

Candidates differ on issues during first debate

□ Tickets disagree on experience, agree on students' apathy

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The 1993-94 ASUO Executive candidates disagreed Tuesday night about each ticket's qualifications to do the job and about how to pay for student services, including a multicultural center.

But at a debate that only 50 students attended, the candidates did agree apathy is a key campus problem.

The first ASUO Executive candidate debate was sponsored by the greek system.

Eric Bowen and Diana Collins Puente, running together for ASUO president and vice president, respectively, said their present positions within the ASUO Executive give them an edge over their opponents. Bowen is ASUO programs coordinator, and Collins Puente is ASUO multicultural advocate.

Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson, ASUO president and vice president candidates, respectively, are not part of the ASUO Executive.

"As ASUO programs coordinator, I deal with disabled students," Bowen said. "I deal with lesbian, gay and bisexual students. I deal with students of color. It's only through working in the ASUO that you have this knowledge."

Warren and Johnson said they want to make the ASUO more accessible to students. They plan on having town hall meetings and Saturday office hours to meet one-on-one with students.

"My agenda is your agenda," Warren said. "I'm not a politician. I'm willing to listen to your issues."

The pair don't have experience in the ASUO Executive, but "we care, which I think comes shining through," Johnson said.

Warren and Johnson said they believe it's unfair to expect students to pay incidental fees for a multicultural center and a Sex Assault Exam Fund. Bowen and Collins Puente collected about 1,000 signatures to put the two measures on the upcoming ballot.

The multicultural center would cost each student a one-time fee of \$2.45 per term. The exam fund would cost 17 cents per term. The fund would enable rape victims to receive free sexually transmitted disease tests and treatment.

Warren and Johnson said they believe students shouldn't be expected to pay higher incidental fees to fund the center.

"The multicultural center is worthwhile, but funding should come from outside the University," Johnson said. "It's unfair to expect students to pay fees for

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Photo by Anthony Forney
About 50 students attended a Tuesday night debate between the ASUO Executive candidate tickets of Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson (standing), and Eric Bowen and Diana Collins Puente (back).

Gunman robs local supermarket

□ Armed robber held manager at gunpoint and stole about \$500

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A man armed with a revolver walked into a campus-area supermarket Tuesday afternoon and forced the store's manager to give him about \$500 in cash out of the store's safe.

The man entered Food Value, 1960 Franklin Blvd., about 12:50 p.m. and demanded to see the store's manager, Russell Strome. The store's bookkeeper, who refused to give her name, said the man said he wanted to see the manager because he had a customer complaint.

"He said something about his daughter being cut on the lip by a bottle in the parking lot," she said.

Strome, who told the *Emerald* he didn't want to talk about the incident, came to the front to meet the man. The bookkeeper said Strome and the man then went back to the manager's office.

Once in the office, the man pulled out a revolver and pushed the gun's barrel against Strome's ribs. Store employees said the man then demanded Strome take him to the safe to get some cash.

Strome and the man walked to the safe, which is located on the east wall in the front of the store. Employees said Strome opened the safe and gave the man about \$500 in cash, which was put in a brown paper Food Value bag.

The man then fled the store on foot, and no one saw which way he went. After the man left, Strome called 911 and reported the robbery.

Store checker Laurie Hahn, who was ringing up groceries a few feet away from the safe, said none of the employees in the front of the store had any idea what was going on. The store's bookkeeper said it is not uncommon for the safe to be opened during business hours.

"We didn't think anything of it," said the

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Beating trial judge warns court artists

□ Judge says sketches of anonymous jury members are too "accurate for comfort"

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barricades went up around the courthouse, Marines practiced storming a town Tuesday and a congresswoman pleaded with constituents to "chill" as jurors in the Rodney King beating case ended a fourth day of deliberations without a verdict.

The federal jury wound up for the day at 4:15 p.m., and deliberations were to resume this morning. The jurors have deliberated for 22 hours; there was no indication how close they were to a verdict.

Sketch artists were admonished by U.S. District Judge John Davies, who said they were "too accurate for comfort" in their portrayals of the anonymous jury deciding the fate of four police officers accused of violating King's civil rights.

"Any drawings of jurors or alternates must contain minimal detail and must not render them recognizable," the judge wrote in an order posted in the courthouse press room.

The city, meantime, moved to bolster security. A crane lowered three-foot-high concrete barriers into place outside of the federal building, blocking the entrance to crowds and

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WEATHER

Expect a 60 percent chance of rain today and a high near 60. Increasing clouds, scattered showers and a high of 50 degrees are forecasted for Thursday.

Today in History

In 1956, Ampex Corporation demonstrated its first commercial videotape recorder.

TOY TROUBLES

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Taco Bell Corp. asked customers Monday to return promotional finger puppets and balls after complaints that some puppets stuck to children's tongues and that blowing up the balls caused dizziness.

There were complaints that the Richard Scarry character puppets "Lowly Worm" and "Huckle Cat" got stuck on the tongues of three youngsters, the company said in a statement.

It cited several complaints about children getting dizzy trying to blow up the "Rocky and Bullwinkle" inflatable balls.

The Company announced the recall "to eliminate any possibility of future customer discomfort and inconvenience," spokeswoman Janet Smith said.

SPORTS

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Her teammates nicknamed her "Awesome."

And Tuesday, Dominique Dawes showed the world why. The 16-year-old gymnast from Silver Spring, Md., registered an awesome set of scores to win the first of six rounds of qualifying at the World Championships.

Loud cheers from the mostly British crowd greeted Dawes as she approached each piece of apparatus. And she justified the overwhelming support by scoring the highest marks in each of the four disciplines.

First came 9.712 for her floor exercise, then 9.618 for the vault and 9.75 on the asymmetric bars.