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of student dollars being administered without student involvement.

Student apathy was also the main issue raised by this year's "joke" candidates Owen Brennan Rounds and Jake Berg, on one ticket, and Greg Hamilton, who is running without a vice president.

The two tickets are running on a platform of beer for all and a micro-brewery in the EMU, hoping that their jokes reduce this year's student apathy. Last year, about 12 percent of the student population voted.

Berg, who wore ripped jeans and a T-shirt with the word "Fuck" printed on it, said, "Don't vote for us because we won't do a very good job. But, like Owen says, 'If we win, we'll deal with it.'"

More serious discussions centered around what candidates could do to ease the University's fiscal crunch.

Joey Lyons, running for vice president with Shannon Varney as presidential candidate, said the pair would educate students locally and try to lobby Salem for increased education funding.

Leslie Warren, a presidential candidate, along with her running mate Mark Rhinard, said they, too, would advocate more educational funds.

But Warren and Rhinard added that they would push for 20 percent of a proposed resource fee currently being advocated by University President Myles Brand. This money

Measures could raise fees \$39

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Ballot measures currently proposed for the April 26 and 27 general election could raise student fees \$39 for next year with the biggest measure requesting \$12.50 per student per term for the next thirty years.

In other election news, ASUO Election Coordinator Nichole Sabourin said the election campaign is in dire need for poll workers to work the booths.

The most expensive ballot measure asks students to pay \$7.38 million of a \$15 million Esslinger renovation and expansion project, initially paid for by a bond.

The University is hoping that if students approve the ballot measure, they will be able to use it as leverage to gain the other half of the funds from state or private organizations.

According to an unofficial copy of the ballot measure, bond monies would create, among other things, an outdoor field topped with artificial turf and night lighting. Funds would also expand

weight room facilities, create a juice bar and possibly fund a rock climbing wall.

Some of the other ballot measures include:

- Safe Run, a Eugene based organization that provides trained dogs for runners' safety, is asking 17 cents per student each semester to house three dogs near campus.

- Student Recycling is asking for a per student increase of \$1.50 each term over their current budget of 50 cents a student. The money would expand recycling services.

- The Multicultural Center is asking for 50 cents per student for its operating budget. Funding for the center was voted down in last year's election.

- The University Mentor Program, a new program, is asking for an operating budget of \$1.50 per student each term. The program would introduce students to alumni activities and outside-the-University contacts.

- The Athletic Department is asking students if they again want free tickets. This would cost each student \$1.70 a term.

would be placed in a fund to help subsidize a University-wide works program similar to the federal work study.

"There are middle class students out there, and I'm one of them," Rhinard said. "And we need this money to help us get by."

One candidate, Todd Barnhart, was near tears when discussing the effects 1990's Ballot Measure 5 is having on the future of education, noting the concern he has for his kids.

The 37-year-old father of two said state and University offi-

cials don't care about older students and advocated Wednesday night that the University join forces with schools statewide in attacking what he perceived as Salem's anti-education measures.

Barnhart expanded on the insensitivity of University officials when asked why he didn't attend most of the meetings for the Associated Students Presidential Advisory Committee, a group that advises Brand on student policy, which he was an elected member of last year.

Barnhart said the group chose

meeting times he was unable to attend because he had to watch his kids.

"Besides," he said, "they're just a bunch of people sitting around the table being chummy with Myles Brand and eating bad sandwiches."

Tonight, candidates for Student Senate will debate. The event will take place in Room 150 Columbia, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Presidential candidates are scheduled to debate once more Monday night at the same time and place.

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tion from several statutory sections of Oregon state law.

If the proposal is passed, public higher-education administrators would be given significant latitude to administer the corporation's day-to-day operations by shifting power from the Oregon legislature to the OSSHE governing board.

"The transition of the State System of Higher Education to a public corporation would provide the flexibility and entrepreneurial opportunity to manage the system's financial affairs to the best advantage of taxpayers and students," stated Bartlett in a written statement.

Specifically, if the proposal is passed, the seven universities and colleges in OSSHE would not have to follow certain duplicative checks and balances within the system.

"The quote that I like to use is 'we're here for education not for administration,'" Ihrig said.

Ihrig said this would be offset by the addition of larger OSSHE auditing staff.

Bobby Lee, a student member of the current OSSHE Board, said the OSSHE must adopt some sort of change.

"We're in a lose-lose situation because the reduction in property tax from Measure 5 means higher education will receive deeper cuts," Lee said.

Lee said the universities and colleges in Oregon will have a greater need to educate their work force to prepare for the future.

Further, Oregon educators predict there will be a 40 percent increase in high school graduates over the next decade.

Robert Nosse, Oregon Student Lobby executive director, agreed in a written statement that the state government must do some-

thing.

"It is pretty sad when in order for public higher education to be viable, it needs to sever some of its ties to the state," Nosse wrote.

"I guess I don't see what choice higher education, or for that matter the state of Oregon, has, especially since the proposal will save money," he wrote.

Nosse said the Oregon State Lobby is concerned about some of the specifics of the proposal.

"We are still a little nervous about whether or not this will make it easier for higher education to raise tuition, but we have been assured that this new corporation model leaves a strong role for the legislature in setting tuition."

Nosse also said the members of the lobby were not happy with the proposed expansion of the board from 11 to 15.

OSSHE governing board may gain responsibilities

The term "public corporation" simply means that the governing board of the Oregon State System of Higher Education would be given greater responsibility for the system's day-to-day operations.

The three most radical changes to the current operation are listed below:

- **Contracting and Purchasing.** Universities and colleges would have more leeway to enter into contracts and procure materials, supplies, services and equipment.

- **Investments and Banking.** OSSHE would control the

interest from funds invested by the state system as an incentive to encourage more effective cash management.

If the University bought land to provide housing for students, the money made on the investment would go directly to the University.

- **Governance.** The board, which is currently made of 11 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate, would add four members elected by the board who would be experts in matters important to OSSHE.

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