

Registration campaign signs up new voters

□ Students can now register at booths set up across campus

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In the first week of classes, the ASUO voter registration drive has nearly reached its first milestone of 1,000 registered students, said an ASUO official.

The student government set a goal of registering 4,000 students by Oct. 19, the registration deadline.

"The first couple thousand are easy," said Philip Bentley, the ASUO state affairs coordinator and the official in charge of the registration drive, adding that he expects fewer students to register as the October deadline approaches.

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end of the concert. Another booth will be in front of the University Bookstore from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Wednesday.

Students should be receiving a mailer during the week of Oct. 11 that includes a registration card, said Bentley.

The cards can be mailed directly to the nearest voting precinct or placed in one of the ASUO drop boxes. Drop boxes are expected to be out by today at Oregon Hall, Knight Library, Hamilton Dining Hall, in front of the ASUO office in the EMU and in Prince Lucien Campbell Hall.

Bentley said the ASUO will be contacting precincts surrounding the University and the precinct that covers Westmoreland Family Housing on West 18th Avenue and Arthur Street to find out how many University students registered through those precincts.

That figure will be added to its final total, he said.

Bentley said the ASUO needs volunteer help to organize its registration campaign. Interested students should call the ASUO at 346-3724.

The registration campaign was organized because of possible funding from Ballot Measure 1. If passed, the measure would establish Oregon's first sales tax. Funds from the tax would be earmarked solely for funding public education.

Public education has been cut by about \$500 million from the previous budget, Bentley said.

"Hopefully, there should be no people wanting to vote but not registered," he said. The ASUO currently has registration booths open all day at the Street Faire, which ends today.

A booth also will be set up at the intramural fields during the Oregon Grind today from noon to the

Super slide



Dan Ness, an undeclared freshman, takes advantage of another warm, sunny day as he practices a rail slide on his skateboard.

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Budget cuts up number of out-of-staters

□ More non-Oregon residents recruited to counter effects of Measure 5's second phase

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In an attempt to counteract the second phase of budget cuts caused by 1990's Ballot Measure 5, the University is recruiting more out-of-state students than ever before.

According to the University's Office of Admissions, for the first time in the school's history only half of incoming freshmen out of high school are from Oregon. Further, 25 percent of the freshman class is from California.

Last year, 46 percent of the incoming students were non-residents. That was the previous record.

Weldon Ihrig, vice chancellor of finance and administration for the Oregon State System of Higher Education, said the emphasis on out-of-state recruiting is intended to help maintain some of the programs and faculty that are at risk during phase two of the Measure 5 cuts.

To sweeten the pot for the University, and also for Southern Oregon State College, University budget director Trent Spradling said OSSHE is allowing those two schools to keep all but 4.4 percent of the tuition money they receive from out-of-state students. Typically, state schools must give tuition money to the state, which then distributes it proportionally back to the schools.

However, Ihrig said, OSSHE was letting the two schools keep the money as an experiment. He said OSSHE would not rule out giving other state schools the same option were they to prioritize non-residents.

Non-resident tuition and fees for the 1993-94 school year is \$9,030, compared with \$2,910 for in-state students.

Spradling didn't have the final numbers on how much the University would gain from OSSHE's experiment, but he

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Earthquakes jolt safety officials into action

□ Safety of campus buildings in question, though no structures damaged in quakes

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By the morning of Sep. 22 most University students had heard about the two earthquakes that rocked the Klamath Falls area, and many were disappointed they didn't notice the ground shaking in Eugene.

But newly moved-in residents at the University Inn dormitory crowded the ground-floor lobby, frightened after the two sister shocks that measured a magnitude 5.9 and 6 on the Richter scale and an aftershock rattled the upper floors of the building.

University Inn Resident Director Cessa Heard-Johnson said there was no damage to the building, and that she took steps the following morning to reassure residents that the building was only vibrating with the earth movement as it was designed to do.

"I told them it was like shaking a ruler at one end, all the vibrations are at the other end," she said.

Several University officials agreed that the quakes underscored a need to upgrade University buildings to withstand a potentially devastating quake that geologists are now saying is possible in the region.

Nancy Wright, University Housing facilities director, said that since early 1992 all new construction projects on campus have been required to meet tougher structural standards, but that building improvements are needed to bring older buildings up to meet the new codes. Wright said that this has become a problem statewide following recent discoveries that Oregon is in a zone where severe earthquakes strike every 500 years or so.

Wright said University Housing has requested money to study ways to make dormitory buildings earthquake-resistant, and that those improvements will be completed alongside changes required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"The redundant inner structure of the dorms makes them pretty safe on the inside," Wright said. "What we're worried about is breaking glass and falling bricks and concrete."

Wright said the Bean Complex dormitories would probably be the first in line to receive the improvements and that other dorm complexes would follow on a yearly basis. Wright said that University Housing is ahead of the University and the state in general when it comes to addressing earthquake needs.

"The problem is that you don't design buildings to withstand something that occurs every 500 years," she said. "You plan for earthquakes if they tend to happen in the area every 100 years or so. In our case, we have to plan to spend our dollars wisely and efficiently."

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