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TODAY

Candace Gingrich, half sister of Newt Gingrich, will speak at 4:30 in the Knight Library Browning Room.



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Students produce unique, low-profit plays at the Pocket Playhouse

The women's basketball team will play their final home game tonight

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Cloudy, chance of rain. High 65. Low 45-50.

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Deadline for ASUO ticket ends today

ELECTIONS: Students have applied for six of the 19 student-government positions available

By Ashley Bach
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With a 5 p.m. filing deadline approaching, the ASUO Elections Board has received applications for only six of the 19 student-government positions on the spring elections ballot.

Thirteen students have filed for the various senate and board positions available, including four candidate teams for the ASUO president/vice-president. Voter Education Coordinator

Brandon Smith, however, expects that number to at least double before today's deadline passes.

Even though board members moved up the deadline for voter's guide statements and advertised extensively around campus, they know a last-minute rush is likely.

"[All the candidates] will procrastinate," he said. "That's how society works."

This year's Elections Board, with entirely new membership, hopes to eliminate many of the problems of past student elections, Smith said.

With 14 percent of the student body voting in last year's election, the board wants to increase turnout, even if just marginally.

"We're hoping to get people really active," Smith said. "If we get a two percent increase, we'll be happy."

While also attracting candidates outside of the ASUO Executive, the board wants to make the entire campaign process smoother.

After a mandatory meeting on March 13, candidates will be relatively free to campaign as they like, whether it be through posters or flyers. But before then, the board will be laying down various rules, many of which were broken last year.

"[The candidates] need to know the rules, and they won't break them," Smith said.

The board also wants to expand the series of debates that will take place next month. Besides holding "warm-up"

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Donor listing needs more diverse roster



Jeff Lower, a National Red Cross medical technician, draws blood from freshman Marina Espinoza to see if she can donate bone marrow to Sam Mobley, who has acute leukemia.

RED CROSS: A young boy's struggle with a rare form of leukemia raises students awareness about disease

By Jennifer Carter
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Sometimes the first step of saving a life doesn't require much, only a few drops of blood and the ability to endure a few minutes of pain.

More than 20 students gathered Thursday at the University's High School Equivalency Program to take this step for Sam Mobley, a 5-year-old Oregon resident originally from Colombia. Mobley has acute myelogenous leukemia, a form of the disease that rarely affects children and is often treated through bone marrow transplants.

Because Mobley is Colombian, it is likely that a compatible donor will be found in a person of Hispanic descent. This is because donors and patients are matched according to markers on the surface of their white blood cells called HLA-A and B antigens. These antigens carry codes that sometimes vary according to racial group.

“Even the likelihood that another family member will be a match is small.”

— Jean Johnson
American Red Cross

Jean Johnson of the American Red Cross said there are about 26 million different antigen types. For this reason she said even the likelihood that another family member will be a match is small, about 30 percent.

The difficulty in matching a patient with a donor makes it all the more necessary to become a member of the National Marrow Donor Program, said Mia Bertelsen, a HEP instructor and organizer of the donor drive.

"That's why it's so important to have a large number of donors in the registry," she said.

But she said it is not just quantities of people that is important. The diversity of people who are in the registry is also important. The Red Cross is encouraging people of color to become listed in the national registry in order to improve diversification. Right now the Red Cross is offering free

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Measure 5 forces OPS to increase parking fees

DEFICIT: The fee increase of 25 percent is intended to offset the parking fund's deficit

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

Parking fees are expected to rise to help balance the parking-fund deficit, but University faculty and staff want more parking spots before they pay higher prices.

In 1988, a parking fee increase was approved with the assumption that a new parking structure would be built. But the University canceled the project because of strong opposition from residents in the area surrounding the proposed spot on Alder Street between 17th and 18th

avenues, said Dan Williams, vice president for administration.

The money was used for faculty/staff LTD bus passes, new parking slots across from Bean Complex and also spots between Kincaid and Alder streets.

Money was also used to put hard surfaces on the parking lots, pay off the bonding used to construct the Bean Hall lots and keep up with inflationary costs related to parking.

"The money may have been used differently but the intention was the same," Williams

said.

"Only 200 more spots were added," said Mary Harrsch, University computer network manager. "The parking structure could have added 478 more spots."

The expected rise in yearly parking fees from \$60.00 to \$75.00 for students and from \$108.00 to \$135.00 for faculty and staff is for maintaining parking and to balance the parking fund deficit, said Tom Hicks, associate director of the Office of Public Safety.

The auxiliary parking fund operates on the revenue it generates without any tax-generated funding. Measure 5 added additional burdens to the parking fund, and it is now running a deficit.

"The fee increase of 25 percent still isn't sufficient to balance the budget," Hicks said. "However, it didn't seem like the campus would be willing to bear any more of a burden."

To address the problems concerning parking on campus, Williams has requested that a special study be conducted to come up with suggestions. The study, which began last fall, is expected to be completed by the end of April.

"We've run out of solutions to this problem," Williams said. "We are hoping that the consultant will have new insights for addressing this."

There is concern over past use of parking funds, Harrsch said.

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