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## Senate

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sult in one student earning more than another for the same job.

Sen. Lindsay McLean argued that work study is different from stipend positions; she herself has both.

"A work study position is a job, you go there for employment. A stipend position is a lot different from that. . . The reward is included in the work."

Other senators disagreed.

"I think it's a huge access issue," Sen. C.J. Gabbe said. "And I think all of us want to make sure that leadership positions are as accessible as they can be."

The second issue revolved around what Watts described as a "three-percent kickback." To cover insurance costs, payroll assessments and other fees, he said, someone has to pay three percent of what a student on work study has made throughout the year. The question that arose was who would pay that three percent.

While in the end most of the senators agreed that work study is a

good program that allows those who otherwise might not be able to be involved in campus leadership activities, some were worried about the kickback and just where the money would come from.

"There needs to be some kind of accountability and responsibility for the three percent," Sen. Mary Elizabeth Madden said. "It shouldn't just be a gift to them from the surplus. They need to figure it out."

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Mary Elizabeth Madden  
ASUO Student Senator

After over an hour and a half of debate, the senate finally decided to make student groups responsible for covering the "kickback" if they choose to employ students through

the work study program. It also determined it would take the year to fully work out the details.

As part of the grandfather motion, Senate also decided to form a committee that would look at how stipend and work study positions are structured and funded.

The Women's Center, the first to benefit from the Senate's decision, successfully transferred \$900 from its leadership to its work study fund. It said that it would be able to cover the costs of the kickback. The YWCA, which transferred \$494 from its leadership to its stipend fund wasn't sure, so it will have to return to the Senate within the next two weeks and present an explanation for where the money will come from.

Finally, the senate ended the evening with nominations for senate positions. Three of the four were actually filled Wednesday as the nominees ran uncontested. Sen. Eric Bailey garnered the vice-presidency while Sen. Greg Zimel won for treasurer. Sen. Skye Tenney was elected Senate ombudsman. Next week, the Senate will decide between Sen. Watts and Sen. McLean for president.

## Voter rally

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"Every vote counts," she said. State Rep. Vicki Walker (D-Lane County) zeroed in on ballot Measure 91 in her address, saying it

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Nathaniel Martin-Long  
freshman

would put a stranglehold on students hoping for tuition freezes. She further emphasized the importance of student voters setting an example for others.

"In 1992, this campus registered more students to vote than any

campus in this whole nation," she said. "In the year 2000, we want to surpass that. Help us get there."

Students seated in the amphitheater and some who stopped and stood on the sidewalk at the corner of 13th Avenue and University Street applauded after each speaker and seemed attentive to the speeches. Only one outbreak occurred during the event, when a student, who was responding to the pleas of Castillo for students to vote, yelled: "The Democrats and Republicans won't let Ralph Nader speak!"

One University freshman, Nathaniel Martin-Long, said he just turned 18 and will vote in his first presidential election this November. He's registered as a Democrat, but said he's dissatisfied with the two major parties and will probably register himself in the Pacific Green Party soon. But despite

Presidential election voting for 18- to 24-year-olds (numbers in thousands):

1964	50.9
1968	50.4
1972	49.6
1976	42.2
1980	39.9
1984	40.8
1988	36.2
1992	42.8
1996	32.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

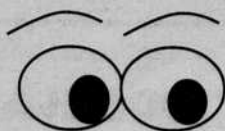
his dissatisfaction, Martin-Long said it's important for those who care about public policy to vote.

"If you're not registered and you don't vote, you can't complain about the way things are going," he said.

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