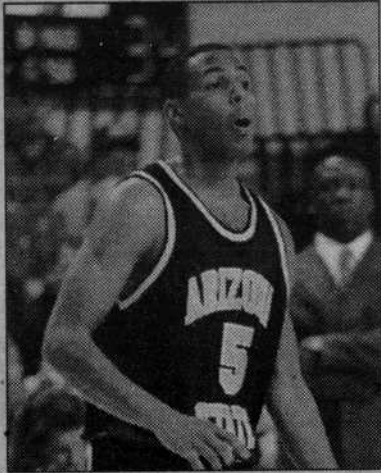


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## Pac is heating up

With only three weeks of play left, emotions are running high. Eddie House and his Sun Devils can testify to that. Read more in Pac-10 notes. **PAGE 7A**

## The Flash

### Today marks beginning of ASUO primary

The ASUO primary election begins today at 9 a.m. and will continue through Thursday at 5 p.m.

This year's election will be conducted entirely on Duck Web. Students may submit their votes through any computer with Internet access. But this doesn't mean that traditional poll booths will disappear. Several booths will be stationed on campus containing a number of computers through which students can vote.

Voting can be done between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

A total of 39 candidates are running for 23 positions within executive, student senate and several committees. Six of these are executive tickets.

The general election on March 1 and 2 will also be conducted via Duck Web. These elections will be for the remaining candidates of the primaries, as well as all of the ballot measures.

If a candidate receives more than 50 percent of the primary vote, he or she wins outright and doesn't have to run in the general election.

### Renowned author to speak about global warming

Ross Gelbspan, Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist and author of "The Heat is On — The Climate Crisis: The Cover-up, the Prescription," will give a talk today at 4 p.m. in Room 100 of Willamette Hall.

Gelbspan's book has been influential in the global warming debate and was read by President Clinton. Gelbspan writes that human behavior, such as widespread use of fossil fuels, has destabilized the world's climate. The rising temperatures will have devastating effects on the world's political systems, economy and weather, he predicts.

He goes on to describe the attempts by some large fossil fuel concerns to downplay the problem of global warming.

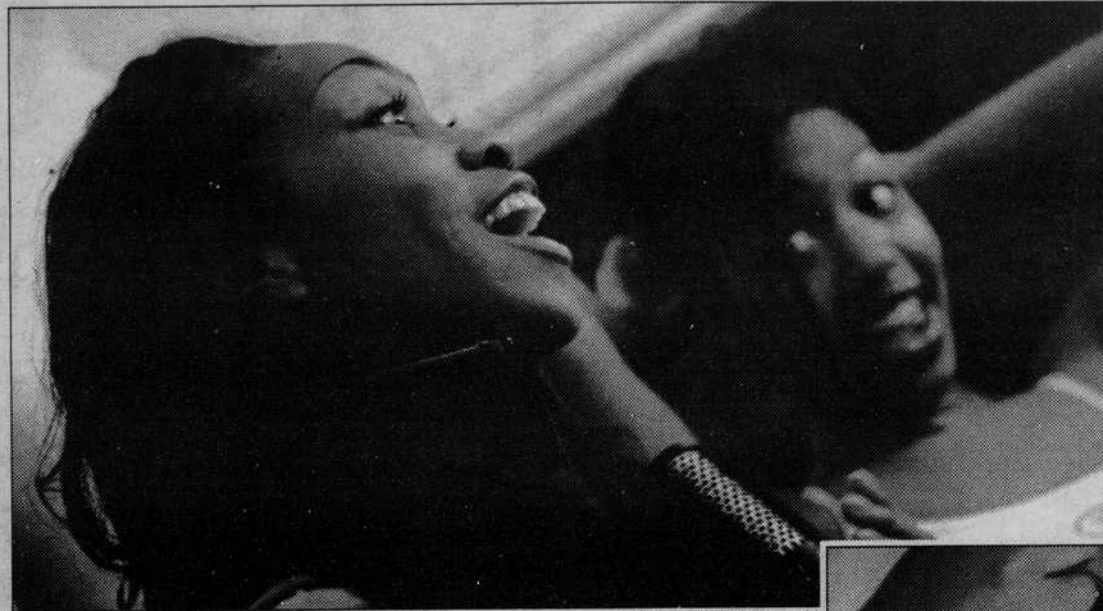
Copies of Gelbspan's books will be on sale at 100 Willamette. The talk is free and open to the public.

