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TODAY

Packets are available in room 33 of Oregon Hall for Summer 1996 classes. Duck Call initial registration begins May 6.



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Partly sunny.
High 70, Low 45.

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Register by Tuesday to vote in primary

■ **ELECTIONS:** Voters' forms are available at post offices, DMV's and county offices

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

If you want to make a difference in the May 21 primary election, which includes the community, city council and U.S. senate, you need to be registered to vote by Tuesday.

Throughout the next two weeks, more than 300,000 absentee ballots will be mailed to Oregon's registered voters; however, only voters who are registered

absentee will receive mail ballots. Under Oregon law, the primary is a polling place election and voters who are not

signed up for absentee ballots must go to their regular polling places on May 21.

Here are a few reminders:

• Voter registration cards must be postmarked or received in the county clerk's office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Forms are available at county offices, post offices, DMV offices, libraries and in many telephone books. A registration form

also is printed in the Voters' Pamphlet.

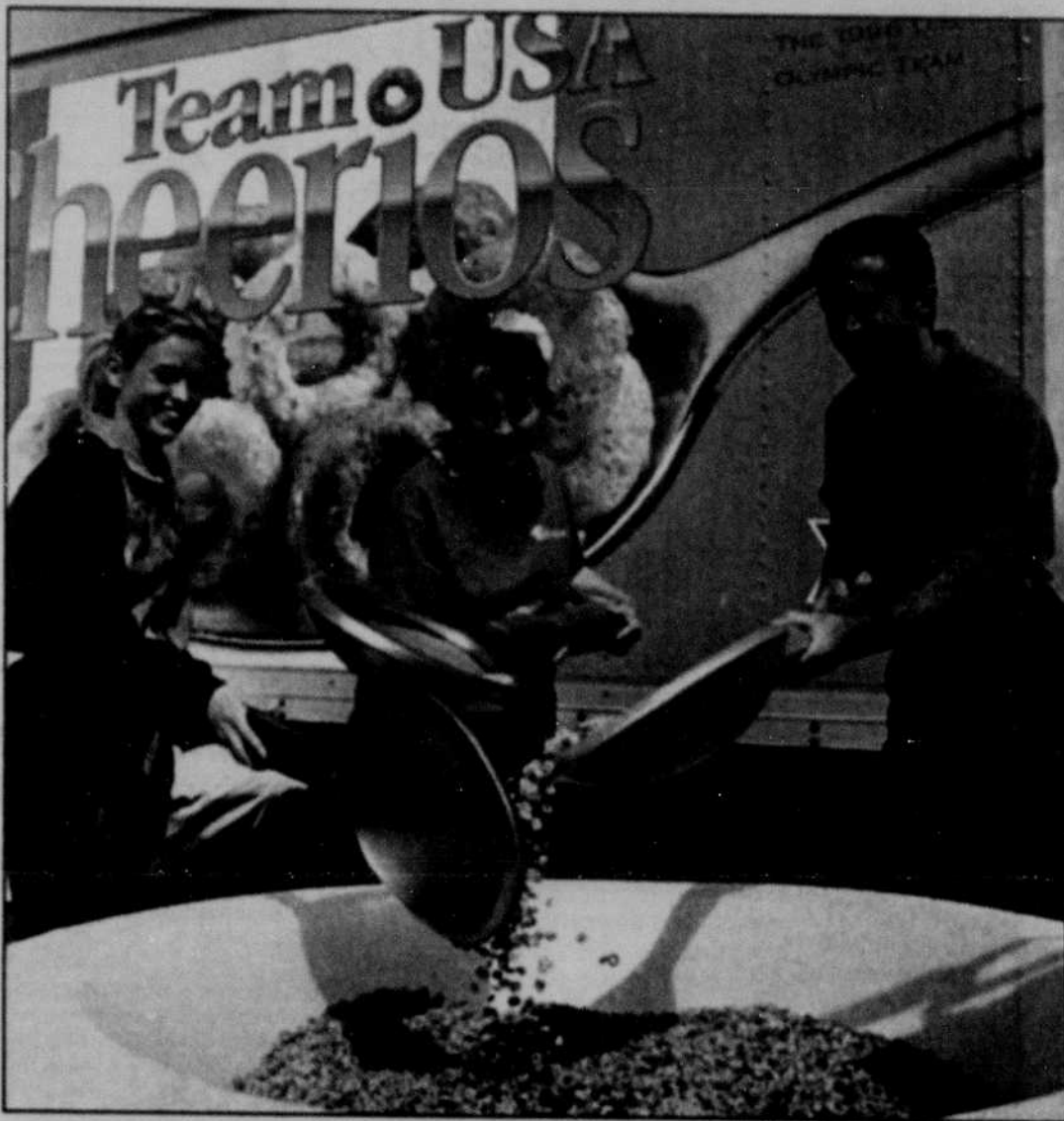
• Tuesday is also the deadline for voters who wish to change their political party affiliation to vote for Democratic or Republican candidates in the primary. Political party rules prevent over 360,000 Oregonians registered as "Independent" from voting either the Democrat or Republican ballot on May 21.

