I'm writing this letter to clear up the confusion stirred up by the ODE's presentation of Ballot Measure 9. Ballot measure 9 is a funding measure put up by the Student-athletes' Team Council.

If Ballot Measure 9 passes, incidental fees will be increased \$6.55 per student, per term. All of the money raised from this will be spent on non-revenue sports (none of this money will be spent on football or men's basketball).

In exchange for the increased funding, the Athletic Department will make all student tickets free (these free student tickets include football and basketball tickets).

Last year the Athletic Department had to cut three sports and make tremendous cuts in the rest, including track, wrestling, and softball. If one more sport is dropped, the University will have to drop out of the NCAA Division I and also the PAC-10.

Help fund the Ducks — VOTE YES ON 9.

Dan Martin  
History

### Student rights

At stake in this week's student election run-offs are many services and activities that exist because of the innovative and active support of SPA student representatives.

For example, we recently succeeded in securing full-time, free legal service for all students. A full-time lawyer will be available to aid students in disputes with landlords, local businesses, or other matters.

This service, supported by SPA, could be lost if candidates whose priorities don't include defending students' rights win the election.

Other services or programs at stake include:

- Childcare
- SafeRide
- International Week
- Earth Week
- Peace Week
- Women's Symposium
- Spring Folk Festival
- Lobbying through USSA and OSL for financial aid
- Minority student unions and cross-cultural events

The list goes on. These campus-enriching programs are strong now because voters and SPA representatives have supported them. I urge students who value diversity, free speech and students' rights to vote once again for SPA:

- Lachkar/Mooney: President/Vice President
- Armando Morales and Douglas Pyle: two-year IFC
- Steve Hoyt, Kristin Teigen and Teddy Wallace: one-year IFC

I thank those who have endorsed me for the two-year IFC position: Masters in Business Administration Association, Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, Foreign Student Organization, Foreign Student Organization, Amazon Community Tenants, Students for a Progressive Agenda, Minority Caucus, Korean Student Association, MEChA, Native American Student Union, Asian/Pacific American Student

Union, Student Campaign for Disarmament, Survival Center, Catalyst Films, War Resistance Center, and other student organizations that value students' rights.

Vote this Wednesday and Thursday for SPA.

Douglas Pyle  
IFC candidate

### Band support

With all of the debates and controversies over funding issues this year, we feel it is important to explain the true story behind Ballot Measure 7.

Ballot Measure 7's aim is to increase IFC funding for the Marching Band, Basketball Band, and Green Garter Band. In the last three years, the Oregon bands have not requested an increase in funding. In that time, the band has more than doubled in size and the number of performances a year have tripled.

The band is now requesting an increase of 115 percent per student, per term. Consider that this amounts to only 84 cents. This money will insure that the band can remain open to all interested students. It will guarantee that there is a uniform, instrument, and quality experience for everyone.

The increase will also provide a continuation of the spirited performances that are inseparable from the home football games and are a crucial element of the legendary home court advantage in the PIT.

This band program is an integral part of the lives of the students who participate in it. The band provides an avenue for developing leadership skills, personal integrity, and lasting friendships.

We feel that this program is well worth the 84 cents that Ballot Measure 7 proposes. So we ask you to KEEP YOUR BAND MARCHING, vote yes on 7.

Mari Kramer  
Vicki Lehrer  
Students

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