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Students from the LGBTQA invited members of the University and local community to voice their opinion on the passing of measure 36 Wednesday afternoon.

Measure: Protest march receives mixed reactions

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"It's been a very emotional last few hours since this all started," Sousa said.

Sophomore Chelsea Morrisey, who wore a cross and a white anti-Measure 36 garment during the march, said she will be at a legal disadvantage after Measure 36. She said the state "shouldn't be backing discrimination."

"In my opinion, there's no reason because I'm gay I should be treated differently than anyone else," she said.

Morrisey added that marchers suffer discrimination because of some people's "contradictory" religious beliefs.

"We've been crucified under religious contexts, and I think that's against everything I know about Christianity," she said.

She said the march was well received.

"Overall, people seemed pretty supportive," she said. "There's no reason for them not to be."

Junior Taylor Morden, who observed the march on East 13th Avenue, said he was "impressed" by the demonstration. Morden said he thought Oregon would be the only one of 11 states with same-sex measures on the ballot to defeat a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

"I was really surprised, but that probably comes from living in Eugene," he said. "We're just as bad as everyone else."

Graduate student Sean Parson, who witnessed the march, said he supported the marchers because he "can't believe we just voted to discriminate" against gay people.

"I'm glad they're doing it," he said. "Someone has to talk about it."

Doctoral student Sarah Jaquette

agreed, saying she was glad the demonstrators came through the Lillis Business Complex.

"I think there should be more of it," she said. "They should be outraged."

Jaquette said she was surprised the measure passed and had been trying not to remind herself it was successful.

Not everyone agreed with the marchers. Wearing a Bush campaign button, junior Elizabeth Arwood said she approached the marchers, clapped and yelled "Yes on 36."

"The freedom of speech doesn't just apply to liberals," she said. "The will of the people have spoken."

Arwood said the matter has already been settled by the measure.

"There's really nothing they can do," Arwood said. "If the majority of people are against (same-sex marriage), they have no legal ground to contest it."

Junior Keith Bryan agreed.

"They're definitely very driven for their cause, and you can't blame them for that," he said, emphasizing that "this is all they can do. The state has spoken."

LGBTQA Co-Director Crystal Cathcart said the march was a success.

"I think it was fantastic," she said. "A bunch of people came and joined us."

Cathcart said her organization, which was not able to officially speak out against the measure before the election because it is funded by student incidental fees, is now able to voice its concerns.

"It's not a relief since it passed, but it's nice to get stuff off our chests," she said.

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IN BRIEF

Student Senate welcomes new members

The Student Senate approved four appointments by the ASUO Executive during a meeting Wednesday night, filling seats in the Senate and the ASUO Constitution Court.

Senators unanimously approved Junior Nick Hudson to Academic Senate Seat 15, which deals with social sciences.

Hudson was one of three candidates for the position, although one dropped out, Senator Rodrigo

Moreno-Villamar said.

The Senate also approved Courtney Warner to fill a vacant undergraduate seat on the court. Petkun said Warner will bring a "new and fresh perspective" to the ASUO.

The Senate unanimously approved Brigid Turner for the second-year law student position on the court as well.

Elections Coordinator Kelly Cheeseman was also unanimously approved by the Senate. She began working in the spring, Petkun said.

"She's really impressed me in spearheading attempts ... to learn from, for lack of a better word, mistakes the elections board has made in the past," Petkun said, citing past conflicts that

resulted from elections scheduled during exams and busy times for students.

Cheeseman, who has a background in public relations, said she plans to use free advertising space on Lane Transit District busses. The ASUO can use the space to advertise for elections and ASUO events.

After a lengthy discussion, the Senate voted 10-3 to grant a transfer of \$411 to MEChA to create a paid Web site designer position.

Senate Treasurer Eden Cortez announced the Senate surplus is now \$44,944 a different total than the \$51,862 announced at the Oct. 27 meeting.

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Kerry's defeat disappointed everyone at the rally.

"They're very sad because we felt we were going to get a start of a new era," she said. "We did not feel Kerry was perfect ... we were pulling for a new administration."

Junior Benjamin McKechnie, who said he is a member of the Oregon Air National Guard, said he attended the rally because he is "anti-Bush, anti-war and pro-peace." He said he was disappointed by the outcome of Tuesday's election.

"I feel pretty impotent at this point, pretty saddened," he said.

Seventeen-year-old Stuart Smith said he does not approve of President Bush's re-election but is more upset about the outcome of Measure 36.

"What really shocked me was that 36 passed," Smith said, expressing disbelief over what he said was discrimination being incorporated into the Oregon Constitution.

Boz Van Houten, 57, said he voted for Ralph Nader in this election because of his clear stance on issues like the environment and international relations.

Van Houten said he never expected Kerry to win because of how weak his platform was.

"If he had picked up the kind of things Nader was saying, he could have gotten more votes," Van Houten said.

University student and ASUO Student Senator Rodrigo Moreno-Villamar said he was at the rally to protest "the whole electoral system." He said both Democrats and Republicans are to blame for the country's current state of despair, and the Democratic party needs to regroup if it ever wants to be a serious contender.

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Seventeen-year-old Kate Laue, left, a student at South Eugene High School, and 16-year-old Hannah Finley, a student at Churchill High School, represent their opinions of President Bush.



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Patricia Donohue, left, and Katharine Hunt protest the results of the election with roughly 100 other citizens who oppose President Bush's re-election.

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