• Only voters who are registered as "absentee" may cast mail ballots. Voters can request an absentee ballot application in writing from the county election office before May 16. After that date, voters can vote an absentee ballot by going to the county election office.

Secretary of State Phil Keisling reminds Oregonians that, unlike in a vote-by-mail election, absentee ballots cannot be counted until after the polls close to ensure that no one votes both absentee and at the polls. Therefore, election results will be delayed for as many as three days in those counties with high numbers of absentee voters.

Absentee voting in Oregon was 11 percent of ballots cast in the November 1992 general election and 22 percent in November 1994. Keisling predicts that if the political parties gear up absentee ballot campaigns this fall, the number of voters casting absentee ballots could rise to nearly half by the November 1996 election.

Olympic-size Cheerios



Stirring up a bowl of O's, Olympic athlete Suzy Favor Hamilton (left), former Olympian Alberto Salazar (right) and a representative from Lane Sheltercare promote a new box of Cheerios in honor of the Olympics. General Mills, the producer of Cheerios, will donate \$300,000 to USA Olympic athletes from the sales.

UO home of country's first gay fraternity



AMANDA ERICKSON for the Emerald
Ryan Lepicier (left), vice-president for the gay fraternity, Delta Lambda Phi, thanks David West, National Secretary for the fraternity, for speaking at the reception.

■ **GREEK:** Eight charter members start the fraternity after working for a year to gain recognition

By Kristin Bailey
Student Activities Reporter

Approximately 30 people gathered in the Collier House Sunday afternoon to celebrate the inception of Delta Lambda Phi, a gay fraternity at the University.

"Delta Lambda Phi is the only gay fraternity in the country," said Enrique Andrade, the fraternity's president. "It is a great accomplishment for all of us celebrating this initiation today. We are ecstatic."

Delta Lambda Phi consists of eight charter members.

"We've reached a new status of affirmation," said Secretary Erich Borello. "This is a pinnacle point for us."

The fraternity, which has been working for the past year to gain recognition on campus, will work toward promoting an understanding of men, Andrade said.

"We want to dispense stereotypes," he said. "Our goal is to provide a constructive environment for all men, regardless of race, creed or sexual orientation."

The fraternity will also sponsor events for the University and Eugene communities. The first event will be a May 4 dance to kick off Gay Pride Week. Delta Lambda Phi will also host bimonthly socials for gay and bisexual men.



"It's really important [to have these socials] because when you grow up in a group outcasted by society, you can have a really low self esteem," said Vice President Ryan Lepicier. "This will be a chance to network."

A walk-a-thon to raise money for HIV charities is also in the works.

"It's a good way to become visible in the community and to raise money for a cause," Borello said.

Andrade said another primary goal of the fraternity is to gain more members.

"We're aiming to conduct strong rushes and to build ties with the Greek system and the community at large," he said. "So far we have received a lot of support."

Color needed in white hype of newsroom

■ **SPEAKER:** Author Farai Chideya described the trickle-down effect of reality through the media

By Doug Irving

Student Activities Reporter

Because America's newsrooms are largely represented by white people, the news they produce is often biased or represents only one view of reality, author and media analyst Farai Chideya said Saturday night.

"When you have a newsroom that is disproportionately white, you get news that is disproportionately white," she said in a speech that drew about 100 people to Room 150 Columbia. "There is a real underrepresentation of people of color in America's newsrooms."

Chideya speaks from experience. She

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