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## Hoyas

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pens and that happens.’ ... Hey, forget all that,” Thompson said. “It’s Eastern Washington. That’s all it is. It’s nothing else. That’s all it is. It’s Thursday, whatever time. That’s all we need to focus on.”

Georgetown (21-10), ranked 22nd in The Associated Press’ final poll, is led by junior guard D’Vauntes Smith-Rivera, who averaged 16.2 points, 4.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists. Four first-year players play heavy minutes, including starters L.J. Peak and Isaac Copeland, the first pair of Georgetown freshmen in nearly

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a quarter-century to earn Big East All-Rookie honors in the same season.

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## Voting

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file, such as age, residential information, signature and citizenship status, will be transferred to the secretary of state, who will then automatically update registration information.

When it came up for a vote in the state Senate last week, all Republicans and one Democrat voted against it. The Democrats hold a 18-12 advantage in the Senate so the bill easily passed.

State Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, a Portland Democrat who carried the bill in the Senate, said there were rumblings the measure was a “secret plot” to enroll more Democrats. But she denied that was true.

Oregon already has one of the highest voter registration rates in the nation — 73 percent of Oregonians were registered to vote and 70 percent of them cast ballots during the 2014 general election.

Tony Green, spokesman for the secretary of state, said the legislation is expected to eventually cap-

ture all unregistered voters who are in the DMV database after taking actions such as obtaining or renewing a driver’s license.

Two years ago, when the measure was first proposed, Green said there were questions about whether the Driver and Motor

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Vehicle Services Division records were confidential under federal law. The legislative counsel determined the secretary of state and the division could share information as long as it was for legitimate government purposes, he said.

People eligible to vote will get a postcard saying they’ve been registered and have three weeks to opt out. They’ll be automatically



Eastern Washington guard Tyler Harvey (1) drives to the basket during the second half against Montana in an NCAA college basketball game for the championship of Big Sky Conference tournament in Missoula, Mont., Saturday, March 14, 2015.

only previous appearance, in 2004, they lost their opener against Oklahoma State.

Georgetown’s Smith-Rivera figures results of the past only matter so much.

“You can’t dwell on them,” he said. “We got knocked out early my freshman year. Didn’t make it last year. So it’s another chance to get after it and hopefully succeed past where we’ve been.”

registered as unaffiliated but can select a political party from the postcard and return it to election officials through the mail.

Automatic registration is not uncommon in other countries. A 2009 report by the Brennan Center for Justice says nations where

have demonstrated citizenship in order to successfully follow in Oregon’s footsteps.

Oregon only grants driver’s licenses to people who can prove they’re in the U.S. legally by presenting passports, birth certificates or other documents.

David House, a spokesman for the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division, has said the agency can separate citizens from noncitizens based on those documents.

Oregonians were the first to see all-mail elections, and the state has since been followed by Washington state and Colorado.

“Oregon is a true leader in accessibility to voting and I challenge every other state in this nation to examine their policies and find ways to ensure there are as few barriers as possible in the way of the citizen’s right to vote,” Brown said.

the government takes the lead in enrolling voters have much higher registration rates. Argentina has a 100 percent registration rate, while Sweden, Australia and Canada all have registration rates over 90 percent.

Myrna Perez, deputy director of the Brennan Center’s Democracy Program, said a state needs to already have reliable agency records of eligible Americans who

## STEM

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Whichever side of the debate observers support, two things are certain: Any expansion of Roosevelt’s STEM to catch up with Franklin’s will depend on future voter-approved funding measures — and the curriculum for the space has still not been finalized, weeks before its groundbreaking.

### Comparing and contrasting schools

The remodel process of both Franklin and Roosevelt started at nearly the same time. The first design advisory group meetings for both schools occurred within

three days of each other in June of 2013. Grant will plan its remodel during the summer of 2015.

Portland Public Schools established a set of education specifications which outlined how building design should support learning. The consultant team to develop this was led by the DOWA — IBI Group Architects, who were also the lead architects on the Franklin remodel.

The educational specifications were approved by the district in February of 2014 — eight months after the design process itself started.

PPS design meeting documents

show the Franklin remodel had architects present at the second meeting. Bassetti Architects, the lead for the Roosevelt project, were not present until the fourth meeting — nearly four months into the project.

According to the complaint’s chief petitioner, technology educator Donna Cohen, the Franklin STEM program was accurately defined in the specifications as well as the subjects under the STEM umbrella: woodshop and metal fabrication, computer labs, robotics, software design, and more.

“Franklin followed to a ‘T’ what

STEM was and the subjects that encompassed STEM, whereas Roosevelt really didn’t have a clue,” Cohen said.

Isaacs fundamentally disagrees with this assessment and said the architects for Roosevelt had a draft copy of the educational specifications which they were legally required to follow. The PPS vision for the school is a modern space with collaborative environments interspersed throughout the building.

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