

'ODE' hails, rails on ballot initiatives

Part two of the University election season starts Wednesday and Thursday, as ASUO elections turn to candidate runoffs and ballot measures. The following are the *Oregon Daily Emerald's* recommendations for selected ballot measures.

Measure 1: This measure would repeal the requirement in the ASUO Constitution that OSPIRG use a non-binding referendum every two years to get incidental fee funding. No other group has to do this, including those who get more money than OSPIRG. Vote yes.

Measures 2 and 3: These two measures work in tandem. Measure 2 would change the title of the ASUO Student Senate president pro tempore to simply president, while Measure 3 would remove the ASUO vice president as chairman of the Senate and allow the Senate to elect its own president and vice president. Complicated, yes, but it helps to balance powers more equally in student government. Vote yes on each.

Measure 4: This measure would give the Student Senate a sort of line-item veto over budget recommendations made by Senate committees for student programs, the Athletic Department and the EMU. The Student Senate already has the right to vote down the entire budget package of these groups combined every year, so why do they need more power? Vote no.

Measure 5: Measure 5 would raise \$.16 per student every term to fund a trip by seven students to the United States Student Association annual conference in Washington. While the amount requested is low, the fact is USSA has had a troubled financial past. USSA should redeem itself for several years before getting more funding. Vote no.

Measure 6: This somewhat cryptic measure would raise \$100 per student per term to "improve the quality of the undergraduate education at the U of O" to be charged "sometime in the near future." This measure is too vague, which is unacceptable given the amount of money being requested of students. \$100, as many students know, is a lot of money for such an unclear proposal. Vote no.

Measure 7: University officials and the ASUO have proposed a plan to renovate Esslinger Hall, adding a rock climbing wall, an indoor running track, two artificial playing fields and expanded weight facilities, among other plans. Part of the plan, if approved, will be funded by a \$23 per student per term fee which will be charged beginning in 1997, seeming the facility won't be available to students until at least then. It's long past time to renovate Esslinger. Vote yes.

Measure 8: This measure is largely procedural and removes mention to the Incidental Fee Committee, disbanded last year, in reference to impeachment procedures for the ASUO president. It would require a three-fourths vote of the Student Senate to vote to impeach the president, which is logical given the seriousness of impeachment. Vote yes.

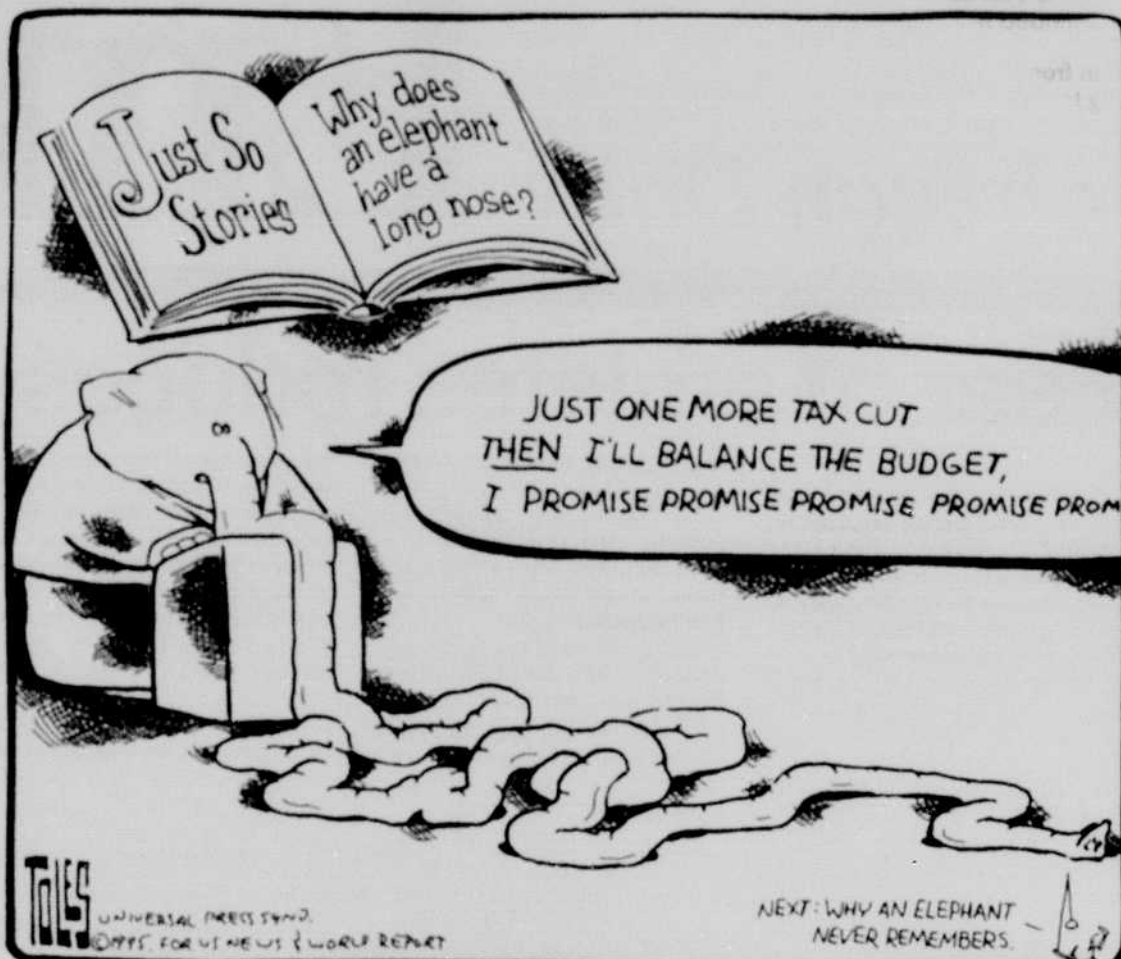
Measure 9: Largely an issue of mechanics, Measure 9 would stagger the two-year seats of the EMU Board of Directors and the Student Senate. There's little controversy here. Vote yes.

