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Sizemore took his proposal to Tiernan and they narrowed it to three specific solutions. One was to require public employees to pay 6 percent into their own retirement funds. The second was to eliminate sick leave and vacation roll over. The third was to guarantee an eight percent return on investments.

According to Sizemore, the next step was a low-cost, grass roots campaign to support what was now Ballot Measure 8. "The

Tiernan was working on his own time to support the measure. It passed by 900 votes in November.

"It may have looked like we won by a small margin," Sizemore said. "But if you remove all the public employees who voted and had a clear financial stake in the the issue, the number would have been closer to 400,000."

Sizemore and Tiernan both said they had no choice but to get involved. "I knew it was a politically unpopular thing to do," Tiernan said, "but, not to sound almighty, it was just the

"There was no ulterior motive and no personal gain," Sizemore said. "I was not trying to build a political career on the backs of public employees. It was just a defense of working people who have been forced to cover the costs of a gold-plated Cadillac system."

Tiernan said the elation of having won was undermined by the offsetting of Ballot Measure 8 that began to occur after the elections.

Local governments are undermining democracy and pandering to political interests by offsetting the pension contribu-

The measure also faces a formidable line up of lawsuits. Two former Oregon governors, Portland's mayor, the city of Eugene and seven other high profile plaintiffs have challenged the constitutionality of the measure. University President Dave Frohnmayer has offered to assist the plaintiffs.

The lawsuit claims the measure fundamentally revises instead of amending the state's constitution. It also asserts that the measure is invalid because it deals with legislative, not constitutional issues.

## MEETINGS

**Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance**  
youth group will meet today at 5:30  
p.m. in the Kolnonia Center at 1414  
Kincaid. For more information, call  
346-3360.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Academic Advising and Student Services** will sponsor a workshop on preparing for the medical college admission test today at 3:30 p.m. in 164 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 346-3211.

**Counseling Center** will interview prospective members for a men's sexual identity group today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 346-1222.

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