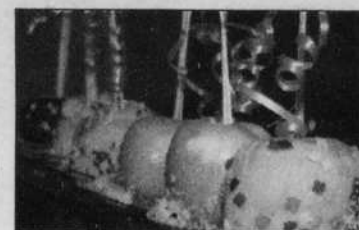


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ASUO voters approve all four measures

Results of the special election give permission for changes to the ASUO Constitution including more funds for needed EMU building repairs

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All four of the ballot measures in this week's ASUO special election passed Tuesday after votes were tallied at 5 p.m. and posted shortly thereafter.

Despite increased voter turnout — a total of 468 students voted in the election compared with 422 in the 2001 special election — increased enrollment prevented the participation percentage from rising. Less than 3 percent

of students enrolled at the University cast a vote.

But that didn't bring down the celebrating ASUO members.

"I'm pleased we had even a slightly larger turnout," ASUO Elections Coordinator Andrea Hall said as ASUO President Rachel Pilliod and others squealed and shouted with excitement once the results were posted at 5:05 p.m. outside the office.

Each of the ballot measures will yield a change in the ASUO Constitution, including Ballot Measure 6.15.1, which funds all ASUO and EMU building and equipment reserves for multiple student programs.

Ballot Measure 6.15.2 gives the Ath-

letic Department Finance Committee the one-time exemption it needs to prevent the Athletic Department from charging students up to \$50 per ticket for home games held before the academic year.

"I only miss games if I have to," said junior Sachiko Shimizu, an academic coach for student athletes and one of many football fans who would have frowned at the idea of paying regular admission for the two games.

"The fans are a big part of the athletic program," she said.

Considering the number of students who wait in line every season to get free tickets, Shimizu said the ASUO could

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Andrea Hall, Elections Coordinator, posts the election results.

Passion to pennies

Frustrated with Eugene's lack of job options, a University sophomore turns her candle making skills into a business

Jillian Daley
Family/Health/Education Reporter

University sophomore Dida Valenzuela is no longer unemployed.

Jobless after moving from Portland to Eugene earlier this year, she started making candles — a craft she learned at a Portland shop she worked at for two years in high school.

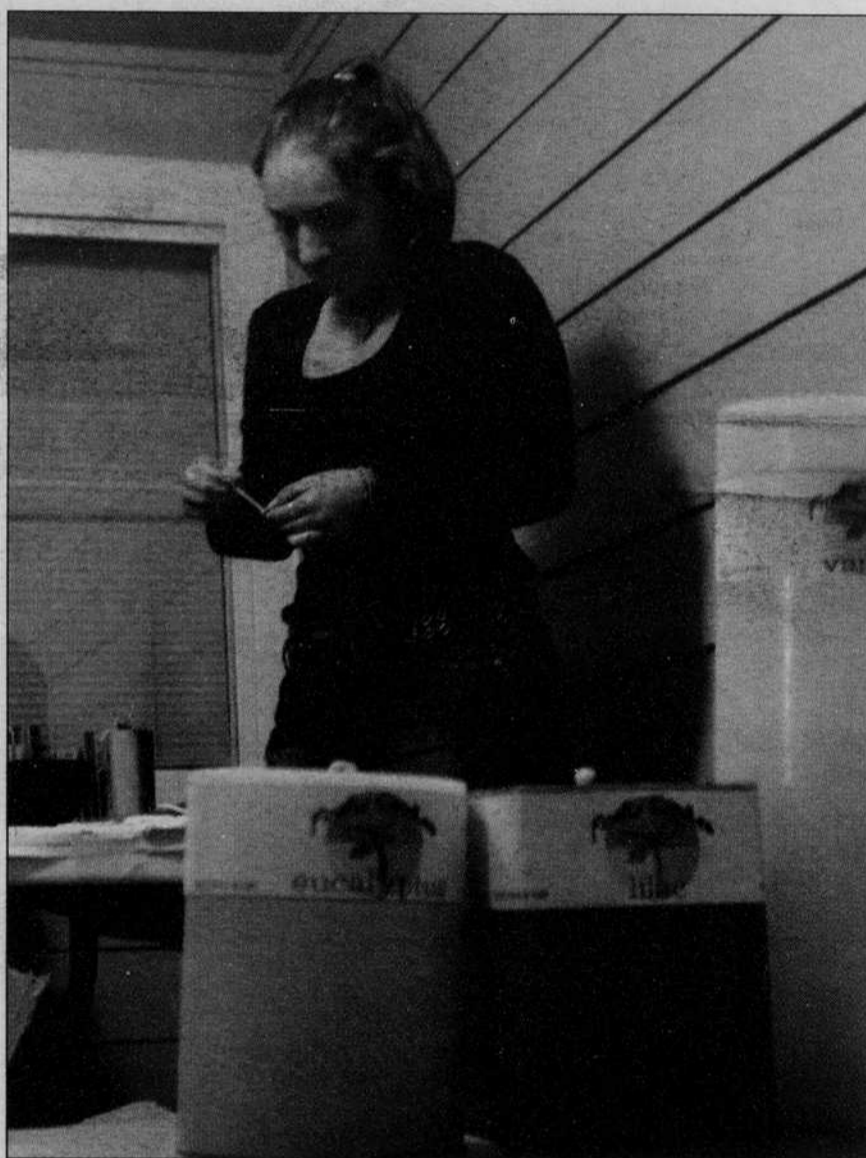
Valenzuela said there are not many student jobs in Eugene, and she needed something to help supplement her loans.

