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High 60. Low 45.

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UO wins for abuse prevention efforts

■ **SEARCH:** A study found the University's alcohol and drug abuse program to be one of the best

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

The drug and alcohol prevention program at the University is one of the best in the nation because it focuses on more than one aspect of drug and alcohol

abuse, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The University program was chosen, along with three other universities, during a national search conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health. The broad-based, campus-wide approach is a model for universities across the nation, said Harvard reviewers. It includes counseling, education and drug-free social events that incorpo-

rate a variety of campus groups.

"The thing that makes us stand out is that we are always willing to try something new," said Linda Devine, University coordinator of the Funds for Improvement of Post Secondary Education grant program. "We don't stick to just education or just counseling. We are always looking for new ways to work with alcohol and drug abuse."

Research on national trends in

drug and alcohol abuse prevention, along with studies of new prevention programs at other universities, provide the foundation for the University's prevention program.

A grant from the U.S. Department of Education funded research on undergraduate attitudes and patterns concerning alcohol and drug use. This

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Plans aim to boost turnout

■ **ELECTION:** The two-day ASUO primary elections begin today for the 41 candidates on the ballot

By Ashley Bach
Student Activities Reporter

Today marks the beginning of the two-day ASUO primary elections, in which the number of the 41 student government candidates on the ballot will shrink considerably.

After Thursday night, the top two candidates from each of the twenty open positions will move on to the general election April 17 and 18.

But before that happens, the ASUO Elections Board has plenty of activities planned for both voters and candidates.

Most of the festivities are lined around a large tent in the EMU Courtyard where Naked David Hasselhoff will play at noon today. At 12:30 p.m., representatives from the five presidential tickets will field questions for a half hour and then be given time to speak about their platforms.

Brandon Smith, voter education coordinator, said this presidential face-off will be the first time the executive candidates will have a chance to express their opinions vocally on a large level. Depending on audience turnout, candidates will either be given questions by students

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Gettin' down and dirty



Planting onions for their urban farm class, Janette Ritter (left) a junior environmental studies major, and Vivian Reynolds, a landscape architecture graduate student, work the ground. The urban farm is located by the millrace near the Autzen footbridge.

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Others can learn from students' mistake of mixing alcohol, sex

■ **HIV:** Two men relate their experiences with the deadly virus to a crowd

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

Three summers ago, Joel Goldman went in for an HIV test on the advice of his doctor. He had been tested before, and that test had come out negative. This time, it was positive.

"I thought this was a bad dream," he said. Instead of pinching himself, he decided the taste of a lollipop from the doctor's office would let him know it was not a dream.

"I'll never forget the flavor," he said. "It was cherry."

Goldman and his friend, T.J. Sullivan, presented their story to a crowd of more than 450 students

Tuesday night. The program was sponsored by the Interfraternity and PanHellenic Councils, although the ASUO and Student Health Center helped put it on.

Goldman and Sullivan met at Indiana University in 1984 when Sullivan was a freshman. The two remained close friends and Sullivan was able to learn of Goldman's diagnosis early.

"I don't remember the exact words he used," Sullivan said. "But for the first time in my life, one of my very best friends told me he had HIV. I hung up the phone and just lost it right there in my office."

Goldman decided he wanted to educate people about the disease he had contracted. The pair decided to travel to universities and talk to stu-

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Joel Goldman and T.J. Sullivan talk with Jennifer Huegli before the speech "Friendship in the Age of AIDS" Tuesday evening.

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