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cial demands on polling and the Inkatha Freedom Party joined the race after most balloting materials were printed.

Nevertheless, the people of South Africa overcame these obstacles and "they came out in record numbers to participate in a process they had been waiting for their entire lives," Gassama said.

Nelson Mandela, a political prisoner for 27 years, became president of South Africa.

A coalition government was set up that included the dominant African National Congress party, of which Mandela is a member; the National Party, composed mostly of white voters; and the Inkatha Freedom Party, which is supported by the Zulu people of eastern South Africa.

But Gassama admits his joy at witnessing the free elections was, and still is, tempered with an underlying concern for the future of the country.

On this first anniversary of democracy in South Africa, Gassama remembers what worried him last spring.

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overnight."

Gassama said it will not be easy to fully eliminate the inequalities caused by years of apartheid and educate and employ the people of that country.

"The black community has an unemployment rate of over 30 percent," he said. "The differences in wealth are very stark."

"The government is just getting started on these problems; they haven't had the time yet to confront a lot of these issues."

However, Gassama said the perseverance and patience that the people displayed in the elections could be the key to the country's success. He also said that Mandela is still very popular with the people and is a very committed leader.

"It is important for everyone to see how these people who have been oppressed for centuries have accepted conciliation," he said. "I am quite impressed by their continued patience."

Mother Earth



Roger Williams sculpts a life-sized female earth figure in the Tuesday afternoon sun.

BUDGET

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96 school year budget because the PFC's passed a rule in January stating new student groups can not be given more than \$300 for the first year of their existence.

Although the Hawaii Club has been on campus since 1945 and has been recognized by the ASUO since 1975, this year was the first the Hawaii Club requested incidental fee funding.

In past years, the club has asked members to pay dues, but because of rising out-of-state tuition, the Hawaii Club decided it was necessary to appeal to the senate, said Hawaii Club member Donovan Dela Cruz.

According to Kantrowitz, the Hawaii Club was told to appeal to the senate for more funding in order to clarify the senate's interpretation of the \$300 funding cap for new student groups.

This rule does not apply to the Hawaii Club because of their long history at the University, said Sen. Martin Fisher, senate president pro-tempore.

He said it was inappropriate for the PFC to send the Hawaii Club to the senate to appeal for more money. "Joey (Lyons, chairman of the PFC) and some other people were concerned about exceeding their benchmark, and wanted the senate to exceed it for them and excuse them from responsibility."

In addition to concerns about the Hawaii Club's budget, Fisher said he still had misgivings about the amount of money OSPIRG was allocated last week. Though OSPIRG agreed to report their spending to the University controllers, Fisher said the PFC made the agreement between OSPIRG and the senate meaningless when OSPIRG's budget was allocated in one lump sum.

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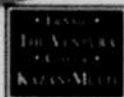
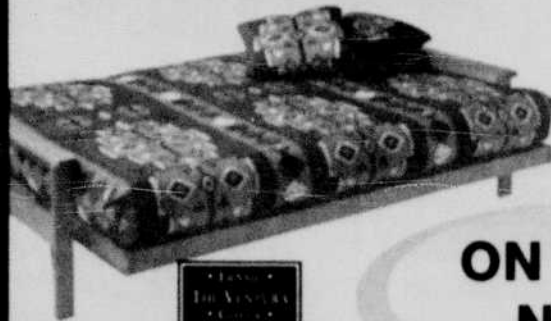
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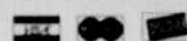
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