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ASUO registers 3,000 students

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The ASUO's voter registration drive fell 1,000 voters short of its 4,000 student goal, the student official organizing the drive said Wednesday.

Phil Bentley, ASUO state affairs coordinator, said the drive claimed more than 2,400 students registering through the ASUO office and another 500 to 700 students who registered directly with the Lane County Election Office.

The ASUO requested results only from the polling districts near the University and near Westmoreland Family Housing on West 18th Avenue and Arthur Street.

The next highest voter registration drive results came from Oregon State University. The student government there registered 1,200 students.

Other figures include: Eastern Oregon State College – 250; Western Oregon State College — 350; and Southern Oregon State College – 325. "Compared with what other schools did, this school did real great," Bentley said.

Last year, the ASUO surpassed its registration goal of more than 4,000 students. But this year's final number of about 3,000 was still respectable. Bentley said, because the ASUO was the only organization on campus requesting that students register.

Most student organizations pushed voter registration last year because passionate issues like state Ballot Measure 9 presented a compelling reason to register, he said.

This year's central issue, state Ballot Measure 1, the state sales tax measure, is still vital to student interests, he said, because it could provide a new funding source for the state's education system.

The outcome will depend on whether registered voters for the measure actually vote.

"This is an election where the outcome is with the people who vote," he said. "If the yes people vote, then this will pass. But if the yes people sit at home and decide not to vote, then the people who vote no will win."

The ASUO is switching gears from its voter registration drive to a "get out and vote" effort that will focus on motivating students to get to the polls, he said.

Although no educational forums are currently scheduled, the ASUO will be canvassing the campus with volunteers, reminding students to vote on Election Day next Tuesday.

Bentley said this phase of the ASUO's voting campaign will also be based at the ASUO office, Suite 4 EMU.

Anyone with questions about Ballot Measure 1 or where to vote or who might need transportation on the day of the election can call the ASUO at 346-3724. The ASUO will have a van available for transportation to the polls.

Bentley urged students who registered but are having problems obtaining their voter registration card to call the Lane County Elections Office directly at 687-4234.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

• University Theater presents The Learned Ladies, at 8 p.m. tonight at Robinson Theater, 1109 Old Campus Way. The play, which also will be performed Saturday, Nov. 11-13 and 19-20, is described as "a love story as only Moliere would tell it." Tickets are \$8 for the general public, \$6 for seniors, non-University students, University faculty and staff and \$4.50 for University students.

Twenty-five of the Northwest's top high school marching bands will compete in the 15th annual "Festival of Bands" competition at Autzen Stadium Saturday. Tickets for the preliminary rounds, which will last until about 5 p.m., are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets for the finals, which will start about 7

p.m., are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. An all-day ticket costs \$8. For more information, call 346-5670.

• The Children's Concert Series will host "Fun at the Opera House" this Saturday at Beall Concert Hall, 961 E. 18th Ave. Tickets for the concert, which will feature University Opera Workshop Director Frank Graffeo, cost \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and students and \$5 for families. For more information, call 346-5678.

A statewide workshop to prepare for the 1995 U.N. World Conference for women in Beijing, China, will be Sunday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room. The free workshop, "Priorities '95 Forum: Women in Oregon and the World," will explore themes and prepare a document for the conference. For

more information, contact Ada Cheng at 346-2545.

Mark O'Connor, an Australian poet and writer, will present a lecture titled "Bringing the Environment into Literature" at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, in the EMU Gumwood Room. O'Connor is a visiting research scholar in the Oregon Humanities Center. For more information, call 346-3934.

 A documentary filmed in Germany titled The Truth Shall Make Us Free: Inside the Neo-Nazi Network, will be shown Tuesday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. Following the showing, a panel discussion will address the present situation in Germany and its connections to developments in the U.S. For more information, call Communities Against Hate at 485-4286.