Measure 10: This measure would grant Campus Recycling \$100,000 per year (\$2.27 per student per term) to run the University's recycling program. Recycling is a valuable service provided to this campus and many students use it. For the low amount of money being requested, Campus Recycling is a steal for students. Vote yes.

Measure 11: This is the annual Lane Transit District subsidy measure with a new twist. Students have the choice between proposal A, which would allow students a refund of the \$6.42 per term fee if the student doesn't use the unlimited bus privileges, proposal B, which charges slightly less but doesn't allow refunds, or proposal C, neither. Students should be allowed to get a refund of the fee if they aren't able or don't care to use LTD, much like they already have. Vote yes for proposal A.

Measure 13: Measure 13 would delete a reference to an obsolete governance charter for the EMU. Simply more housekeeping. Vote yes.

Remember to vote Wednesday and Thursday.



LETTERS

Reputation

My name is Katy Anthes and I am running for Student Senate seat 3. I am writing to encourage students to vote for candidates that are committed to preserving the diverse amount of student groups here at the University of Oregon. The University has a great reputation for diversity of student groups, which all lend to furthering educational experiences of students here on campus. Without these groups or funding for these groups, our campus would not be the same — it would resemble a graveyard. Please remember how unique and exciting a campus is when you go to vote.

Vote for access, diversity and student empowerment! Check your voters guide for candidates! Vote Katy Anthes for seat 3.

Katy Anthes
Anthropology

Little cliques

I would like to begin by apologizing to the student body for not having a comment in the ASUO voters guide (*ODE*, April 18). I thought I would use this letter to explain my position.

I've been on campus for two years now and have had more than six hundred tuition dollars of mine sucked away to what is commonly called incidental fees. It seems to me the ASUO uses our student body's money to fund little groups and organizations, which often result in little cliques who sit together at football games and classes. These groups, a lot of the time, don't branch out and meet the other people here at the University. I think the ASUO should focus on bringing the student body together rather than separating it into groups. I'm not saying these groups are bad and I'm certainly not saying they should end. However, I do think ASUO's allocation of money should be altered.

In fall term, I, along with about 3,000 students, camped in the freezing cold outside of Autzen Stadium in hopes of getting Rose Bowl tickets. That night, along

with last year's University Day, were the moments I was most proud of being a Duck. This is because I encountered many other enthusiastic people who were damn proud of their school.

This is the direction I would like to see the ASUO go in the future. I am not saying we should all camp out in the freezing cold. However, what I am saying is we should have many events in which the whole University can participate. These events can be as ludicrous as an all-campus party or water balloon fight.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Mike Bleker
Candidate, Student
Senate seat 17

Have a plan

Ballot Measure 12 was created to encourage students to start career planning early on before graduating. I am sure most of you know young alumni that are now out in the real world still dwelling from one meaningless job to another, wondering when the college diploma is finally going to pay off. What all students should consider is your job search can take place now to better ensure job opportunities soon after graduation. Another thing you should consider is job hunting and responsible career planning take about a full year, not a mere week. Finally, career decisions are not difficult if you have a plan.

Ballot Measure 12 will eliminate Career Center Service user fees of approximately \$75. Assessing \$3 per student per term saves students \$39 over four years. Planning your future is challenging enough, but not to be able to afford all the user fees discourages students from taking full advantage of career

assistance now.

Ballot Measure 12 will also expand career assistance for students and increase capacity for career testing, assess to full/part-time jobs, more internships, career counselor availability and expanded computer resources.

Remember, the more you know now, the better career decisions you can make for the future (and save a whole lot of tuition money). Please vote yes on Ballot Measure 12.

Bobby Lee
PPPM

Struggling

I am sure this issue has come up before, but it should continue to be raised until the policy is changed. Each student in (University) Housing must pay for every meal, even if he or she doesn't eat it. That is three meals each weekday and two on the weekends.

Many friends of mine never eat breakfast or other meals because their classes are too early or scheduled during the meal hours. According to how much when we use our cards at Pizano's or Hammy's, we pay \$3.25 per meal. If someone skips breakfast every day, he or she is paying out \$16.25 a week for nothing. This adds up to \$162.50 per term, including finals week. This policy is unfair.

Many other schools have meal tickets in which a hole is punched out per meal or a tally is kept of how many meals students have eaten. The University needs to change its policy so students that are already struggling to pay for college can use the money on more important things, like tuition.

Dayna Terry
Undeclared

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