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student incidental fees.

Law students are not exactly commonplace in the trenches of student government, but Andries hopes the student voters will make an exception in his case. He added that being a law student isn't a huge disconnect from being an undergraduate, and having a representative who isn't embroiled in the politics of student government will benefit the student body.

"I can be the outside eyes in the situation and can make the impartial decisions," he said.

Getting involved again in a campus community teeming with student events and activities lured Andries into running for a position with the ASUO. He said he relishes the opportunity to interact with student organizations on campus, especially with regards to helping them with budgetary problems and concerns.

Andries was involved in several student organizations as an undergraduate, but he said his proudest achievement was coaching his younger brother's soccer team and being able to watch the kids grow and develop. He added that even though he moved around a lot as a kid, soccer always gave him a sense of belonging and acceptance.

"It's a recurring theme in my life that wherever I go, I play soccer," he said.

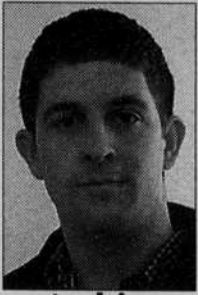
Overgard, a small-town Oregon native, said that even though she's only in her freshman year, students shouldn't hold the misconception that she is inexperienced when it comes to student leadership. During her high school career, Overgard said she attended leadership camps and really fell in love with the idea of politics when she did a government job-shadow in the state capital.

Overgard said she grew up on a farm, which she used to her advantage during the primary campaign by bringing two baby ducklings to Eugene with her to help get her noticed.

Sometimes voters want to know not only if candidates for political office are qualified to be leaders, but also if they are compassionate people. Overgard said one of the kindest things about herself is she donates blood on a regular basis. She added that it's something she's passionate about because a person can save the lives of others by donating blood for only a few moments of pain.

Erasing biases within the committees should be the priority of student leaders, Overgard said, and will be her main goal for improving student government, if she is elected.

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testify against the bill, joining representatives from Western Oregon University and Oregon State University in saying accountability should remain with the state legislature, not with OUS or individual universities within the system.

Currently, each university in OUS works within the system. OUS answers to the state legislature on funding and other issues, and the State Board of Higher Education is appointed by, and therefore ultimately controlled by, Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

Under this system, if students or faculty members have a problem with how the school is being run or how money is being spent, they can appeal to the Legislature for an in-

tervention. If the Legislature fails to act, the grievance could be taken all the way to the governor.

If Senate Bill 437 passes without amendment, however, OUS could hand over many powers to the individual schools. Then, theoretically, a grievance could only be taken to the president of the school — in the University's case, President Dave Frohnmayer — where it could either be addressed or dismissed. That could be the final appeal, although the wording is murky, and an OUS fact sheet states the system could still be responsible to the state board.

According to a letter signed by Frohnmayer and the other six university presidents in OUS, Oregon universities — in order to maintain the status quo — need: greater flexibility

to increase and use nonstate revenues, the ability to operate more efficiently and the ability to increase entrepreneurial activity. These needs form the basis of Senate Bill 437.

The letter said the current economic problems surrounding higher education may cause the system to fail. The presidents added that this failure would inevitably lead to a loss of access and would be "measured in course and program reductions, increased time to degree for students, and to decreased enrollment."

OUS spokeswoman Di Saunders said only 17 percent of University funding comes from the state and now, more than ever, all OUS universities "rely heavily on tuition revenues, grants and contracts, and private donors to support their

campuses." The gap in state funding is one of the primary motivators behind the bill and has left University Senior Vice President and Provost John Mosely eager for reform.

Mosely said the implementation of Senate Bill 437 would provide some additional revenue for the University, mostly through interest gained from student tuition. He said this slight increase, coupled with a more efficient system, would help ensure students had access to higher education, something that is threatened should the measure fail.

"The state ought to back off and let the University handle their own business," Mosely said.

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