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# Student running for Beaverton mayor

■ Senior Brian Lynott, who faces long odds in his political quest, hits the campaign trail with gusto

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In a time of paltry political participation among student-aged voters, University senior Brian Lynott is setting a new standard for political enthusiasm and involvement.

Lynott, a 21-year-old senior who is majoring in planning, pub-

lic policy and management focusing on land management, is running in the 2000 Beaverton mayoral race. He said he hopes to steal attention away from his age and direct it toward his platforms.

"Where I lack in experience, I make up for in enthusiasm and dedication," Lynott said. "I promise that I'll work harder and listen more than any mayor in the past to address Beaverton's issues."

Lynott is currently dividing most of his time between discussing his platforms with city

employees, business owners and Beaverton residents and attending city council, planning commission and neighborhood meetings.

Lynott said he first became interested in running for public office when the city began developing the land around his childhood home during his senior year in high school.

"When I was growing up, we lived on the edge of the urban growth boundary. We practically had cows coming up to our backyard," he said. "Now you see subdivisions, strip malls and condos."

That experience is at the root of two of Lynott's major platforms — promoting sustainable urban growth and boosting community involvement in Beaverton politics.

"Instead of packing up and moving to rural Oregon, I decided to stay here and tackle these issues," he said. "I'm adamant about keeping Oregon green, but we need to find the right level of urban growth."

In addition to analyzing the long-term financial effects of growth, Lynott said listening to the public is crucial in deciding the rate of urban growth that would provide a "concentric, transcendent place to live, work and play."

However, Lynott said the current Beaverton government doesn't adequately encourage public input and some people have become cynical.

Lynott said he hopes to restore public enthusiasm about government by giving people more opportunities to make their voices heard and by helping promote a sense of community.

Rob Drake, the current mayor of Beaverton who's running against Lynott for reelection, said Lynott

lacks the experience needed to execute his programs and manage Beaverton.

"Brian is a very bright, articulate guy, and he has a bright future. But I think he lacks the experience needed to be mayor," Drake said. "He'll make it some day, but I don't think he's ready yet."

Lynott admits that his age presents many challenges but feels his management skills and ideals will compensate for his youth and lack of experience.

"I admit that a 21-year-old with no real experience will have trouble getting people to buy into new, radical ideas," Lynott said. "But a good leader doesn't have any specific skill but knows how to manage people. I'm a pretty good listener, and with my friends, I'm always the problem solver. I do it well, and it's what I like to do."

"[Lynott's] odds of winning are not good; anyone can tell him that," said senior political science major Scott Austin, who ran for the state senate in 1998. "It'll be an uphill battle, and he won't get a lot of sleep. He's going to be limited financially, and people are going to question his competence because of his age. Also, as a 19-to-20-year-old, he's not as entrenched in the party as he will be in his later years."

"But it's a good life experience," Austin said. "Election night will be the climax of his campaign. Just to see your name up there receiving votes is an exhilarating experience."

However, Lynott said he's in the race to win.

"I think I can lead Beaverton into the 21st century with good policy and really move Beaverton forward," he said.

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U		<p><b>Career Expo Keynote Speaker:</b> Toni L. Smith, Entertainment Industry Executive Monday, January 24 Noon Gerlinger Hall Lounge "Getting to the Top of the Charts - A Personal Story of Making Your Dreams a Reality."</p>
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R	26	<p><b>Peace Corps: Path to a Career</b> Tuesday, January 25 12:30-1:30 p.m. Rogue Room/EMU Facilitator: Fred Jarman, UO Peace Corps Representative</p>
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