

Telemarketers

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wanted telemarketing calls after their personal information was published in the University's student directory.

Under the "no-call" law, the Oregon Attorney General's Office maintains a list of Oregon residents who do not want to be contacted by telemarketers. The residents pay \$6.50 for the first year of having their phone number on the list and a \$3 renewal fee each year thereafter.

Telemarketers are required to buy the list, which is updated monthly. By law, they can't contact people whose names are on the list. There are, however, four exceptions: Telemarketers can legally call if the person asked them to call, if the call is from a business the person has bought a product from, if the call is a political poll unrelated to marketing or if it is on behalf of a public agency or a charitable organization that the person has expressed an interest in.

The list replaces the "black dot

law," where a black dot was placed in the phone book next to names of people who did not want to receive telemarketing calls.

The new law will give students another tool to avoid unwanted telemarketing calls, said Sally O'Neil, an enforcement officer with the financial fraud/consumer protection section of the Oregon Department of Justice.

"If you're named on that list, they can't call you," she said.

She added that students who ask that their name be added to the no-call list should still be protected against receiving telemarketing calls, even if the telemarketers get their phone number from the University's student directory.

"If they sign up for this no-call list, and that's their number at school, then the telemarketers aren't supposed to call," she said.

Some students have expressed concern in the past that telemarketers have called them after their personal information was published in the University's student directory.

The directory offers a wealth of information about students, including their name, phone num-

ber, address and permanent address.

Under the Oregon Public Records Law, companies can request the information from the University for a small processing fee.

Some companies have requested the directory information, University Registrar Herb Cherek said. But if students are receiving calls from companies who are using campus calling lists, it's more likely that they simply picked up a free copy of the directory and made their own lists, he said.

Students who are still concerned about receiving unwanted sales calls can have their directory information suppressed by the University, said Pete Bauer, a senior assistant to the registrar.

While that can be beneficial to students who want to keep prying parents from checking up on them, for example, it can also backfire: potential employers calling to confirm enrollment or degrees earned are also turned away, he said.

"It basically cuts off all information," Bauer said.

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the Athletic Department to create endowments for minority professors. She said many classes aren't offered in minority subjects because all the money needed is funding sports programs.

The candidates also addressed the issue of student fees, specifically the Scott Southworth case currently facing the U.S. Supreme Court. This case will decide if students have discretion over where their student fees are spent.

ASUO presidential candidate

Jay Breslow, with his running mate Holly Magner, said students should be involved in controlling their own money, but the system in place works well.

"We'll fight like hell to keep our fee system exactly the way it is," Breslow said.

C. J. Gabbe, another ASUO presidential candidate, said the Southworth case would not necessarily affect the University, and he is confident that the current system will be upheld.

Gabbe's running mate, Peter Larson, said that if the decision does affect the students, he hopes to change the current fee system

as little as possible.

"We want to keep the system the way it is because it works the way it is," he said.

Regarding women's issues on campus, the candidates addressed child care, campus safety and programs run through the ASUO Women's Center.

ASUO presidential candidate Dan Atkinson, who stands for left-handed rights, said, "The majority of left-handed people are women, therefore this campus is anti-women."

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Reported Feb. 14 through Feb. 20, 2000:

- Feb. 17: Theft I, 1800 block of Alder Street, items stolen.
- Feb. 18: Assault III, 1000 block of Hilliard Street, student beaten.
- Feb. 19: Attempted Burglary I, 1200 block of East 20th Avenue, window screen slashed, attempt to enter.
- Feb. 19: Criminal Trespass II, 1300 block of Alder Street, loitering.
- Feb. 19: Criminal Trespass II, 1000 block of Patterson Street, University Inn, transient loitering.
- Feb. 20: Theft III, 1000 block Patterson Street, University Inn, items stolen.

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