

Oregon voters decisively defeat tax proposal

□ Ballot Measure 1 rejected by 75 percent of Oregonians

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Oregon voters resoundingly defeated Ballot Measure 1 in Tuesday's vote for a proposed sales tax.

Seventy-five percent of the Oregon voters to turn their votes in cast their ballots against the sales tax, according to the national wire service.

As of 10:58 p.m. Tuesday night, 33 percent of the 2,188 precincts had not yet turned in their votes.

The sales tax fared a little better in Lane County, with only 65 percent of the votes against the measure. According to the Lane County Elections office, 27,181 ballots were cast against the measure, with 52,343 for the measure as of 10:56 p.m.

Ballot Measure 1, the ninth sale tax defeated by Oregon voters, proposed a five percent sales tax to help fund public schools. The sales tax plan anticipated close to \$1 billion in annual revenues to be dedicated to public schools, from kindergarten to community colleges. Included in the plan was a guarantee that half of all lottery proceeds would go toward public schools.

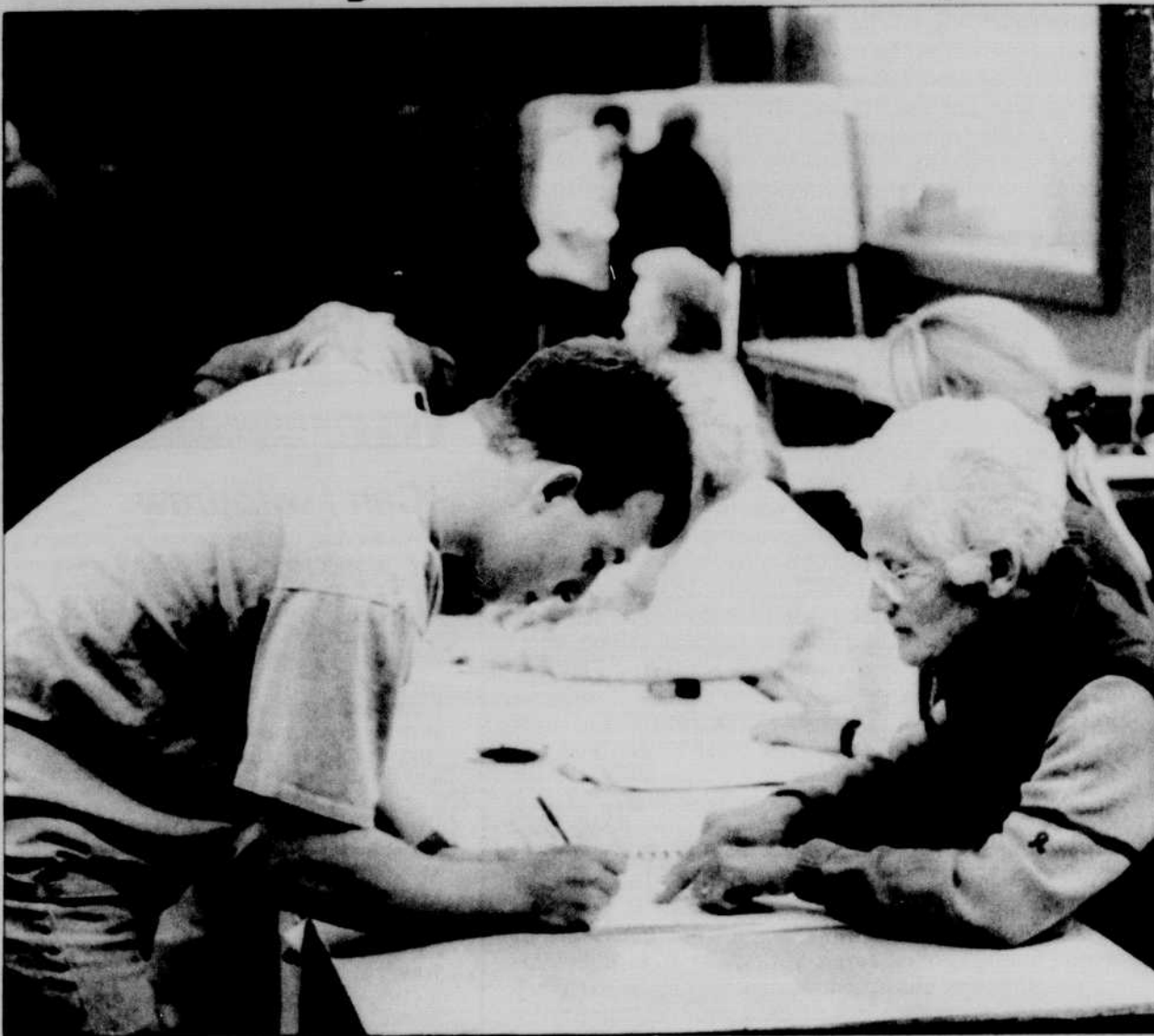
The sales tax plan would have also helped colleges and universities. Money from the General Fund, which is now for public schools, would have been replaced by sales tax revenue and made more funds available for higher education.

