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## MEASURE 8

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Fisher objected specifically to the statement's equation of poor salaries and employee pension contributions to a type of slavery.

Student Senator Joey Lyons objected to the statement's reference to buying signatures, saying that it eroded the initiative and referendum process.

Susan Plass, officer of administration for international affairs said specific phrases of the statement itself were not as important as the sentiment of the statement.

"We should look at long-range goals and principles behind the statement rather than quibbling over certain phrases," Plass said.

Several faculty senate members called attention to the implications of not endorsing the statement.

"The implications of not

endorsing this statement when other state institutions are endorsing it may be significant," Plass said.

"To vote this down would look ridiculous," said J.T. Sanders, religious studies professor. "You might as well shut down the (university) senate."

Journalism professor Carl Bybee also pointed out the significance of endorsing the statement.

"This stands as the only document including the concerns of faculty around the state," Bybee said. "We must decide if we are going to support the principles of this statement, which are reflective of faculty concerns."

Fisher disagreed with the significance of those implications.

"I don't think that by the senate not endorsing this particular statement we are sending a message that we aren't following the general spirit," he said.

## WHITSON

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struggling through college, and each teen understands that the living arrangement is temporary, Whitson said. She should know, having recently received her Master's degree from the University after starting a family.

Whitson got involved with the teen program as a volunteer for VISTA which is now a part of President Clinton's AmeriCorps national service program. Under her VISTA agreement, Whitson has almost a year to get the teen program running. However, she is quick to point out that the teens are the ones who will ultimately run the program.

"We want the teens to set things up," she said.

The teens will learn by doing things themselves, and eventually create a sustainable program.

The University Family Housing Teen Project was awarded a VISTA volunteer because Whitson demonstrated a need for a teen program, said VISTA Project Director Kathy Ask.

"Youth issues are a major concern throughout the area," she said. Without sustainable programs like the University of Oregon Family Housing Teen Project, "teens have a high potential for getting in trouble."

Whitson sees her role as being an aide to the teens, helping them make their own opportunities. She also hopes to lobby the University on behalf of University's family housing teens.



Paul Simonds, University Senate president, hands out his report papers.

## TAX

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enced the council's decision Wednesday to reject the ordinance. These include:

- Transportation financing recently being identified as a priority work program task for the budget committee. The committee's goal is to review the current underfunding of the transportation program and priorities for addressing the needs.

- The difficulty of predicting what effect a local gas tax vote would have on any legislative action, although it could provide a "reason" not to pass any of the transportation financing proposals. The Legislative leadership is publicly committed to "no new taxes," so actual prospects for a transportation funding package have been clouded.

- The Transplan update will include a financial element with alternatives that will include a regional gas tax and a transportation utility fund, causing a local gas tax to possibly be best delayed at this time.

Lyle said that with these and other issues, items other than the gas tax now have higher priority.

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