## WEATHER

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(above) Kafiya Mahobaje combs her hair while talking with Brandy Alexander. (below) Mary Kuto divides her hair into sections.

## More than just hair

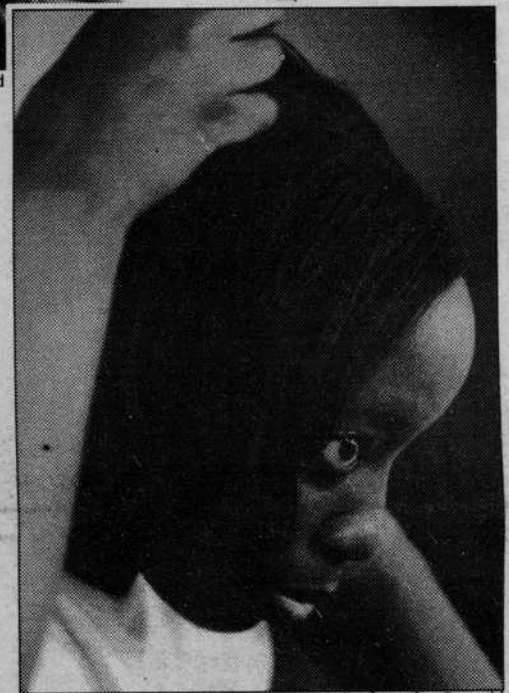
While African-American women are finding more freedom than ever with hairstyling options, the culture behind the hair is not forgotten

By Serena Markstrom  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Welcome to the apartment of four African-American University students, where one bathroom plus four women equals 27 hair care products. From African Royale's Hot Six Oil to Kuza's "100% Indian Hemp" Hair and Scalp Treatment, products can be as diverse as the hundreds of hair styles worn by African-American women today.

Micros, ringlets, twists, locs, perms and coils are common vocabulary words in the discourse of African-American hair. The list goes on, but to many, the names of the hairstyles and the prod-

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## Senate hopefuls express platforms



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Student Senate candidates answer students' questions at the primary elections debate.

■ In Tuesday's debate, candidates discuss concerns about several student-related issues

By Emily Gust  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Candidates vying for the 16 open Student Senate seats in the upcoming election gathered Tuesday night to voice their concerns and offer their

Turn to **Senate debate**, page 6A



## Voter disillusionment growing for students

■ Experts are trying to find ways to increase voter turnout and social participation

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

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

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

By Jessica Blanchard  
Oregon Daily Emerald

There are more than 26 million voters in the 18- to 25-year-old age group in America, but despite the enormous power that group holds, it is also the most likely not to vote, according to Project Vote Smart, a nonpartisan voter awareness group.

The number of disillusioned student voters is rising each year, a trend that is mirrored in American voters in general, according to Frances Fox Piven, an author, social justice advocate and the University Wayne Morse

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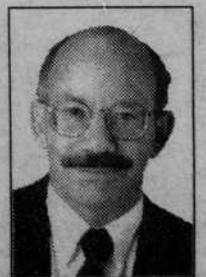
## DeFazio proclaims intent to run again

■ The long-time congressman has supported grassroots groups and founded the Progressive Caucus

By Sara Lieberth  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Before a crowd of more than 75 supporters in Springfield Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio announced his bid for re-election to Oregon's 4th Congressional District and reiterated his commitment to the sort of "stand alone" political countering he has waged since taking the seat in 1986.

"A lot of things have changed since you first elected me," he said. "Back then, the democrats were in the majority, and I had



DEFAZIO

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