

Election

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voting on Duck Web may be one contributing factor to the low turnout.

"There are so many problems with online voting," he said.

Brown said a lack of accessibility to Duck Web because of a shortage of available computers for students may be one factor affecting voter turnout. He also cited problems with the system, where a high user count could slow down the voting process, as another possible reason for the low turnout.

Myagkov said voting by mail could be a better system than online voting.

"[Online voting] has never been tested to a credible degree," he said, adding that the 2000 presidential election is proof that voting by mail is a viable and effective way for voters to voice their opinions.

With the general elections cer-

tain to happen during spring term, Brown said turnout may increase if there is a renewed interest in the ASUO. But, he said, it could also decrease, as students may feel the situation is hopeless and not care anymore because of this year's election controversies. He said there is no way to know what may occur.

« Students are too distracted by being students.

Jerry Medler
associate professor,
political science

Myagkov said despite all the factors that can influence an election, interest in the issues is what propels students to vote.

"Voters don't think the issues are important to them," he said. Adding controversy to issues

can help attract interest to the issues and inspire more people to form an opinion and vote, Myagkov said.

"They do vote because they like to be heard," Myagkov said. "But the main thing is making the issues look important."

He said students will not vote if they do not discuss it amongst themselves, and it is important to remind them constantly about the issues at hand.

"Voters have short memories," he said.

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ty was used primarily during the winter months, but has recently seen an increased amount of activity during the summer.

Although energy from steam or solar sources is possible, Still said using wind power is not an option on campus.

"We don't have enough wind resource here," he said. To garner enough energy from wind panels, there must be an average minimum wind speed of 10 miles per hour, Still said. Mahlon Sweet Field, otherwise known as the Eugene Airport, receives an average wind speed of only 7 mph, he said.

Still said the possibility of in-

stalling fuel cells is real, but they currently operate on fossil fuels. Fossil fuels will not last indefinitely and can be costly.

With increased technology, the use of hydrogen may also be an idea the University could look into, he said. Right now, electricity through hydrogen is possible, but it is less efficient than the University can afford. Forty percent of energy is lost through electrolysis, which is the breakdown of a chemical through electrical current. The University would be paying too much for little energy production, he said.

Ben Gates, co-director for the Solar Information Center, said the University needs to address the energy issues.

"What can we use to prevent the need for more energy?" he said.

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