

UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Brand investigation goes on

University President Myles Brand remains the subject of a state Government Ethics Commission investigation into whether he broke state law by offering free trips to the 1989 Independence Bowl to the wives of Eugene's and Springfield's mayors.

Similar cases against Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller and Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette have been dropped because the commission unknowingly missed a 120-day deadline for prosecuting the cases.

Brand was originally to appear at a Nov. 5 ethics commission meeting, but commission Director Patrick Hearn said Brand's attorneys asked for a delay.

Hearn said Brand's case will be on the agenda of the Dec. 10 commission meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the State Capitol building in Salem.

Alumnus to discuss newspapers

Johnathan Marshall, president of the Marshall Fund of Arizona, will deliver the journalism school's annual Allen Lecture "Is There a Future for Newspapers?" today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 110 Willamette.

"Marshall has a great deal of personal experience to influence his opinions about the future of newspapers," said Arnold Ismach, jour-

nalism school dean.

Marshall and his wife were majority stockholders and publishers of the *Scottsdale Progress* in Arizona for 25 years before they sold their stock in 1987.

Marshall received his master's degree from the University's School of Journalism in 1962. Two years ago, Marshall endowed an annual teaching award in his name and in honor of the teachers he had while at the University.

The lecture is part of the Eric W. Allen Memorial Lecture series.

Grievance process streamlined

Graduate students who file grievances with the University will benefit from a clearer timeline. A proposed amendment to Oregon Administrative Rule 571-03-120 would provide a 30-day deadline to Step 2 of the grievance process.

Under Step 1, a graduate student may file a written grievance to a department head, department grievance committee, the college's or school's grievance committee, or the dean of the college or school. The rules state that the decision rendered will be provided in writing within 30 days.

However, under Step 2, which serves as an appeal if the graduate student is not satisfied with the Step 1 decision, no timeline is currently included in the rules.

Abortion rights pass after absentee count



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SEATTLE (AP) — Absentee ballots gave abortion rights Initiative 120 a winning margin of about one-quarter of 1 percent Wednesday, forcing a recount next month on the bitterly contested issue.

With results in from Washington state's 39 counties, the unofficial count was 756,554 to 752,240, state elections director Gary McIntosh said.

A recount, mandatory in elections decided by less than one-half of 1 percent of the total vote, probably will be completed about a week after the results are certified by his office on Dec. 5, McIntosh said.

"It's almost over. We're feeling very glad. We're very pleased that it's finally nearing the end," said Esther Herst, state executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

She admitted, however, that

the outcome in what had been long viewed as a stronghold of abortion rights was "closer than we would have liked."

The state had an unbroken string of strong votes in favor of abortion rights, starting with approval in 1970 of what was then one of the nation's most liberal statutes.

Kenneth D. VanDerhoef, executive director of Human Life of Washington, said he and other opponents would monitor the recount closely.

"Of course, I'm disappointed," VanDerhoef said. "The voters of this state have passed a very radical piece of legislation, but they passed it by less than one-half of one percent."

He said opponents would decide whether to seek a second recount, most likely limited to a few heavily populated counties, after the state-mandated recount is completed.

A second recount would cost opponents a nickel a ballot for a hand count and slightly less for another computerized tally.

McIntosh said he doubted a recount would change the results by more than a few hundred votes.

He said the closest statewide ballot issue he could recall was Initiative 348, a gasoline tax rollback proposal that was rejected in 1979 by 884 votes after a recount netted 50 votes against the measure out of about 940,000 total votes.

Initiative 120 essentially would adopt the 18-year-old U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Roe vs. Wade* as state law, guaranteeing women the right to have abortions through about the sixth month of pregnancy.

It would replace the 1970 state law that allowed abortions through four months of pregnancy.

About 200,000 absentee, questioned and challenged ballots turned the tide for Initiative 120, which trailed by about 6,000 in the initial vote count after the polls closed Nov. 5.

Of those, about 75,000 ballots were in Seattle and the rest of King County, where the vote ran more than 59 percent yes.

In almost every county, Initiative 120 fared better among absentees than at the polls.

In Tacoma and the rest of Pierce County, the yes vote was 43.9 percent in the initial tally and 49.6 percent among absentees. In Kitsap County, including Bremerton, the comparable figures were 48.5 percent and 52.2 percent. In Spokane County they were 39.6 percent and 44.8 percent.

Both sides said they had targeted absentee voters.



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