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New candidates join ASUO race

□ Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson hope to make ASUO more accessible

By Tammy Batey
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The second 1993-94 ASUO Executive candidates to announce they will run for office said Thursday they plan to make student government more accessible to students and do a better job at meeting students' needs.

Leslie Warren, Black Student Union director, and Mark Johnson said if they gain the posts of ASUO president and vice president, respectively, they will have Saturday office hours and monthly meetings with stu-

dents.

"We can't expect (students) to come to us," Warren said. "We have to go out to them. We hope we can make people feel comfortable enough to come in and talk to us."

Warren, 20, and Johnson, 21, plan to have at least one meeting with students before the campus elections so the candidates can better hone their campaign message. Primary elections will be April 20 and 21. General elections will be April 27 and 28.

The pair will meet with students at dormitories, co-ops and fraternity and sorority houses. They said they want to reach students who aren't involved in ASUO or

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Faculty look for ways to elevate teaching quality

□ Universities need to emphasize quality of teaching, faculty say

By Colleen Pohl

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The message is clear: Higher education across the nation has to make some changes, and the University is no exception.

Faced with state budget uncertainties and public questioning of productivity, University faculty gathered Thursday to brainstorm and discuss ways to measure productivity, change the faculty reward system and convey to taxpayers how faculty spend their time.

Many agreed research is emphasized far more than teaching quality under the current reward system of tenure and promotion. This results in poor teaching, some said.

"Obviously, there's a problem with research being emphasized more than teaching," law Professor David Schuman said. "Externally, it's difficult to get the Legislature to give us money. Internally, it's a problem because it just shouldn't be like that."

Ideas for encouraging higher quality teaching included rewarding good teaching with money and teaching awards, punishing poor teaching by denying promotion and tenure and implementing peer evaluations.

The perception, Schuman said, is that even if faculty members' teaching abilities are poor but their research is good, they will be promoted and tenured anyway.

"There are no disincentives for not teaching well," Schuman said.

While University Provost Norm Wessells admitted research does play a large role in promotion and tenure, he said the scales are gradually being balanced.

"The departments and colleges are paying more attention to and are gathering better evidence of teaching — teaching is being weighed more than in the past," Wessells said.

Another problem faculty noted was the difficulty in determining what constitutes good and bad teaching. One idea that seemed to go over well was looking at students' performance and understanding of the subject at the end of the course.

"If students are continuously turning out shoddy work at the end of the term, then that says something about the teacher, and vice-versa," said Professor Charles Wright, chairman of the Faculty Advisory Council, which sponsored the convocation.

Keynote speaker Richard Sisson, UCLA vice chancellor, encouraged faculty to do a better job of explaining to the public what is occurring at universities.

"We must devote serious attention to why we are viewed with such skepticism by the public at home," Sisson said.

Wessells recently formed a committee to review what changes can be made to the University's reward system.

