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Architect Thomas L. Bosworth will present "Recent Projects," a free lecture, at 4 p.m. in Lawrence Hall.



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Student vote needed, Frohnmayer says

■ **ELECTION:** The University president stressed the importance of this special senatorial election

By Cindy Long
Higher Education Editor

In recent elections, politicians have been forced to reckon with students because of high voter turnout, but this may not hold true this time around, University President Dave Frohnmayer said Thursday.

"Amongst some of the political professionals there is the argument that the student vote can be ignored because students don't vote," Frohnmayer said.

Frohnmayer said this election is important because Congress is making decisions that will affect higher education and the level of support available for students. He also said the number of students who vote in the election will help set the tone for how much politicians value students' votes.

"One of the things we pride ourselves on at the University of Oregon is the enormously high student registration and the enormously substantial participation in elections in the past," he said.

In the 1992 general election, 80 percent of registered students in campus housing voted, according to the ASUO. By 1994, that number dropped to 47.6 percent. Currently only 4 percent of the students registered to vote in the dorms have voted.

"The number [of student voters] is dramatically low," said Glen Banfield, ASUO state affairs coordinator.

"Students must participate and vote in this historic election," ASUO President Jennifer Williamson said. "As students, we must be active in the political process, sending a message to politicians nationwide that our voice cannot be ignored."



University President Dave Frohnmayer turns in his ballot for the Senate election. Prior to voting, Frohnmayer spoke reminded students that whoever is elected will have influence in higher education issues.

Matthew Scotten, ASUO federal affairs coordinator, said part of the reason for the low turnout so far is that students are simply procrastinating. Another reason is that the timing is bad for students because a lot of the campaign was over winter break, he said.

Scotten said it is too late for students to register to vote now if they haven't already, but students may be able to vote if they are simply registered under an old address.

Students who have questions because they have not received their ballots, or have lost their ballots, should contact the ASUO office because they can still vote, Scotten said.

He said the ASUO will be running a shuttle service from the University Bookstore to the Lane County elections office on both Monday and Tuesday.

For students who have their ballots, but have not voted yet, a drop-off box is in the EMU outside the ASUO office every day

until the balloting ends Jan 30. Williamson said the last day students could mail their ballots and be guaranteed they would arrive on time was Thursday, so students must use a drop-off box or go to the elections office to be sure their votes are counted.

"One vote can make a difference in this election," Scotten said.

The Lane County elections office is located at 135 E. 6th Ave., and the phone number is 687-4234.

Students celebrate 23 years since Roe v. Wade

■ **ABORTION:** Local abortion-rights groups were on hand to answer questions

By Kristin Bailey
Student Activities Reporter

Students for Choice sponsored a celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision Thursday afternoon.

Eugene band Naked David Hasselhoff kicked off the celebration while students wandered through the EMU Fir Room, talking to representatives from Project SafeRide, Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

In honor of the 1973 ruling, which guaranteed women the right to an abortion, speakers addressed current abortion issues. Topics included the continued fight for women's rights, international women's struggles and RU-486, better known as the "abortion pill."

"Roe v. Wade affects every woman in America," said Students for Choice co-director Grace Smutz. "It guarantees a woman's right to self-determination, respecting her ability to make the best decision for her life."

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Finance committee approves five more program budgets

■ **BUDGET:** APASU and BWA ask for the biggest increases

By Ashley Bach
Student Activities Reporter

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee (PFC) remained close to the amounts requested by the Asian/Pacific-American Student Union (APASU) and Black Women Of Achievement (BWA), approving their budgets as part of its term-long budget hearings on Thursday night.

The PFC also set the 1996-97 budgets for the Disability Services Project, American Institute of Architecture Students and Dance Oregon in its second hearing this term but it was APASU and BWA that asked for the greatest dollar increases.

The board, faced with a \$1,000 and

22.96 percent increase request from BWA, raised the total amount requested to \$5,468, correcting a miscalculation. Approving the new 25.5 percent increase, PFC vice-chairwoman Skye Brigner said the group's willingness to raise their own money helped in the decision.

"I think that (the PFC) should almost thank them that they do so much fund raising," Brigner said.

APASU's request for \$9,944, a 9.9 percent increase, was necessary due to the increased participation in the events they organize each year, said co-director Brandon Sugiyama. He said at the student/faculty reception and fall event APASU arranged earlier this year, they

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

The seven-member ASUO Programs Finance Committee, which includes three student senators, will recommend how incidental fees are allocated to student groups next year.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Disability Services	\$10,100	0 percent
Dance Oregon	\$4,411	.045 percent
Black Women of Achievement	\$5,468	25.5 percent
American Institute of Architecture	\$761	12.2 percent
Asian-Pacific-American Student Union	\$9,944	9.9 percent

Money given this week: \$43,991
Money given to date: \$43,991

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