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## University students vie for Eugene City Council seats

*Tim Laue and Bobby Green bid for positions on the May 15 ballot*

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Two University students are among 10 candidates running for four available City Council seats in the May 15 election.

Tim Laue, a self-employed contractor and an English and political science major at the



University, is vying for the Ward 1 spot, along with Richard Briggs and Randy MacDonald.

Among Laue's areas of concern are urban transportation, air quality and viable industry for the city.

"Our vision must be directed forward to reasonably accommodate the expansion we're facing, while preserving the

natural amenities and advantages we all appreciate," Laue said.

Briggs is governmental coordinator of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

Issues he plans to address include excessive property taxes, recycling, improving public safety, increasing library facilities and fighting the use of drugs.

MacDonald, a legislative assistant to Sen. Larry Hill, graduated from the University winter term.

His vision for Eugene includes building on the strengths of active citizen participation, a concern for the environment and a regional center for professional and health care services as well as culture and art.

Ward 1, which represents the South Eugene area, is occupied by councilor Emily Schue.

Two candidates are competing for the Ward 4 seat, which represents northeast Eugene.

City Council incumbent Robert Bennett, whose experience has included support of downtown development and affordable housing, plans to support

an update of the Laurel Hill Neighborhood Refinement Plan and to work to solve transportation problems.

Bennett, a real estate developer and property manager, also is the city's representative on the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority board.

Also running for the Ward 4 spot is Paul Nicholson, owner of Paul's Bicycle Shop and Paul's Bicycle Way of Life.

A community activist for 25 years, his priorities are safe neighborhoods, citizen involvement, library improvements and enhancing the city's quality of life.

Another of Nicholson's goals is to end "concealed tax increases" by requiring tax increment-financed urban renewal projects to be approved by voters.

University senior research associate Ken Tollenaar, counselor John Moniz and attorney Kaye Robinette are running for Ward 5, which represents northeast Eugene. The spot is occupied by councilor Freeman Holmer.

Tollenaar supports "family wage jobs to pick up the slack in our lumber and wood products sector," as well as protect-

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## Barbara Roberts stresses improved higher ed financing

*Roberts addresses a number of issues including log exports, the spotted owl debate and sales taxes*

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*Editor's note: Oregon's gubernatorial primary election is only a week away, and the Oregon Daily Emerald has talked with the two foremost candidates about issues pertinent to University students.*

*This is an interview with Democratic candidate Barbara Roberts from April 23. An interview with Republican Dave Frohnmayer appeared Monday.*

**Oregon Daily Emerald:** In your announcement speech to run for governor you stated that during your career you've never said of any Oregon problem, "that's not my job." Yet recently Republican Craig Berkman publicly criticized you and Dave Frohnmayer of being vague on the issues the state faces. Are Berkman's accusations toward you valid?

**Barbara Roberts:** They're sure not valid toward me as a candidate or as an office holder ... I have talked about school finance for 10 or 15 years ... and have been a major leader on that issue. My positions on

those issues have been clear not only as secretary of state, but now as a gubernatorial candidate.

My environmental positions are very strong ... I came out of the Oregon legislature with a 100 percent record on the environment on air and water and land use. I have been clear about my opposition to field burning. I have been a 10-year opponent of off-shore drilling and mining.

So on each one of the major issues in Oregon, I have been very clear about my positions. I've been a candidate for two months and have reinforced my long-term positions and taken new positions on probably 25 issues.

So I think Berkman wanted to criticize his own candidate and use me as part of the ability to do that.

**ODE:** Where does Oregon's higher education system rank on your list of priorities?

**BR:** In terms of the four-year institutions in Oregon, it does no good to teach kids well at the high school level and then give them no place to go in



Barbara Roberts

higher education. To some degree we've made it hard for them to have the kinds of programs right here in the state and many of Oregon's brightest students are unfortunately leaving to go to college in other states around the country.

There's no question we have to increase the number of post-graduate programs at our major higher education institutions in Oregon ... The funding for faculty members is way below the national average. There's no question about that as well. That's one of the things we really got to put some emphasis on.

We've got to prioritize how



### Desk job

*Mary Whalen continues work on a campaign desk made of birch and cherry at the EMU Craft Center. Whalen attended a woodworking class at the University last summer.*

Photo by Steve Card

we spend our money in higher education. Libraries are in serious need of upgrading; we've got technical facilities that need to be replaced or added across the state.

When you talk about education, you've got to talk about the spectrum from preschool all the way to post graduate. It's got to be all integrated in a way that says education at any level is important and necessary and needs to be funded.

Also, I think we've got to understand that those who are becoming adults now are going to be going back to school on a continuous basis. It's not graduate from high school, go to college and quit. From this point forward, people are going to be going back into higher education on an ongoing basis.

**ODE:** Considering the problems you've just mentioned and others that higher education faces, how do you prioritize them?

**BR:** I put a high priority on higher ed faculty salaries. One of the reasons is that no matter what else we do with the system for funding, we can't afford to lose the best of our faculty because they can't afford to stay in higher education. The offers they are able to get from other states are so much higher than what we can offer them that they really can't af-

ford to stay in higher ed sometimes.

**ODE:** There are several different options for increasing higher education funding. With suggestions ranging from more tuition increases, lotteries, sales tax and others, what is your position on new sources of funding?

**BR:** I am a strong supporter of a progressive sales tax. It's got to have constitutional protections against taxing food.

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### Roberts: a biography

**Born:** December 21, 1936 in Corvallis, Oregon.

**Education:** Portland State University, Harvard University (Kennedy School of Government), Marylhurst College.

**Experience:** Elected to secretary of state in 1984, state representative 1984-89, Multnomah County commissioner 1978.

**Family:** Roberts is married to State Senator Frank Roberts. She has two sons and one granddaughter.