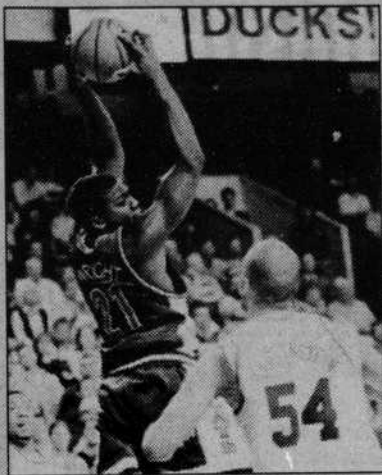


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## Raising Arizona

The Wildcats find themselves leading the way in both the men's and women's Pacific-10 Conference races. **PAGE 5**

## The Flash

### Oscars go dark, dysfunctional with diverse nominees

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The Oscars embraced dysfunction and darkness Tuesday, bestowing a leading eight nominations on the suburban burlesque "American Beauty" and honoring movies about abortion, death row and the tormented souls of the dead.

The top nominees included "The Cider House Rules," set in a combination orphanage and abortion mill; "The Sixth Sense," about a boy from a broken home who can see ghosts; and "The Green Mile," about the bonds between prison guards and condemned men.

Those four movies, along with "The Insider," a film about a tobacco industry whistle-blower, were nominated for best picture.

### Schools closed as Nebraska police hunt for Texas fugitive

PAXTON, Neb. (AP) — Military helicopters were called in and schools were closed Tuesday as more than 100 state troopers combed western Nebraska for a Texas survivalist wanted in the killing of a farmer and the wounding of two law officers.

The fugitive was identified as Charles Lannis Moses Jr., a 31-year-old construction worker.

Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns declared a state of emergency Tuesday, the third day of the search, allowing the National Guard to use two unarmed Blackhawk helicopters in the search.

### Computer seized from Portland-area home

PORTLAND (AP) — A computer used in last week's hacker assaults on popular Web sites has been seized in the Portland area by federal investigators, an official said Tuesday.

The FBI was analyzing the computer taken from a home business within the past two days, according to a federal official in Washington, D.C., who requested anonymity.

The owner of the computer apparently was not aware it was used as a middle-man, or "zombie," in the attacks, said the federal official.

## WEATHER

Today



RAIN POSSIBLE  
high 49, low 33

Thursday



PARTLY CLOUDY  
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## On their way to stardom

■ The award-winning short film "Apocalypse," starring two University freshmen, will air on prime time HBO

### 'Apocalypse'

**Who:** University students Josh Sidis and Dan Johnson

**What:** The Northwest Youth Film Festival awarded first place to their 17-minute movie "Apocalypse," a loose satire of "Armageddon."