Opponents of the sales tax say that the tax is regressive, taxes essential food items and hurts small businesses. Many believe that schools could find funding by eliminating administrative positions instead of teaching positions.

The sales tax would have applied to retail goods. Exemptions would include housing, most food for home consumption, utilities and prescription drugs. There also would have been no tax charged for services.

The sales tax, which supporters saw as a replacement for revenue lost as a result of the 1990 Ballot Measure 5 property tax limit, was to be written in the Constitution and could have been changed only by a vote of the people of Oregon.

The tax was to be on a trial basis. It was scheduled to be voted on again in 1998.



University senior Mike Fogelquist checks in with desk assistant Betty Libke during Tuesday's vote on Ballot Measure 1 at South Eugene High School. The proposed sales tax measure was defeated 75 to 25 percent.

Two UW students formally charged

□ Charges include burglary and abuse

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, a grand jury assembled Monday to mete charges against two of the three University of Washington athletes who allegedly entered a room in the University Inn and exposed themselves to a University student Oct. 31.

Jason Shelley and Prentiss Perkins were formerly charged and arraigned for first-degree burglary and first-degree sexual abuse. Their bail was increased from \$38,500 to \$110,000.

Douglas Barnes, the third person involved, was released from custody Nov. 3, and is now in Seattle. He was originally charged with both first-degree burglary and third-degree sex abuse, but the Lane County District Court dropped the sex charges Nov. 1. His bail was set at \$35,000.

Shelley is also wanted for an arrest in King County, Wash., and therefore received a fugi-



At the Lane County Jail, Steve and Karen Shelley express grief over the charges meted against their son Jason Monday.

tive charge in court. Shelley was charged with second-degree assault after punching another University of Wash-

ington student. Attorney Robert Gorham represented Perkins and Shelly in court Tuesday.

Officials postpone EMU budget debate

□ Delay will allow ASUO to devise plan

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University administrators delayed debate on who controls the EMU Board of Directors budget Monday by allowing ASUO officials time to devise their own plan.

The meeting marked the first time that administrators and ASUO officials discussed the University's proposed changes to the Incidental Fee Committee's operating rules, called the Clark Document. The administration has been pushing for nearly two years to block the IFC from gaining line-item control of the EMU board budget.

"We, the administration, are pleased that the students are interested in solving the governance issues themselves," said Gerard Moseley, the vice provost for academic support and student services, Tuesday.

The University told student officials Monday that it will wait on implementing the administration's amendment of the Clark Document until the ASUO could

present its own amendment. The amendment would allow the EMU board to receive its portion of the incidental fee money without having to go through the IFC. Moseley said, an idea that has received no support from student government organizations.

The administration gave the ASUO until the student elections in April to devise and implement a plan of its own, Moseley said.

If the ASUO stalls, Moseley said the administration "will use the president's authority and will implement the best set of rules that will be available up to that date."

The administration demanded several "checkpoints" to ensure that student government will meet that deadline, said the official, who said much of the committee work last year was stonewalled by the lack of IFC participation.

Moseley said he was confident that the ASUO will meet the deadline and keep the IFC from micro-managing the EMU board budget, which is the administration's chief concern.

"They've already said they had