Springing into action

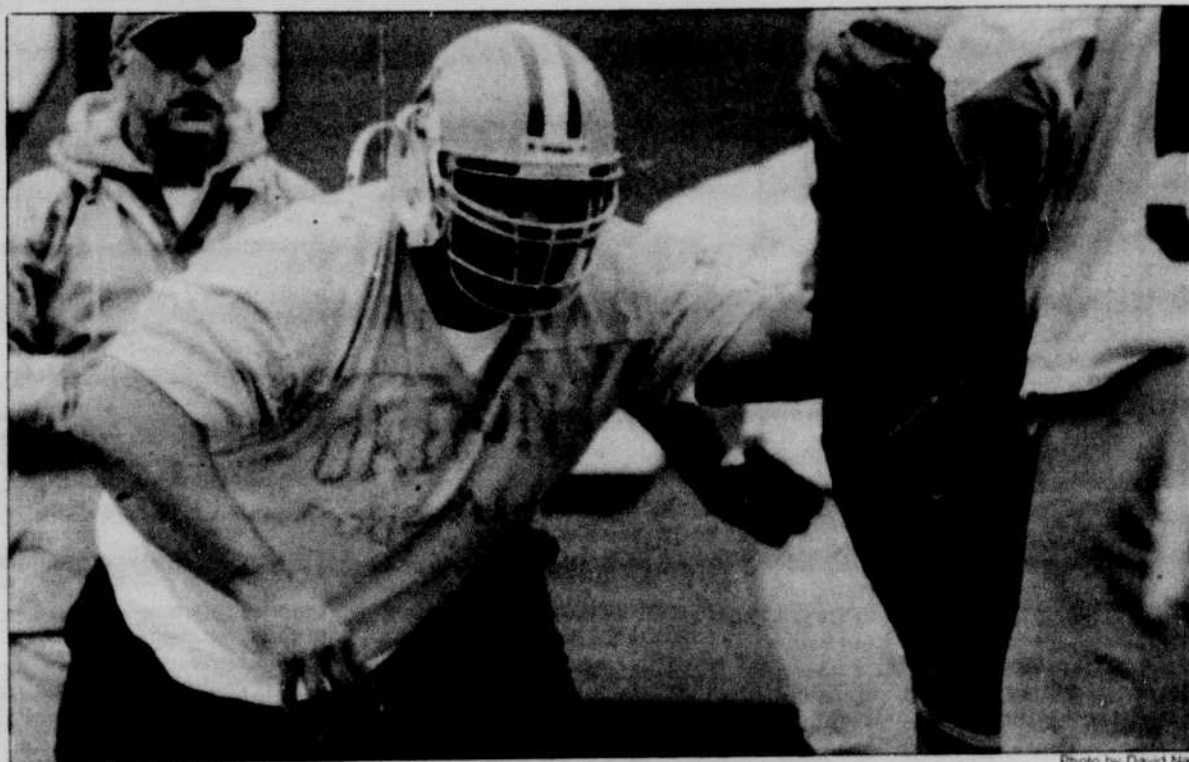


Photo by David Hart

The Oregon football team was back in action at Autzen Stadium Thursday as part of its four weeks of spring practice. Head coach Rich Brooks emphasized that all starting positions are up for grabs at spring drills, a time he uses to evaluate redshirt players and transfer students.

ASUO leaders promise to shave heads

□ Lee and Fore will bare all to motivate students for upcoming election

By Chester Allen
Oregon Daily Emerald

You could call it the Captain Picard/Sinead O'Connor motivational strategy.

In an effort to spark interest in this year's student elections, ASUO President Bobby Lee and Vice President Karmen Fore have promised to shave

their heads if 25 percent of the student body casts a vote during the April 27-28 general election.

"If 25 percent turn out and vote, Karmen Fore and Bobby Lee will be walking around this campus totally bald," Lee said.

Lee said he has invited University President Myles Brand and other administrators to join in the pledge, but he hasn't heard from them yet.

About 15 percent of the University's students voted in last year's elec-

tion.

Attempting to fill the entire election slate, Lee has also extended the filing deadline for students interested in running for a seat on the Student Senate or the Incidental Fee Committee.

Three students have filed for 15 open seats in the Student Senate and three have filed for five IFC seats.

The original filing deadline for this year's election was March 19, but a lack of candidates has forced the deadline back to April 13, Lee said.



WEATHER

Rain-free and liking it. At least until Saturday when a storm should hit Oregon in the afternoon just in time for the Oregon-Washington track meet scheduled to begin at noon at Hayward Field. Highs will generally be in the 50s and 60s throughout the weekend.

WOMEN AND EMPLOYMENT

Women can spend "9 to 5" at the Women and Employment Conference Saturday learning how to gain an edge in the working world.

Instead of focusing on the "nuts and bolts" of finding a job such as resume writing and interviewing skills, the conference will center on providing women with a vision, said Hasani Kudura, Women's Center administrative advisor.

Sharon Kirkpatrick of the U.S. Department of Women's Bureau will deliver the keynote speech at 10 a.m. in Room 100 Willamette.

Women must register for the conference by 3:30 p.m. today. To register, call the Women's Center at 346-4095 or 346-0651.

SPORTS

NEW YORK (AP) — Rock Newman, manager of heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe, plans to meet with the Nevada State Athletic Commission as soon as possible concerning an incident involving a photographer.

Newman was fined \$35,000 at a commission meeting Wednesday on charges stemming from an alleged assault on Douglas Pizac of the Associated Press following Bowe's title victory over Evander Holyfield Nov. 13 at Las Vegas.

Newman did not appear at the hearing, and commission members were upset by his absence.

Newman also faces an April 7 trial on misdemeanor battery charges stemming from the alleged beating.