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■ **RACISM:** This racial prank is one of many recent harassment incidents aimed at ethnic groups

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

Sometime during Spring Break, someone mailed letters to high profile students of color.

The letters alleged that "as of Fall 1996 all affirmative action financial aid will be discontinued." The author of the letters had printed them on official Office of Admissions letterhead. The letter invited concerned students to a hearing on April Fools' Day.

Everything in the letter was false, school officials said Thursday morning at a special meeting. They added that the letters were probably a cruel April Fools' prank, but made no speculation as to the identity of the author.

"We are being targeted," said Kenya Luvert, director of the Black Student Union and letter recipient. "I thought it was true. This is not the first attack on students of color."

The letters were directed to "very visible people" who are students of color and campus leaders, said Marshall Saucedo, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

There have been nine confirmed recipients of the letters, said Javier Cervantes, Multicultural Club coordinator.

"I just feel that sometimes I'm not want-

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Hook, line and sinker



Casting the fly pole, Chris Barker, a senior psychology major, shows Brooke Sarno, a senior journalism major, how to fly fish outside the Gerlinger Hall on Thursday evening.

Concert to fund free HIV testing

■ **AIDS:** Floater and winners from "Battle of the Bands" will perform in the EMU ballroom

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

A benefit concert in the EMU ballroom, sponsored by the Walton Complex's President's Council on Friday, April 26, will raise money for free HIV/AIDS testing at the Student Health Center.

A group of freshmen from Walton have been working on the benefit since November. The idea for sponsoring free AIDS/HIV testing at the Health Center came from two students, Kim Neuman and Matt Hilber, at a president's council meeting, which meets to plan activities and programs for the residence halls, said Jennifer Knight, program assistant for University housing.

"We were sitting around, running out of ideas and then my friend and I said we should get Floater in here to do a concert," said Matt Hilber, a freshman in the Walton complex. "It started out as a joke but then Kim came along and said we should connect it to the free HIV testing. It just went from there."

They want to cover the costs of the concert through fundraising so that all of the money raised from the ticket sales can be used to finance the free testing. The current cost of an AIDS test at the Health Center is \$12.

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Scotten, Banfield platform aims to freeze tuition, heat student involvement

■ **ASUO:** Matthew Scotten and Glen Banfield also hope to increase campus safety

By Kristin Bailey
Student Activities Reporter

If elected ASUO president and vice president, Matthew Scotten and Glen Banfield say students can expect a fight for a University tuition freeze or even a price rollback.

Scotten, ASUO federal affairs coordinator and Banfield, ASUO state affairs coordinator have embarked upon a campaign centered on stopping education cost increases.

"We feel that the number-one issue affecting students today is the cost of education," Scotten said. "The cost of tuition has gone up 70 percent since 1990, and cuts in student financial aid have compounded the situation."

In response to the problem, Scotten and Banfield say they would take these issues to the state legislature and work toward changes that will benefit University students.

"No one else in society is going to stand up for educational access except students," Scotten said. "We need to be out there and vocal and stand up for affordable education."

Continued pressure on lawmakers in Salem and grassroots programs at the University would make the tuition freeze goal achievable, Scotten said.

"We will tell [lawmakers] 'Look, it's imperative to stop

tuition from skyrocketing; we can't sustain these kinds of increases any longer,'" he said. "On a grassroots level, we need to get students' voices heard in Salem, get that message up there and work with state leaders to find ways to make it happen."

Banfield added that the current cost of education is also causing negative social repercussions.

"This is the information age, everyone knows that," Banfield said. "I feel we're on the verge of an education revolution."

"Education is the key. Yet we're falling behind, and that's creating enormous socioeconomic gaps — the haves and the have-nots, the educated and the non-educated — from direct attack on federal financial aid. Those are almost the enemies against the educational revolution and we can't allow that to happen."

Both Scotten and Banfield said a primary goal of their campaign platform is to unify the University campus. The stepping stone to implementing such change, Scotten and Banfield said, are student programs.

"We've got so many programs to offer here on campus," Banfield said. "And all students have to do is get involved. That's the stepping ground to focusing on issues that are related to everybody."

"Once we get students into all the specific programs that fit everyone's needs, then we need to get the programs to start talking together and bringing all the different ideas together."

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Glen Banfield (left) and Matthew Scotten plan represent students in pursuing a tuition rollback.