

Instructor witnessed elections in South Africa

Analysis: Patience and perseverance will be the key to success

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At this time last year Ibrahim Gassama, an assistant law professor at the University, was touring the fields and farms of South Africa and witnessing the most amazing political event of his life — the first free elections in that country's history.

Gassama was coordinator of the largest nongovernmental American effort to send observers to South Africa to witness the elections. He helped direct about 300 people who visited hundreds of polling sites, mostly in the northwest region of South Africa.

The areas he visited were part of a homeland created by apartheid. Most of the African voters were workers on rural Afrikaner farms, Gassama said.

"This is a period when the right wing attacks were still prevalent in many areas," he said. "There was definitely some tension in the air. We were working with a largely peasant population that lived on farms controlled by Afrikaners."

Gassama also witnessed many problems that arose around a disorganized, chaotic voting process. Balloting materials arrived at polling stations late, high rates of illiteracy made spe-

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Move this



Risa Corlett and Matt DallaCorte attempt to move Corlett's sculpture. Students work will be featured May 1-5 at the Laverne Krause Gallery in Lawrence Hall.

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Senate rejects PFC program budget

Funding: Controversy with the budget allocations for the Hawaii Club and OSPIRG send budget back

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The ASUO Programs Finance Committee budget was rejected by the ASUO Student Senate and sent back to be revised with harsh words from several senate members Tuesday night.

The 90-program budget was shot down on the basis of funding for the Hawaii Club and the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group.

The PFC has heard budgets of ASUO-funded programs for the entire term and the senate's budget rejection leaves the funding of all groups in limbo until the PFC submits an overall budget allocation that meets the student senate's approval.

Any group's budget may still be reconsidered by the PFC since the entire programs budget was rejected, according to Student Senate Chairman Mark Rhinard.

"If we reject the budget, groups now have the opportunity to make changes in the budget," said Sen. Chris Kantrowitz, who is a representative of the PFC. "Realize there is potential for a Pandora's Box to be opened."

The PFC is given one week to resubmit a final budget.

More than 40 Hawaii Club members gathered at the senate meeting to ask for more money than the PFC had recommended. Representatives from the Hawaii Club said they were disappointed because their battle for more funding is not over after their senate appearance.

The Hawaii Club will make its third appeal to the PFC Thursday night.

"I feel screwed," said Bill Washburn, Hawaii Club representative. "It is extremely unfortunate. The Hawaii Club is extremely displeased that we've been passed around."

The Hawaii Club was given \$300 for its 1995-

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GOOD MORNING



Don't forget to vote today and Thursday in the ASUO general election. On the ballot will be runoffs for the ASUO Executive and seats for the student senate, programs finance committee, ASPAC and the EMU Board. Students will also vote on ballot measures.

You can vote from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the voting booths located in the breezeway near the Walton Housing complex, at the law school near Kincaid Street, between Chapman and Condon Halls, at 15th Avenue and University Street, Room 150 Columbia, outside Willamette Hall and near the Knight Library facing Kincaid Street.

► **PORTLAND (AP)** — Kirsten Frohnmayer remained in critical condition Tuesday, recovering from a stroke caused when a catheter was mistakenly inserted into an artery instead of a vein.

The 22-year-old daughter of University President Dave Frohnmayer was recovering from a bone marrow transplant when the catheter was inserted Feb. 2.

A catheter, which allows blood to be withdrawn or medication to be admin-

istered, normally is placed in the vein where pressure is low. It is never inserted into an artery, where blood is under much higher pressure and prevents fluids from moving down the catheter.

"We're just heartsick about what has happened," Lynn Frohnmayer, Kirsten's mother, told *The Oregonian* Monday.

"She worked so hard to get her strength back, and now she is in a threatened position (again). It should never have been. We are weary and we are angry. I would not be honest if I did not say that."

Kirsten was on a respirator in the intensive care unit of the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinic. She was in critical but stable condition, unchanged from the day before, said hospital spokeswoman Mary Stanik.

Lynn Frohnmayer said there had been signs of recovery. She said her daughter was conscious and regaining the use of her right side, which was paralyzed in Wednesday's stroke.

Kirsten Frohnmayer has been battling Fanconi anemia, a rare genetic blood disorder that killed her younger sister, Katie, in 1991. In January, she developed leukemia, the blood cancer that is a common progression of Fanconi anemia.

House bills focus on women's issues

Legislature: One law would help support victims

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State lawmakers and advocates for women's causes have presented a group of bills that will address issues relevant to women and women's causes.

The Oregon Women's Health and Wellness Act 1995 is a package of 17 separate bills that cover the areas of safety, justice, health care and economic justice for women.

House Bill 2943 would mandate that courts be required to impose a \$500 fine on perpetrators of assault and other domestic violence crimes in addition to any other punishment imposed if passed.

The money received from such fines would go into the Domestic Violence Fund that would support Oregon shelters for domestic violence victims.

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Rep. Kate Brown, D-Southeast Portland, is one of the lawmakers sup-

porting the package of bills.

"The goal is to have more shelters available," Brown said. "There are three times as many animal shelters in the United States than domestic violence shelters."

However, one clause of the bill states that low-income perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault may be exempt from the \$500 fine or have it lowered at the discretion of the judge.

Elizabeth McCravy, program coordinator of the Sexual Assault Services, said her agency supports the bill. Sexual Assault Services is a part of the Oregon Coalition

Against Domestic Violence.

"We really support the fine," McCravy said. "It's a way to show some restitution."

Marilyn Epstein, legislative assistant to Rep. Brown, said the fine exemption and fine lowering was included in the bill as a hardship provision.

"As a prudent measure for getting it through, it was advisable," Epstein said. "There is always a certain amount of resistance when there is any issue of a fine involved. This is a way of making the bill more palatable."

Edwina Welch, director of the Women's Center, said the fine would not necessarily curtail domestic violence, but would send the message to perpetrators that "you will have to do more than community service."

According to the Family Violence Intervention Steering Committee, family violence kills as many women every five years as the total number of Americans who died in the Vietnam War.