Now, Valenzuela doesn't have a boss. She has her own business, Firefly Candles, a booth she runs at the Eugene Saturday Market. Starting Firefly Candles was a move that took a lot of courage for someone new to town who had no experience running a business.

"I was really scared, to tell you the truth," said Valenzuela who is interested in elementary education.

The 8-by-8 space she rents for \$10 a day accommodates two short tables covered in thick, black cloth, where

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Dida Valenzuela, owner of Firefly Candles, wicks candles in her back porch factory.

Event to focus on partying responsibly

Students can learn about their rights and responsibilities when partying at an event hosted by ASUO from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. today in the EMU Amphitheater.

ASUO Community Outreach Coordinator Jesse Harding said with riots occurring on Halloween in 1996, 1997 and 1998, ASUO wanted to host an event that would encourage students to party responsibly this Thursday and in the future.

"We want students to know their responsibilities so that they do not overstep their boundaries and their rights," Harding said.

The event will include several speakers and will be an open forum for students to ask questions or share concerns.

George Schneider, an Oregonian who has been involved with law enforcement for 30 years, will discuss student rights, and Department of Public Safety Sgt. Lynn Brown will speak about police expectations of students.

Harding will also talk to students about what can be expected from the Eugene Police Department this Halloween and during future events.

Members from ASUO Legal Services will be available to advise students, as well.

In case of rain, the event will be moved from the amphitheater to 150 Columbia.

— Danielle Gillespie

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Jesse Harding
ASUO community outreach coordinator

WEATHER

Today: High 48, Low 23,

sunny with light wind

Thursday: High 50, Low 25,
clear and breezy

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday

One campus intersection raises safety concerns

Friday

Dia de los Muertos events rise up this weekend

Measures would update building safety

Two measures spur debate on where money will come from to give public buildings better earthquake protection

Jan Montry

Oregon votes 2002

Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

Oregon voters will have a chance to decide on two measures this year that would provide public education buildings and emergency service buildings with earthquake protection.

Ballot Measure 15 would amend the Oregon Constitution, giving the state power to issue general obligation bonds to "retrofit or reinforce" public education buildings to withstand earth-

quakes. This would include state universities; elementary, middle and high schools; education service districts; community colleges; and similar public education buildings. The measure also limits the state from using the bonds to go into debt more than .2 percent of the real market value of all property in the state.

For repayment, the measure directs the Oregon Legislature to repay all costs related to the bonds — including principal and premium — from taxes, lottery proceeds, tobacco settlement funds or other sources of revenue besides property taxes.

Seven university presidents — including University President Dave Frohnmayer — co-signed a statement in favor of the measure, adding that most buildings owned by state government are on the campuses of the seven universities.

"When the big earthquake hits, we must be prepared," they said in the statement. "Tens of thousands of university students in our laboratories, auditoriums and classrooms need protection."

They added that investment would pay off in numbers of lives saved if an earthquake were to strike — one possibly as strong as magnitude 9.

While the ballot language said property taxes may not be used to repay the bond debt, Oregon Earthquake Awareness said in a statement the possibility exists for other tax increases.

"The statement that Ballot Measure 15 will not raise taxes is not necessarily correct; since Section 2 (1) permits repayment of the general obligation bonds from the 'General Fund, including taxes ... levied to pay the bonds,'" the group said. "You don't get something for nothing"

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