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## She's a winner

Freshman Monika Gieczys, who hails from Poland, is only the second Oregon women's tennis player ever to be nationally ranked. **PAGE 5**

## The Flash

### Piven to speak at Hilton

Francis Fox Piven, the 19th occupant of the Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics, will speak tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Eugene Hilton. The subject of her speech is "Labor Power in a Global Economy," and her two-week visit to the University centers on issues of rich and poor. During her stay, Piven will host two public lectures in Eugene and serve as keynote speaker at the Center for the Study of Women's annual conference.

Piven, 67, has worked for three decades toward understanding public welfare policies and how they impact or prohibit democratic citizen participation.

### Honeymoon ends for 'multimillionaire'

ENCINITAS, Calif. (AP) — The groom from "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" returned to his house alone after his Caribbean honeymoon and angrily denied that he had abused an ex-girlfriend.

Fox TV canceled a rebroadcast of the show after learning that a restraining order was issued in 1991 against Rick Rockwell because an ex-girlfriend accused him of hitting and threatening to kill her.

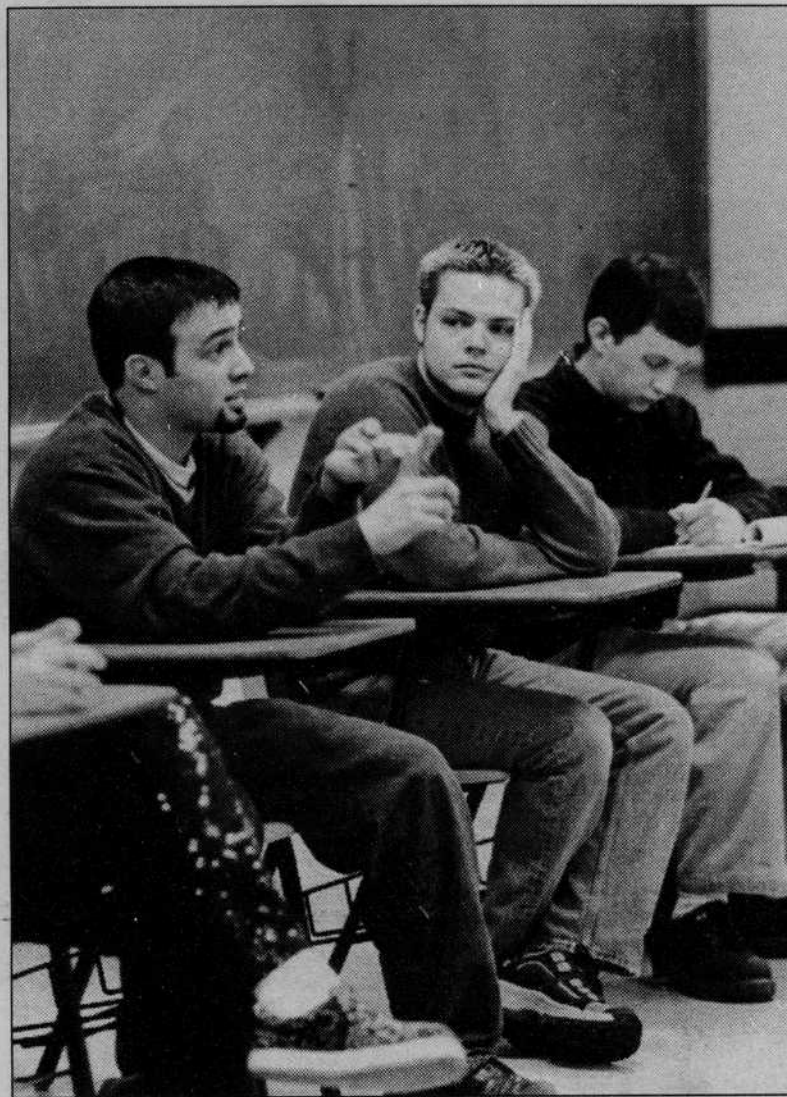
### Avalanches hit Swiss, Italian Alps; six confirmed dead

BOLZANO, Italy (AP) — Avalanches swept down Alpine slopes at the height of the ski season Monday, killing three skiers in Italy and three in Switzerland.

