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TODAY

The exhibit, "Art for Environmental Advocacy" continues this week in the EMU Art Gallery on the second floor



INSIDE

Former Oregon player Ernie Kent will reportedly be announced as the new men's basketball coach

A University student was charged with assaulting an adjunct professor Tuesday

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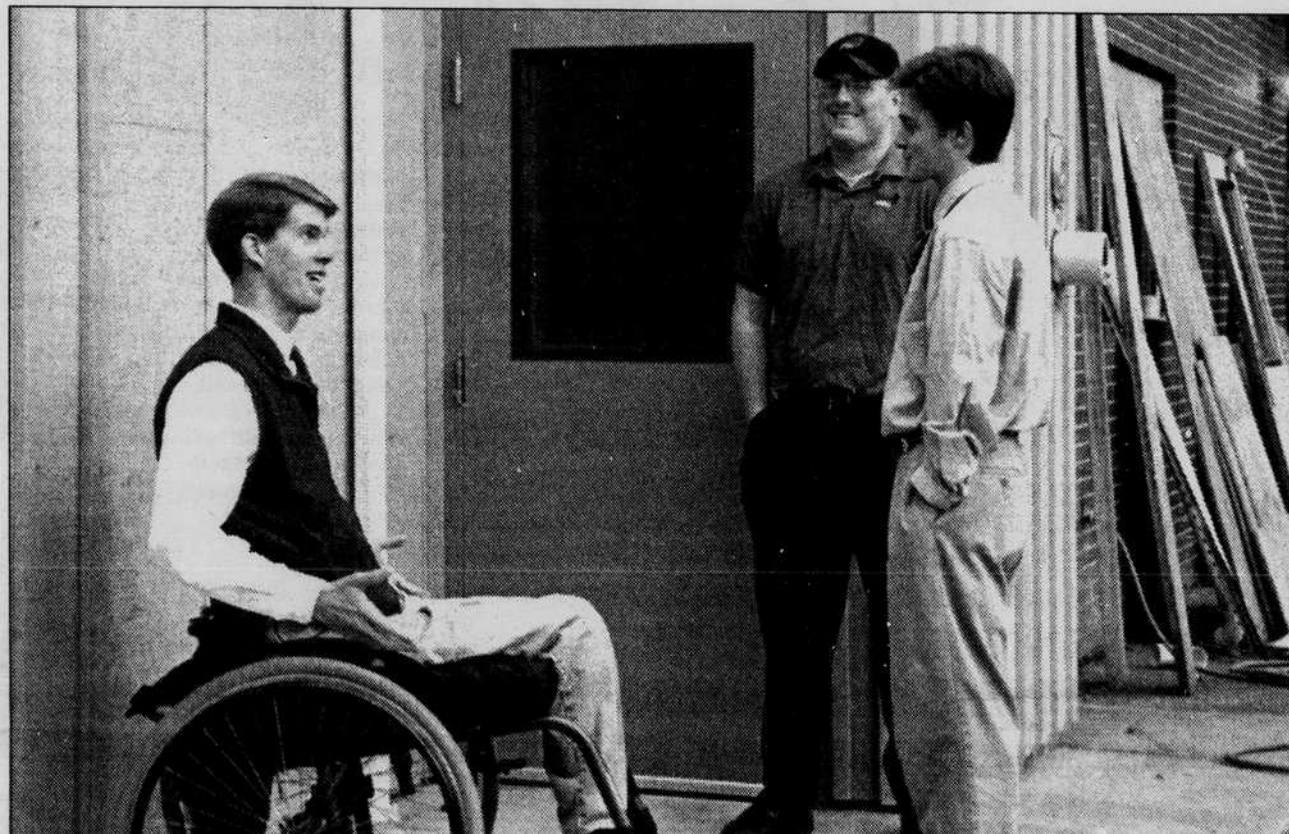
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GREEK LIFE



Jess Markt and other fraternity members stand in front of the construction at the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

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After a serious car accident, Jess Markt is learning that life goes on

By Laura Baker
Student Activities Reporter

Jess Markt doesn't remember the moment his life changed, the moment his spine was severed, and he would be paralyzed from the sternum down. He doesn't even remember the two weeks after the accident.

