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## Dorm residents discuss sex and other important subjects

**Dorms:** Student assistants organize sessions to address questions on a variety of topics

By Abe Estimada

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"Sex in the Lobby." No, it isn't a kinky mixed drink or the inappropriate use of furniture by Michael Douglas and Glenn Close in the movie *Fatal Attraction*.

Actually, "Sex in the Lobby" was a program that Program Assistant Manda Bednarczyk helped put on for Spiller Hall

to answer the questions residents may have about the birds and the bees.

"The women sit on one side, and the guys sit on the other side to form a panel. You can ask any question (about sex) you want," Bednarczyk said, "but you can also decline to answer the question. The program is to help the sexes understand one another."

Programs such as "Sex in the Lobby" are designed to help extend the college learning experience outside of the classroom. It is PA's such as Bednarczyk who help deliver those learning experiences

directly to the approximately 3,800 students who live in the residence halls of the University.

Although the hours are equivalent to a part-time job (over 15 hours a week) and without pay (except for free room and board), almost all of the PA's agree that the chance to educate and connect with residents in a fun and informative way is well worth the hard work it takes to put on programs.

But Donna Cooper, a program assistant for Carson/Earl/Cottage complexes, said only half of a PA's job is devoted to the

actual planning and organization of programs. The other half is dedicated to just thinking of programs that will be interesting and relevant to residents.

"You have to really pay attention to what students want. You have to take the perspective that you're trying to sell them something," Cooper said. "Residents are consumers. You ask yourself, 'What moves them to participate?' or 'What are their habits?'"

One of the keys to successful pro-

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## UNIVERSITY

### Debaters meet at University for competition

**Tournament:** High school teams converge upon EMU to debate sides of assisted death issue

By Heatherle Himes

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Debater Caryn Hoaglund sat at a table that was littered with bright yellow paper and refined her arguments for and against assisted death for the terminally ill.

Like many of the competitors at the Bower Aly Memorial High School Forensics Tournament, her scribbling was fueled by caffeine — 12 espressos that day.

Cross examination debater Dwayne Hill wheeled a cart with 125 pounds of background files on it. He groaned thinking about the 15-hour school bus ride that had brought his team from Kuna, Idaho, to the University campus. He grinned thinking about the record stores in Eugene.

Allissa Braeger of Lake Oswego knows why competitors endure the long bus rides and push themselves to win. "Coming out on top here means something," she said. "I tend to enjoy this tournament."

The Bower Aly tournament, which took place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, is a 30-year tradition and the largest such tournament in the Pacific Northwest. Students compete one-on-one in Lincoln-Douglas debates, in teams of two in cross examination debates and against

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Willamette High School freshman Charity White shows her emotion while competing with other debaters in the EMU Ball room at the Bower Aly forensics tournament. The competition took place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

## USSA deflects charges of misappropriation of funds

**Concerns:** USSA knows woes though they never polled the campus or students

By Edward Klopfenstein

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Although students haven't seen one public forum yet this year, delegates to the upcoming United States Student Association conference said they know what concerns the campus has because of their experience as student leaders.

The delegates also went on the defensive at a news conference last Thursday, saying the Incidental Fee Committee's allegation of financial misuse doesn't make this trip less important.

Delegates said their duty is to represent student concerns in Washington, D.C., and not worry about allegations that could be false.

"We (became delegates) after all that other stuff happened," said USSA member Phil Bentley, who was chosen Jan. 13 to join the March 17-21 lobbying trip that's costing students nearly \$9,500. "This thing is coming together. We feel like we're working on something concrete."

USSA member Preston Canon said, "We have been put in the middle of a controversy, but we still have a job to do. We can't answer for the budget."

USSA members Eden Ajri-

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## GOOD MORNING

► **BEND (AP)** — Three people were killed Saturday when a pickup rolled through an intersection with a missing stop sign onto Powell Butte Highway and was struck broadside by a semi-trailer truck loaded with frozen turkeys.

The Deschutes County road department was notified about 9:30 a.m. Saturday that the stop sign was gone, sheriff's Sgt. Mike Nelson said.

Michael D. Nathan, 38, of Terrebonne, the driver of the pickup, his 38-year-old wife, Teresa, and another passenger, Christopher Diefenderfer, 22, of Redmond, were killed in the accident at 1:40 p.m., deputies said.

The driver of the turkey truck, Charles Miller, 38, of Sunriver, suffered minor injuries. He was treated at St. Charles Medical Center and released.



Deputies said the collision sheared the pickup in two and ripped the cab of the semi truck off its chassis. It peeled the top off the refrigerated trailer, scattering cartons of frozen turkeys across the highway.

Several people at the airport reported hearing the accident and thought a plane had crashed.

► **SAN FRANCISCO** — The online Ph.D. program at the California Institute of Integral Studies is the newest thing in a very old educational tradition — the Socratic method.

Doctoral students in the pro-

gram pursue a course of study that Socrates himself would recognize — reading, contemplating and then arguing their opinions in exhaustive detail.

And it's all done by computer.

Students at the School for Transformative Learning never actually meet face to face. Although other college programs offer degrees through the mail, or by televised courses, the Institute's program is the only one Professor Steve Eskow is aware of that doesn't require students to spend at least a few weeks together during the course of a school year.

But this isn't any back-of-the-matchbox degree. The Institute was founded in 1968 and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the primary accrediting organization for institutions of higher learning in California, Hawaii and Guam.