

UNIVERSITY

4,000 students now registered to vote

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The ASUO passed the half-way mark Wednesday in its goal of getting 8,000 University students registered to vote.

About 4,000 students, nearly 25 percent of the student body, are now registered to vote in the Nov. 3 election, said Bobby Lee, ASUO president.

ASUO Vice President Karen Fore said she was pleased by the number of registered students.

"It's important that students have a say in their government, period," Fore said.

About 15 University and community groups have volunteered their time and energy to helping with the ASUO's annual voter registration drive.

Thom Alberti, a staff member with Oregon PeaceWorks/Green Pac, which participated in the registration drive, said he thought the joint effort of the groups helped get more people involved. Voting is an important way for students to make a change, he said.

Celebs to be in Eugene for vote rally

The ASUO has been pushing students for weeks to get registered to vote, but push comes to shove Tuesday when a rally designed to inspire students is set for 11:30 on the EMU East Lawn.

In preparation for the rally, people will meet to watch the first presidential debate Sunday and make signs. Rally co-coordinator Bo Adan said anyone is invited to attend the "sign-making party."

The group will begin to gather at 4 p.m. at 1235 Willamette St., the former site of the Jerry Brown headquarters.

Tuesday's rally was designed with the hope of getting more students registered, Adan said, and student groups will also come out and table their political ideas. The Hollywood Women's Political Committee, which Adan said often aids student grass-roots groups, donated funds to help the rally.

On the bill for the rally is the Seattle rock band The Posies. Actors Dana Delaney (*China Beach*), Andrew Shue (*Melrose Place*) and Robert Patrick from *Terminator 2: Judgment Day* are also scheduled to appear.

The Portland band Crazy 8's and Charles Dutton of TV's *Roc* may also be on hand.

"There are two ways to change the system," he said. "One is outside the system by tearing down the system: The other is to change the system within it, and that's the direction we've taken."

OSPIRG Director Matt Aberbach said getting 4,000 students registered is an "amazing feat." Most colleges have goals of getting 20 percent of the student body registered, he said.

Student and community groups working together to register students is "absolutely" a good move, said Laura Hitchcock, field coordinator for the Lane County Committee to Close Trojan.

"It's a wonderful way to get people registered to vote because that's our common goal," she said. "This election could be made or broken by University students."

ASUO's voter registration drive has included a rally and visits to dorms and other student housing. Students have until 5 p.m. on Oct. 13 to register to vote. Out-of-state students can vote if they re-register at their current Oregon address.

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MEETINGS

"Honoring Diversity" is the focus of a Sunday meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Temple Beth Israel's Community Room. The Temple Beth Israel is located at 425 W. 25th Ave. For more information, call 485-7218.

A general interest meeting for *Kultura Pilipinas* and the *Philippine Student Union* is Sunday at 1 p.m. in Cedar Room C of the EMU. For more information, call 683-1429.

A Student Projects board meeting is tonight from 5:30 to 6:30 in EMU Century Room E. For more information, call 346-3729.

RELIGION

A Catholic welcome dinner for freshmen and new students is tonight at 6:30 at the Newman Center's Dominican House, located on the corner of 18th Avenue and

Emerald Street. For more information, call 343-7021.

All are invited to the Newman Club's potluck Saturday night at 6. For more information, call 343-7021.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation will sponsor a "A Peacemaker's Response to the OCA" Sunday. The potluck begins at 6 p.m. The program will follow at 7 p.m. For more information, call 344-0483.

The Nights of the Roundtables will have an hour's worth of discussion on "Values - Relative or Absolute?" in Century Room C today at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 343-4914.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Wesley Foundation's fall retreat will be Saturday and Sunday. The group will

leave Eugene at 10 a.m. Advanced registration is required. For more information, call 346-4694.

An ecology colloquium featuring the predictions of the dynamics of a polygenic character under directional selection is today at 3:30 p.m. in 112 Willamette Hall.

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