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TODAY

The Women's Center is sponsoring a Women in the Wild meeting from 7 to 10 this evening in the Ben Linder Forum.

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Jamal Lawrence works to regain his shooting touch while fighting opposing defenses and his own confidence

ASUO is working on plans to put together a multicultural mural in the EMU by the end of the school year

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WEATHER

Sun, rain & clouds.
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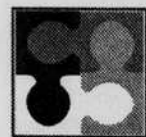
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Elections board gets funding

■ **COMPUTERS:** The senate did not rescind last week's motion to give the elections board funding to implement electronic voting this Spring

By Autumn De Poe
Student Activities Reporter



ASUO

The Student Senate met last night to discuss a motion on the table to rescind last week's motion to give \$7,400 to the elections board for new electronic voting computers, scanners and other elections supplies.

The Senate also discussed a special request from the Constitution Court and a motion to place the remainder of Students for Ethical Treatment of Animals' budget on the ballot for this Spring.

Senator Bill Miner made a motion to the senate to rescind last week's decision to award the elections board a \$7,400 special request to purchase computers and electronic equipment so students will be able to use their identification cards to vote.

ASUO Vice President Glen Banfield said the senate needed to invest in the ASUO because the elections process is important to all students.

Banfield said voter turnout is important and the selection of the best student senators for representation is vital.

Ryan Ositis of the Computer Tech Center said the elections committee would be able to pull off electronic voting this year if the senate did not rescind the motion.

Elections Coordinator Stacey Harding urged the committee to come to a decision because there are only 39 days left until the primary elections. She also said if the senate rescinded its motion then the elections

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McArthur Court Seating

Seats will be lost, Moos says



Bill Moos, University athletic director, was on hand at the Race Task Force meeting Wednesday to discuss ASUO's recent decision to withhold 228 student tickets.

■ **INSULTS:** In response to reported slurs, seats will close, Jerry Green will speak and fliers will go out

By Mark McTyre
Sports Editor

University Athletic Director Bill Moos confirmed Wednesday afternoon that the ASUO Executive's plan to withhold 228 student tickets for tonight's men's basketball game against Arizona at McArthur Court will go ahead as planned.

"We are going to go through with it," Moos said at a Race Task Force meeting in the Multicultural Center.

"It is my belief that we can have plenty of spirit and homecourt advantage without name calling," he said. "I applaud the student [government] for their action."

The ASUO's plan is in response to recent allegations of racial and homosexual slurs and unruly conduct by student fans at men's basketball games. Section NN, instead of the initially proposed section MM, will be left empty, accounting for the 228 seats.

"We hope that this will encourage a positive discourse about discrimination [and] about general attitude," ASUO Vice President Glen Banfield, said in the Feb. 19 issue of the *Emerald*.

Moos was asked to appear at the Race Task Force's weekly meeting because of the ASUO's plan. The group, which "supports the ASUO's actions to raise awareness of the issues," wanted to discuss and develop its own response to the recent al-

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FORUM

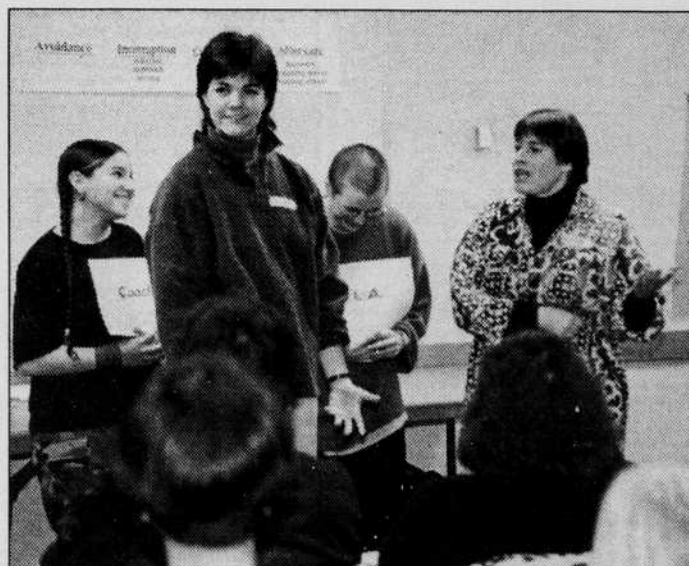
■ **WHAT:**
A place to voice public opinion

■ **WHEN:**
FEB. 27, 3 p.m.

■ **WHERE:**
EMU Ben Linder Forum

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■ Read Letters to the Editor in response to the ASUO decision to limit student seating/3



Self-defense instructors Susan Trefts, Bayla Ostrach, Tawnya Voxman and Nadia Telsey put on a skit showing avoidance tactics.

Defense strategies start on the inside

■ **WORKSHOP:** There are no simple answers to self-defense, but there are many to choose from

By Jennifer Schmitt
Community Editor

Self-defense is more than knowing how to kick out someone's knee cap; it is knowing what to do and then being able to actually do it, said Nadia Telsey, a University Women's Studies teacher and self-defense instructor.

In an effort to help women gain the tools to stop an assault in the early stages, Sexual Assault Support Services offered a free one-night self-defense workshop.

SASS has been flooded with calls since the highly publicized kidnapping of Rebecca Reid from the Grocery Kart store on Hwy. 99, said Nancy Kayser, Sexual Assault Support Services representative.

"When something with high visibility like this happens, anxiety goes up," Telsey said. "People are more eager than usual to hear about assault prevention and

this is the time when we can really reach people."

"The bad news is that there are no simple answers," Telsey said. "The good news is that we can give women tools to choose from."

The workshop focused on teaching women "self-defense from the inside out" since many women won't use the tools they have out of a fear of appearing rude, Telsey said.

"Many women won't speak up and stop an situation in the early stages because they think they have to be helpful and nice," she said. "But you have a right to be safe no matter what. You have a right to your perceptions and a right to put yourself first."

Some of the tools women have include: legs to get away, a voice to be assertive and yell, physical skills such as using your arms to fend someone off, intuition to know when something is just not right and a mind to think of actions that can be taken.

Telsey said there are five stages to assault which in-

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