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Almanac

Pride Week

• 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. — Panel of journalists discuss mass media connections with gays, lesbians and bisexuals. EMU Ben Linder Room

• 3 p.m. — Photographer Don Ross will sign copies of his book *The Kissing Series*, which addresses AIDS and homophobia. EMU Ben Linder Room

• 7 to 10 p.m. — "Dykes to Watch Out For: A night with some of Eugene's best comedienne's," featuring Sally Sherklow and others. Open-mike segment follows scheduled performers. EMU Ben Linder Room. [\$3 admission]

Briefly

Eugene police bomb experts dismantled a crude explosive device on the roof of Walton Complex early Monday afternoon.

Carey Drayton, director of the Office of Public Safety, said the device was found by a Physical Plant employee doing maintenance work on the roof. The explosive was composed of batteries and gun powder, but Drayton said the device would not have caused significant damage if it had exploded.

Police have no suspects in the case, he said.

Inside

Students can vote for all candidates and ballot measures in this year's ASUO general election on Wednesday and Thursday. Seven polling places will be open around campus.

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Sports

UCLA took the first-day lead in the women's Ping/Pacific-10 Golf Championships held at Eugene Country Club. The Bruins shot a 300 Monday to take a two-stroke lead over Arizona.

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Barclay Grayson (from left) and Mike Colson debate funding issues with Connie Seeley and Scott Dunlap in the second ASUO Executive candidate debate Monday night.

Debate focuses on tuition increases

By Daralyn Trappe
Emerald Reporter

The three sets of ASUO Executive candidates met for a second debate Monday, taking the opportunity to question each other on tuition as well as trade an occasional personal jab.

At one point, Scott Dunlap asked fellow presidential candidate Mike Colson if "paranoia is an effective leadership trait."

"I don't like to think of myself as a paranoid person," Colson said. "I am worried about student fees, if you want to call that paranoid."

Colson is currently disputing an ASUO investigation that found him responsible for altering the minutes of an Incidental Fee Committee meeting. Colson, an IFC member, has denied the charges and filed a complaint with the Constitution Court.

The candidates spent most of the evening questioning each other about how to keep student fees from increasing.

JoSonja Watson, a vice presidential candidate running with Jennifer Bills, asked Colson about a past statement that he wanted to cut incidental fees by 50 percent. Watson wanted to know what groups or services would be cut.

Colson said money could be saved through better money management in the ASUO, and by looking at each group's budget with a "zero-based budget mentality," rather than assuming each group deserves at least what it got last year.

Bills and Watson responded by saying they don't believe such drastic cuts are feasible if the current services are to be maintained. But they said it is important to closely examine the budgets of the athletic department and the EMU. Watson said she would work with groups to help them make the



JoSonja Watson and Jennifer Bills, running for ASUO vice president and president, respectively, speak out at Monday's debate.

most of their money.

Colson asked Dunlap and his running mate Connie Seeley if they would support a constitutional amendment limiting incidental fee increases to a maximum of 3 percent each year. Students now pay about \$100 per term in incidental fees.

A \$3-per-term increase won't price students out of an education, Seeley said, but a \$200 tuition increase will. Focusing attention on the surcharge is important, she said. Colson responded that incidental fee increases are important, and that they have gone up 42 percent in the last four years.

Court hears arguments on investigation

By Rene DeCair
Emerald Reporter

Incidental Fee Committee member Mike Colson was "harmful" by an investigation conducted by the ASUO Executive, which did not have the authority to investigate IFC wrongdoings, said legal counsel at a ASUO Constitution Court hearing Monday.

Speaking on behalf of Colson, also an ASUO presidential candidate, attorney Lisa Gallo said the investigation could have been handled by other University groups and that Colson was singled out for a biased investigation.

"Mr. Colson did not have the opportunity to confront his accusers," Gallo said.

After the ASUO Executive investigation, President Kirk Bailey concluded on April 4 that Colson was responsible for tampering with the Jan. 31 IFC meeting's minutes.

The court did not reach a verdict Monday evening on whether the ASUO had the authority to conduct the investigation. It is expected to decide today.

The court hearing was nearly postponed when it was learned that Colson had brought legal counsel.

Bailey said he felt he should not "be made to go up against a trained attorney," while Gallo said Colson's lack of time to prepare for the hearing was "prejudicial" and warranted legal counsel.

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—Lisa Gallo

After deliberating whether Gallo's presence was unfair to Bailey, the court concluded that with ASUO elections two days away, it would be wise to settle the matter as quickly as possible.

Bailey cited sections of the ASUO Executive Rules and the ASUO Constitution as

proof that the University's executive body has the power to conduct an investigation.

Colson's counsel responded that under executive rules, the complaint should have been handled by the ASUO Mediation Program, the Student Advisory Board or the ASUO programs coordinator.

But Bailey said none of the alternatives were options because the mediation program handles internal grievances, which Bailey alleged was not the nature of Colson's situation. Bailey said the SAB could not handle the investigation because it was not an active group at the time.

Furthermore, Bailey claimed the ASUO programs coordinator, Killjan Anderson, could not look into the matter because of a conflict of interest. Anderson is an organizer of the Coke boycott and signed the informal complaint that Black Student Union co-Director Eric Ward brought before the IFC on Jan. 31.