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If passed, the ballot would provide a transfer of \$220 million from the Education Endowment, which helps fund the Oregon Opportunity Fund for K-12 schools. The transfer would leave a balance of \$58 million for the Education Endowment and in 2003-04, 2,000 Oregon Opportunity Grants would be eliminated, Newton said.

OSPIRG and the ASUO will be working with administrators for this year's "Get Out the Vote" campaign and will continue to work with them on future voter registration projects.

In 1998, the U.S. Congress passed an amendment to the Higher Education Act requiring higher education institutions to make efforts to encourage students to become more politically active.

Administrators met with the two groups Tuesday to discuss possible ideas for registering students to vote and improving voter turnout. Concepts considered included installing voter registration drop boxes

in popular campus buildings and inviting prominent figures from the University community to work at voter registration tables, OSPIRG Youth Vote Coordinator Greg Gallagher said.

The two groups also suggested linking the University Web site to the secretary of state's Web site and placing voter registration cards in the class course catalog, student directories and the University catalog. They also talked about setting up voter registration tables at sporting events and playing a commercial on the big screen during University football games, Gallagher said.

"What I saw at the meeting was a really enthusiastic response from the administration to the groups' suggestions, and they did a great job with their proposal of ideas," Associated Vice President for Student Affairs Anne Leavitt said.

Leavitt said the only problem that could arise in pursuing the proposed ideas has to do with timeliness.

The class course catalog for fall 2002 has already gone to press, and she said registering students to vote

in the fall and spring terms can be difficult because students may be moving to or away from Eugene and do not have an address.

"We just need to find a window of opportunity," she said. "If we can get figure out the right timeline, we will be able to make a difference."

Gallagher said he believes it is important for University students to take part in their community and voice their concerns about health coverage and student housing.

"My favorite quote is, 'Democracy isn't a spectator sport,'" he said. "It's very important to be an active part of our elected officials' constituency if we want to affect the issues."

Students can look for registration tables during the next couple weeks at the EMU Amphitheater, the University Bookstore, Johnson Hall, the Carson residence hall complex, the EMU Fishbowl and the Hamilton residence hall complex near Grab 'N Go. Members of OSPIRG and the ASUO will also be handing out voter registration cards in classes.

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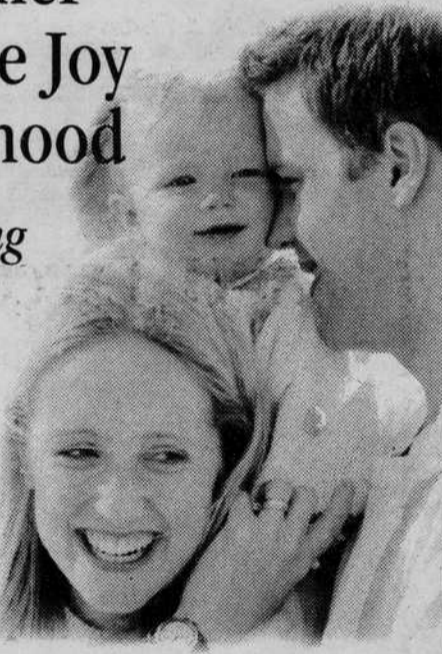
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Court, said Dr. Greg Hamilton, president of the right-to-life group Compassion in Dying.

"The Supreme Court is on record as being suspect to the whole idea of assisted suicide," he added.

But Eli Stutsman, lead attorney for Oregon Death with Dignity and

the lawyer who defended the law after Oregon voters passed it in 1994 and again in 1997, said he doesn't expect the case to reach the Supreme Court.

"The (U.S.) attorney general is not empowered to regulate the practice of medicine in the state," he said.

Stutsman said he is confident Jones will not only rule in favor of Oregon today, but that the 9th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco will uphold the law as well.

"I don't think there will be anything for the Supreme Court to fix," he said.

Jones is scheduled to issue an opinion at 9 a.m. today, after which the loser has 30 days to file an appeal in San Francisco.

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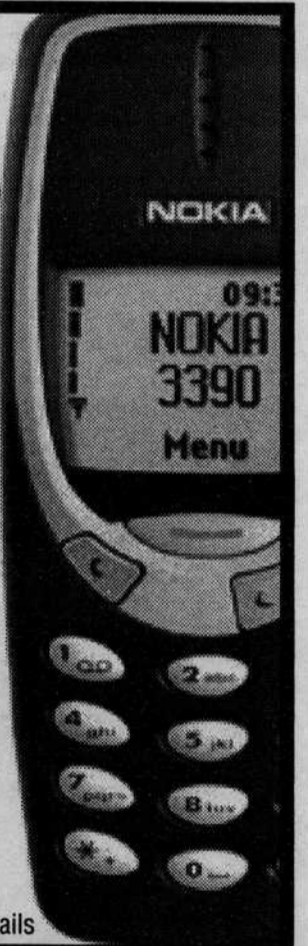
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