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Court decides against co-presidency

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Not provided for in ASUO Constitution

The Constitution Court ruled Tuesday that the co-presidency of Kirk Bailey and Sheila Stickel is unconstitutional, a decision that supports a complaint filed last term by several University students.

In a statement outlining its decision, the court cited sections from the ASUO Constitution that refer to the office of president as a singular position and to others that distinguish

between the duties of the two officers.

The court also said the constitution makes no allowance for a shared power.

ASUO President Bailey said he and Stickel would abide by the court's decision.

"I am surprised to some extent," Bailey said. "In this case they decided that because it's not specifically allowed, it's prohibited. I am disappointed.

But I respect that the court did go into a fairly lengthy discussion on this matter."

Stickel was not available for comment.

Bailey and Stickel were elected as president and vice president during in spring 1990 student body elections. They announced last fall that they would run their administration as equals and would refer to themselves as co-presidents.

In its arguments before the Constitution Court, the ASUO contended that the co-presidency was not inconsistent with the constitution, and that signing and veto power were officially retained by Bailey.

"The way we defined this from the start is that basically it is just an administrative detail, it's just a name," Stickel said at the court hearing in March.

In its decision, the court said "a close and deliberate

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Inside



Laurie Anderson

Laurie Anderson performs her current show, a multimedia presentation in a lecture format, at the Hilton on Monday.

"We're not sure exactly sure what she'll talk about, but according to her, she's going to say a little something about war and something about authority and maybe something about her grandmother," says Jason Miller of the EMU Cultural Forum.

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SALEM — Members of the Joint Ways and Means education subcommittee commended higher education administrators on Tuesday for doing a "good job" choosing programs to cut or reduce in the face of Ballot Measure 5.

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The Jewish Student Union is sponsoring Shoah Day events in the Ben Linder Room all day in memory of the 6 million people who died in the Holocaust.

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International

(AP) — Iraq's premier said Tuesday his nation will fight calls for establishing a Kurdish refuge in his country, but a Kurd leader said rebels favor a European plan for a U.N.-protected enclave in northern Iraq.

The United States, Britain and France, meanwhile, flew supply missions to the mile-long lines of refugees backed up along mountain trails and passes near the Turkish and Iranian borders. About 1 million had reportedly already crossed the border to safety.

Briefly

The first debate of the campaign season for ASUO presidential candidates will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 133 Gilbert. The debate is sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic.



Trust me

Nicole Chevrier leads a group of fellow University students on a blindfolded walk through campus as part of their training to be ESCAPE program coordinators. The

students spent last weekend on a two-day retreat at the University to develop teamwork and leadership skills.

Photo by Mark Ylen

Medical examiner helps out with whodunnits

By Don Peters
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It was a dark and stormy night. The two men could see the body on the floor, illuminated by brief flashes of lightning through the open window.

The thin one bent down and put two fingers on the body's wrist. He turned to the short man, slowly shaking his head.

"Well, doctor?" the short man demanded. "How did he die?"

"Hmm," the doctor said. "As best as I can tell..."

What then?

How did the man die? Heart attack? Gunshot wound? Bu-

bonic plague?

Decisions, decisions.

Running out of methods to kill a character is perhaps a novelist's worst nightmare, but Lane County Deputy Medical Examiner Frank Ratti did his best Tuesday night to make sure local writers never lack in their murdering ways.

At a meeting of the Heart of Oregon Chapter Romance Writers of America, Ratti explained the differences between coroners (elected officials) and medical examiners (who are state employed), before segueing into the more gruesome details of gunshot



Deputy medical examiner Frank Ratti explains the finer points of violent death to an audience of local fiction writers.

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