What he does know is that he is now able to come back and live in his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, due to the hard work and determination of his family and fraternity brothers.

Markt was on his way to work out with some friends on Aug. 28,

1996, in West Linn, a Portland suburb, when his car ran off the road and down an embankment, with the roof of his car slamming into a tree.

No one knows for sure what happened or why. Markt said all he knows about what happened prior to and weeks after the accident is what friends and family have told him.

"I remember absolutely nothing," Markt said. "Everyone tells me I was conscious and talking [after the accident], but I've blocked that out."

"When I finally found out

[about being paralyzed] and realized what was going on, it wasn't until about 2-1/2 weeks later," he said. "I asked when I was going to start feeling my legs again, and the nurse said I probably wasn't going to. Rather than being angry or really sad, I was kind of shocked and thought, 'wow, this is how it's going to be.'"

While Markt was at Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital in Portland, he said anywhere from three to five friends a day came to visit him. Markt cred-

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Footnotes will stay, EMU rules

■ **BOARD:** Footnotes will have space on campus, the EMU Board rule, but not necessarily in the EMU

By Angie Suchy
Student Activities Editor

The EMU Board continued to shape the future of the EMU at a meeting Wednesday by deciding where to relocate a number of ASUO groups and finalizing that Footnotes is permitted to remain on campus.

Although the Footnotes decision was made, both Footnotes and a new travel agency have yet to be allocated space as the board rearranges the location of many ASUO groups affected by the upcoming EMU renovations.

A key decision the board made about space allocation is to house College Democrats, Chi Alpha Christian Group, Students for Choice, Alpha Phi Omega and Oregon Ballroom Dance in the new suite located in the EMU office space that will be built during the renovations. In addition, *Oregon Voice* and the Returning Students' Association will be in this same suite; however, walls are slated to be constructed in order for those groups to have locking doors.

Oregon Voice Editor Rob Elder presented a proposal for the magazine to move its office to the current EMU travel agency space, but because the new food court will be located around that space, several board members spoke in favor of using the office for retail space.

"We have to give up our office and now you're saying that selling Gardenburgers is more important than student groups?" Elder said.

"The EMU needs the funding that retail space can provide," said board member Doug Baker.

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EMU
Board

Boyd, Oberitter proud of past experience

Vote
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Elections

The third in a six-part series profiling this year's executive candidates

■ **ASUO:** The candidates think student government needs to focus on campus issues, not lobbying

By Sarah Keech
Higher Education Reporter

For seniors James Boyd and Andrew Oberitter, the decision to run for ASUO Executive was an easy one.

"The idea to run began when we were just sitting around talking about student issues," presidential candidate Boyd said.

Boyd explained there were no obvious successors to the office this year, and as older leaders graduate some of what they had brought to the office leaves with them.

"We are both going to be here next year, and since we have past experience at the University, we can continue to work for better programs and a better University," Boyd said.

The platform Boyd and Oberitter plan to carry out if elected includes several new ideas and some that are popular with many candidates. Like other candidates, Boyd and Oberitter hope to create better access and communication between the student body and the ASUO. They will attempt to revitalize campus tradition and celebrate the University's history. They will also try to implement a new position of housing coordinator in the ASUO who would help

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CANDIDATE'S PLATFORM FOR ASUO EXECUTIVE

Excerpts from the Boyd/Oberitter Voter's Guide:

■ **STUDENT FEES:** They want Incidental Fees to be stabilized.

■ **STUDENT PROGRAMS:** They want the fees to be stabilized but still think student programs are vital to the health of the campus community.

■ **COMMUNICATION:**

They want to actively seek input concerning students' lives. They also want to set up an ASUO Open House, have lunch meetings and social hours at local bars.

■ **EXPERIENCE:** Boyd was a Student Senator and Oberitter is the editor of the *Oregon Commentator*.

