

ELECTION NEWS

Voters: Turnout failed 36 measures

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said he believes Oregon voters still did not fully understand the impact of the rule despite seeing it in three separate elections.

Endicott said he believes voters will change their minds about the double-majority standard when they learn of local measures that failed because of a less than 50 percent voter turnout in their districts.

If Measure 53 had passed, it would have immediately impacted 66 local measures on the May 19 primary ballot. However, because Measure 53 was rejected by voters, 36 of those local measures failed to pass.

In the May 19 primary, at least 22 measures failed to receive support from a majority of voters. Howev-

er, 36 out of 43 measures received support from the majority of those who voted — but ultimately failed to pass because of voter apathy.

According to the Oregon Secretary of State's Office, one local measure failed despite being approved by more than five-to-one because voter turnout in the district did not amount to 50 percent or better.

"I think you're going to see a lot of voter backlash because a lot of measures passed but cannot be valid due to [Measure 53] failing," Endicott said.

Oregon's average voter turnout was only 34 percent in the May 19 primary. The primary's voter turnout total established a record low for Oregon. The previous low mark was set in the 1996 primary election, when less than 38 percent of registered voters went to the polls.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Fraternity sponsors boxing fund raiser

Let's get ready to rumble.

Amateur boxers will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at South Eugene High School to fight it out in the annual Smoker Boxing Exhibition. Sixteen matches are scheduled with three one-minute rounds.

Phi Kappa Psi sponsored the event as a fund raiser for the Children's Miracle Network at Sacred Heart Medical Center. This is the 20th year the fraternity has sponsored the event. Admission is \$4 per person and the event is open to the community.

"I realize that during this week of anti-violence it is a shame, but we can't let down our commitments to our sponsors and the Children's Miracle Network," said Dee Nguyen, Phi

Kappa Psi's senior adviser.

The fraternity's goal is to net \$1,000 after expenses from the event to donate to the charity. "Traditionally the event was all male, but this is the second year of female participation," Nguyen said. "In previous years, after the event there were dozens of women requesting to participate. After a year of requests, we finally decided to do it last year."

Six women represented their sororities and one represented herself at the tournament last year.

All boxers must wear headgear and standard boxing gloves and can wear groin protectors. Last year Phi Kappa Psi also declared knockouts against the rules. It is safer for insurance purposes and the participants, Nguyen explained.

"A lot of activist groups, women's groups and Greek Life were worried the event would

come off in a bad way like exploiting women," Nguyen said. "As long as [the women] were going by the same rules and using the same equipment, they were doing exactly what the men were doing."

The fraternity expects about 2,000 people to attend the event.

News in brief

The Pro-Life Alliance will hold its third informational meeting Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the EMU Board Room.

The University's psychology department is seeking out depressed women in the Eugene and Springfield area to participate in a paid research study. Participants may attend a half-day workshop on coping with stress and depression. For more information, call the depression research team at 346-4896.

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