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Measure 11

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past criminal history," Miller said. "The saddest part about it is that the measure also lowered the eligibility age from 18 to 15."

In response to the reform, Republican candidate for attorney general Kevin L. Mannix, who couldn't be reached for comment, said in a recent article, "Measure 11 was not sold by its proponents as a measure aimed at repeat offenders. ... This is a myth perpetuated by opponents to the Measure 11."

"The actual measure itself, as well as its ballot title and the three arguments in the voter's pamphlet in favor of Measure 11, focused on incapacitation of serious criminals, deterrence of others by showing that crime does not pay — predictably of tough sentences — and comparable sentences throughout the state."

Sixty percent of persons convicted under Measure 11 are first time offenders, according to Sharon Miller.

"This means that those who were convicted made one mistake," Miller said. "With this measure, the courts' hands are tied. They must sentence the individuals under the measure."

Sixty percent of the first time offenders are between the ages of 18 and 21 years of age, according to Sharon Miller. Citizens to Reform Measure 11 2000 has also looked at the economic and financial aspects of this measure.

"It costs \$48,000 a year to house and feed one juvenile in prison,"

Miller said. "It costs \$28,000 to house and feed an adult."

In a statement made by Gov. John Kitzhaber in 1996 regarding the measure, he mentioned the fact that he would have liked to spend more money on education, but instead the money would be spent on building more prisons.

"We are not saying that the criminals don't deserve prison," Miller said. "We are just saying: Let's be fair and impartial to these youngsters who need programs and rehabilitation. They don't need to be mixed in with the inmate population."

Lane County Sponsors Director Ron Chase is scheduled to speak at the rally and will focus on economic and treatment aspects of this measure.

"Oregon used to have one of the best sex-offender programs, but because of this measure it has been cut to help pay for the outside costs of providing prisons," Chase said.

Chases' experiences in running a half-way house for people just coming out of prison have shown him that "we all have a vested interest in these people getting treatment."

Representatives from Citizens to Reform Measure 11 2000 say they are looking forward to the outcome of the elections.

"We are very confident it will be a good race," Miller said.

Others still firmly support Measure 11 and attribute Oregon's decrease in crime to it.

"Person crime and violent crime have gone down, both in absolute numbers and in terms of proportion to population since the implementation of Measure 11," Mannix wrote.

Breslow

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cause the staff is still figuring out exactly what the position's duties are.

"Jay is doing a good job, especially considering his lack of resources this summer," Anoushiravani said. "He is sure of his goals and even more sure of how to reach them."

However, Breslow is putting faith in his staff to step up and assist him in the summer projects before him. According to Breslow, he has hired a staff composed of solid organizers and activists, qualities he relies on to run the staff smoothly.

"I'm real big on leadership development, so all the staff and volunteers feel they're a part of the same group," he said.

Part of creating that feeling of unity between volunteers and the staff will be the job of recent hiree, Jeff Kline.

Kline, who will serve as the internship coordinator, is a graduated teaching student who previously was the director of Hillel, a Jewish student organization.

"I'm really excited about having him on-board," Breslow said.

Breslow's attention is currently being monopolized by voter registration recruitment, one of the ASUO's major goals. After kicking off the registration tables at Introduction, getting 1,000 students to register to vote before school starts and 6,000 registered before

the November election is a goal creeping closer to being realized.

"We're leading the state [universities] right now with 200 registered students," Breslow said. "That leaves us 5,800 short of our goal. It's really ambitious, but I think we can do it."

With initiatives on the ballot that can drastically affect students, Breslow isn't focusing on telling students how to vote, but on educating them on the importance their vote holds.

"We want to educate students to the ramifications of their vote, and why this year's vote counts more than usual," he said. "The statewide election could have a big effect on their lives in the next year."

Breslow's largest and most comprehensive goal this summer is simply to prepare for the school year. He added that if the ASUO isn't ready, it will trickle down to the other student organizations, which will lose trust in the executive leadership.

"It's exciting to see the energy Jay brings to the executive office this summer," said Greg Lobisser, director of student activities, who has been working hand-in-hand with Breslow on the recent hiring of a director for the multi-cultural center.

Breslow's sister Jenny, who served as his campaign manager during the spring, was thankful his term has started.

"I think he'll challenge this university," she said.



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