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the students (this year) was what is happening in Salem."

But both are quick to point out that they are diverse in other ways.

"The ticket has great diversity in terms of our paradigm," Lee said, adding that he is a member of the greek system while Fore isn't, and Fore has lived in Oregon all her life but Lee was raised in another country.

In their positions, the two will meet twice a month with Brand, meet regularly with the Student Senate and deal with greek affairs and dorm issues.

They'll oversee about 80 ASUO programs, which Lee said is the biggest student government of any in the country. They took this taxing job,

They took this taxing job, they said, because they care about education and believe they can make a difference.

"I think you have to have the passion and the desire for politics," Fore said. "And to be part of a solution."

One of her main concerns, she said, is to make higher education accessible and affordable for everyone. They plan to lobby the Legislature for more funding and to work for lower tuition.

Then when students get here, Fore said, there are campus issues to address.

"We want them to feel safe," she said. "We don't want them to think this is a negative place to come."

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Lee said he saw how things were being run and decided he could do an equally good job.

"I've seen how the past ASUO presidents have dealt with this position," he said. "I know how to improve it." He knows how to "institutionalize multiculturalism," he said, and can effectively run the student health insurance program.

After their year is up, they said they would have liked to have been partly responsible for finding replacement revenue for higher education.

Moreover, they would like to have made the Incidental Fee Committee, which allocates students' fees to campus groups, be more accountable. "No one will get overpaid," Lee

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said. "No one will get underpaid."

They also want to increase safety on campus by using "peace-keepers" — students who patrol campus and blow a whistle if there is trouble. Students, who will act as a visual and physical deterrent to criminals. Fore said, will get academic credit for volunteering.

Fore said she believes they have a good chance to achieve their goals, but she realizes there are limits.

And Lee admits that there's a lot of work to be done that may not be finished in one year.

"The ASUO is an impossible job," Lee said. "That's no secret."

They said they believe student leaders are taken seriously and can change University and state policy. Despite the fact that only

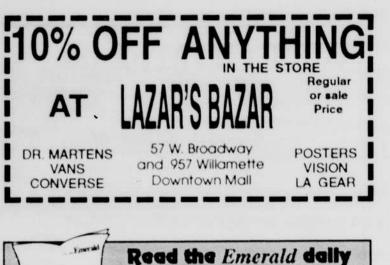
about 13 percent of students voted in the last election, they said they believe people care about student government.

"If you don't take time to understand something," Lee said, "it is going to look stupid."

Lee cites examples of students' free tickets to football games, a free student newspaper and free LTD bus passes as perks that students have received as a result of their and student government's efforts.

Lee and Fore said they plan to stay in politics.

Fore wants to go on to graduate school to study political science. Lee said he'll probably go to law school or "put up a hot dog stand."



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