In Italy, back-to-back avalanches in the northern Venosta Valley trapped a group of seven Germans and one Italian skiing on an unauthorized route, alpine rescue official Luigi Weger said.

Searchers recovered the bodies of two women and one man and accounted for the remaining five skiers, Weger said. At least one was hospitalized with severe hypothermia. The valley is about 90 miles from the northern Italian city of Bolzano.

## Candidates sound off at debate



Azle Malinao-Alvarez Emerald  
ASUO Executive candidate Jay Breslow speaks at the executive candidates debate.

By Felicity Ayles  
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Minus two candidates, a moderated ASUO Executive debate ran for two hours Monday night as presidential hopefuls answered questions ranging from diversity and student incidental fees to neon-colored paper and ambidexterity.

At the debate, the moderator, a volunteer from the University's forensics team, asked two questions developed by former ASUO executives. The candidates were then allowed to ask a question to the opponent of their choice, and the floor was opened to the 30-member audience for additional questions and concerns.

ASUO presidential candidate Joel Rueber was not present at the debate, nor was Caitlin Upshaw, who is running for ASUO Vice President with Autumn DePoe. Upshaw was at a dress rehearsal for the musical she is currently starring in.

In regards to the issue of diversity on campus, all candidates agreed it was a problem, but they had different solutions.

"To combat the diversity problem, you need more speech — more education," ASUO presidential candidate Scott Austin said.

DePoe suggested using money currently allocated to



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## Poor voter turnouts spark political action

This is the first of a two-part series exploring issues of voter apathy.

**Today:** How the ASUO is attempting to increase voter turnout.

**Wednesday:** Why voter percentages have declined in recent years.

■ In efforts to increase student participation in elections, ASUO voting will be on-line

By Eric Pfeiffer  
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Voter apathy, even at the University level, is a growing phenomenon that has received considerable attention in recent years. Politicians, activists and re-

formers have long pointed out the potential damage that low voter turnout has on the democratic process. Now, some student leaders at the University are trying to do something to reverse the trend.

Changes in this year's ASUO elections include a complete cross-over to on-line voting, tighter security around voting booths as well as increased commu-

nication with students and local media, according to the ASUO Elections Board. The ASUO primaries begin Wednesday.

In recent years, voter turnout at the University has hovered around 16 percent. That equates to a little more than 2,000 of 17,000 eligible students casting their votes.

What may be more surprising is that the turnout has been so low. Turn to **Voters** page 4A

### Election turnout

Students voting in ASUO Elections over past three years:

1999: 2,489

1998: 2,355

1997: 1,166

SOURCE: ASUO Elections Board

## Apparent overdose kills hockey player

Police detectives believe the overdose was an accident and not a suicide

By Jeremy Lang  
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University hockey team player Russ Atteridge died Friday afternoon from an apparent overdose of alcohol and prescription pain medication.

According to the preliminary police report, Atteridge, 20, who was an undeclared sophomore, overdosed on alcohol and the prescription painkillers Valium, Darvocet and possibly Vicodin. Teammates said he was alive up until Friday at 11 a.m. and found him in his hotel room not breathing at 12:30 p.m. Doctors at the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Center in

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## Students have option to bar telemarketers

■ Individuals plagued by phone solicitors have a way to avoid unwanted calls with new legislation

By Jessica Blanchard  
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It's one of the most common annoyances: sitting down to dinner, only to have the meal interrupted by an unwanted phone call from a telemarketer.

There are several laws in Oregon that are already on the books to regulate the conduct of telemarketers. But a new "no-call" law that went into effect this year is designed to make life easier for many students who have been plagued with un-

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### New law

What: A "no-call" law that protects people from telemarketers.

Cost: \$6.50 for the first year and a yearly \$3 renewal fee.

SOURCE: Oregon Department of Justice

## WEATHER

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high 52, low 35

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