**When:** May, 2000

**Where:** HBO

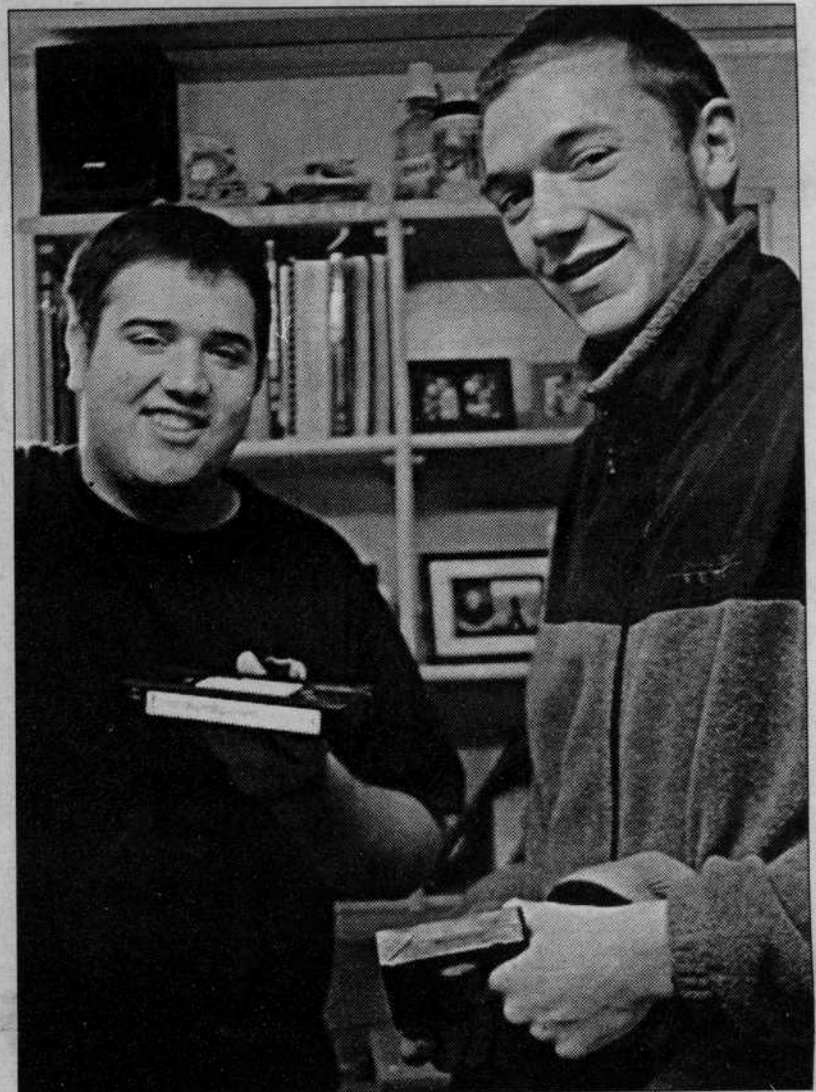
By Simone Ripke  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Chaos breaks out in the United States Defense Department as the world is coming to an end and a group of citizens has to be assembled and trained to save humanity. Among the dutiful volunteers is Hashbeeli, an Arab man who is just looking for a job. Hashbeeli is selected to embark on the mission, participates in a training that includes fighting and capturing blow-up aliens, and is sent to space.

This is not "Armageddon," but "Apocalypse," and this time the world is not saved.

In the final moments of the 17-minute flick, patriotic children run around in

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Erin O'Connell for the Emerald

Josh Sidis (left) and Dan Johnson were awarded first place for their film 'Apocalypse.'

## Labor rights fast gains nationwide support



Agatha Schmaedick breaks bread, marking the end of a fast. The Human Rights Alliance participated in a nationwide hunger strike in an effort to improve overseas workplace conditions.

■ The University participates in a hunger strike protesting unfair labor practices

By Lisa Toth  
Oregon Daily Emerald

In a continuing effort to improve overseas workplace conditions, 12 members of The Human Rights Alliance participated in a nationwide 48-hour hunger strike on Monday and Tuesday.

They joined students at the University of Pennsylvania

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## Atkinson backs single issue: left-handedness

The ASUO Executive candidate wishes to increase the University's left-handed facilities and left-handed faculty representation

Jeremy Lang  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Dan Atkinson is a junior journalism major. He is running for ASUO President without a running mate.

**Q:** What is your platform?

**A:** Basically I stand for left-handed rights. This includes the increase of the amount of left-handed desks on campus. Currently, most classrooms have 7 to 10 percent, whereas the population reflects 13 percent, so I want an increase in that because I'm sick of writing in

right-handed desks. Also, our technological facilities are completely right-handed. There are no left-handed computer consoles in any computer lab ... I want to ensure that we have an adequate representation of left-handed faculty and also I'd like the option of left-handed textbooks. It would read from back to front ... I don't know if you've seen my posters, but they're all backwards. I can read backwards and upside down.

**Q:** What are your experience and qualifica-

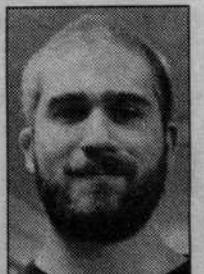
tions?

**A:** I'm left-handed. I have no student government experience at all ... I am a former managing editor of the Oregon Commentator as of last month.

**Q:** What sets you apart from the other presidential candidates — other than [being left-handed]?

**A:** I'm the true left-handed representative.

**Q:** Why did you choose not to have a running mate?



ATKINSON

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