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Measure's rejection will hurt University

University funds would be cut, and students would have fewer class options and higher tuition

By Jennifer Marie Bear
News Editor

Feb. 3 is a critical day for schools, social services, law enforcement agencies and other groups that rely on state funding. That's the day when Oregon voters will decide whether to approve or reject Measure 30, a bundle of temporary and permanent tax increases and changes aimed at raising \$1.25 billion during the 2003-05 biennium.

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If voters reject Measure 30, Oregon University System funding would be reduced by \$15.85 million, community colleges would take a \$9.9 million hit and K-12 schools would lose \$414 million, according to a report released by

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Residence hall panel debates tax crisis

The panelists, ranging from lawmakers to activists, agree Oregon needs to solve tax issues

By Nika Carlson
News Reporter

Oregon voters from the left and the right must approach Oregon's tax problem by asking themselves what type of state they want, a panel of experts said Tuesday.

A student advisory group for the University residence hall series "Campus Conversations" organized the panel, titled "Oregon's Tax Crisis," in preparation for the upcoming vote on Measure 30. If passed, the measure will temporarily increase income taxes, increase some business taxes and decrease certain tax discounts.

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Learning to give

Students learn about the psychology and philosophy of giving in a unique class

By Chelsea Duncan
News Reporter

In a freshman seminar that teaches the dynamics of American philanthropy, students don't just learn about the act of giving — they also become givers.

Assistant Professor Renee Irvin created the class, American Philanthropy: The Science and Practice of Giving Away Money, on a trial basis during the 2002-03 school year. She said its success led her to teach the class again this year.

"We're one of the first universities with a well-developed curriculum in the non-profit industry," Irvin said.

The seminar concentrates on the history and practice of philanthropy, and students research local non-profits throughout the term. Near the end of the term, the class donates \$5,000 to a non-profit of its choice. The money is initially donated by Wells Fargo bank.

"This idea actually not only provides (students) with some skills but benefits a non-profit," Irvin said.

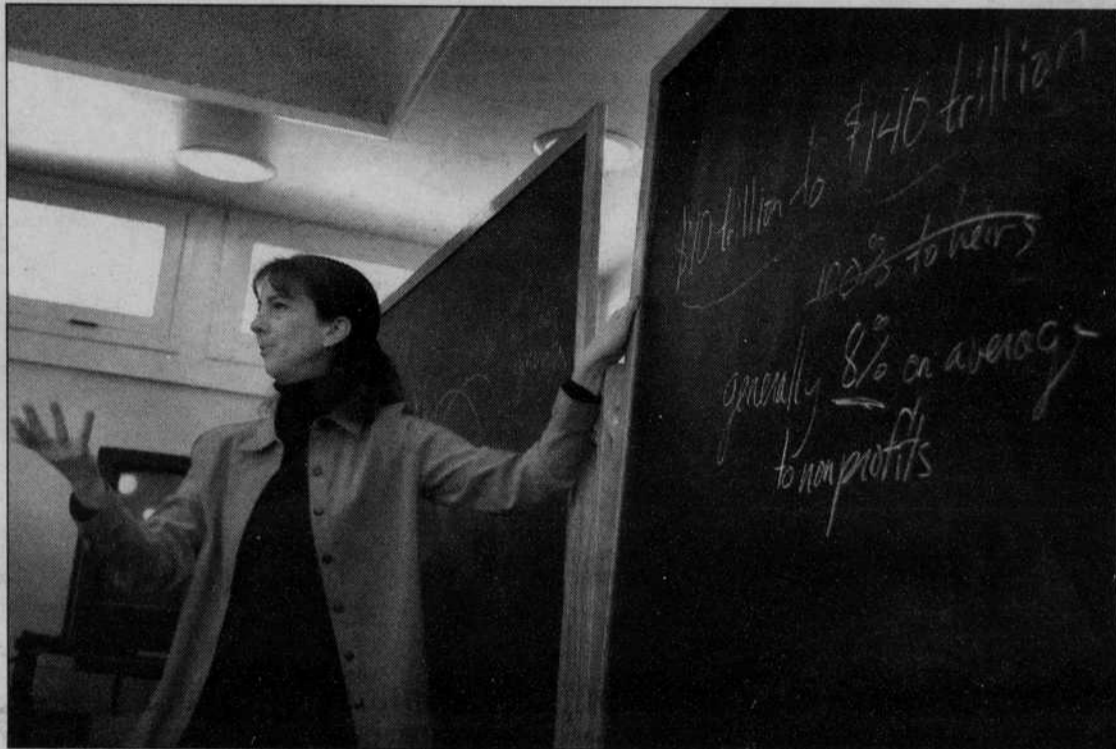
Freshman Jacquelin Mansker said she took the class this term because she was interested in learning why people decide to give.

"The psychology of giving is the most interesting thing we've learned so far," she said.

She added that the class is an innovative concept, and that philanthropy is something people should know more about.

"I don't think people realize what a huge part of society it is," she said.

Wells Fargo Vice President and Manager of Private Client Services David Frosaker said the bank donates money to numerous non-profits each year. He said he saw the class as



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Assistant Professor Renee Irvin lectures to her philanthropy class Wednesday morning about wills and estates.

an opportunity to teach students about corporate philanthropy.

"Wells Fargo has a strong belief in giving back to the communities in which we do business," he said, adding that the bank donated about \$1.6 million to non-profits in Oregon last year.

"I just think it's important to be exposed to philanthropy from an early age," he said.

He said he visited the class last year to talk about the importance of philanthropy. Even though he was asked to cast his vote in the final decision for a non-profit winner, he chose not

to participate.

"It's up to the students to make the determination," he said.

Irvin said students spend the term researching the non-profits and evaluating their impact on the community, and at the end of the term they vote on the one they believe most deserves the money.

But Irvin said students learn that being a philanthropist isn't as easy as it seems, because it can be difficult to decide on just one organization.

Last year, the class chose to split the money and gave \$3,500 to the Start Making a Reader Today

organization and \$1,500 to the Greenhill Humane Society.

Sophomore Kate Lenzser, who took the class last year, said the process of narrowing down organizations was a challenging task.

"You see the goals of all of them and you understand them," she said. "It's hard because ultimately you have to choose."

She said in the end the money was donated to the organizations that students felt would have a significant impact on the community.

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Roe v. Wade decision on abortion turns 31

The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling guaranteeing a woman's right to choose remains contentious three decades later

By Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

Today marks the 31st anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States and has generated fierce controversy ever since.

Roe v. Wade shook the nation in 1973, expanding reproductive options for millions of women. Nearly 45 million pregnancies have been terminated since then, according to the National Right to Life Committee.

"Roe v. Wade is important because it really guarantees a human the civil right to decide when and under what circumstances to become a parent," Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Kitty Piercy said.

But Oregon Right to Life Executive Director Gayle Atteberry condemned Roe v. Wade.

"Its very decision has been the legal instrument to cause the deaths of ... 45 million unborn children," she said.

While both sides debate the morality of the decision, Roe v. Wade played an immensely important role in the women's rights movement, law Professor Caroline Forell said.

"It meant that women mattered in the Constitution for the first time," Forell said. "(It was) extraordinarily empowering for women."

Forell said she graduated from college the year of the decision and knows women who traveled to Puerto Rico to obtain an abortion or got one illegally without a doctor.

Piercy agreed that the days before Roe v. Wade were dangerous for women who sought abortions.

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