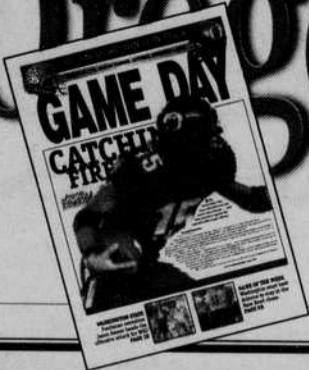


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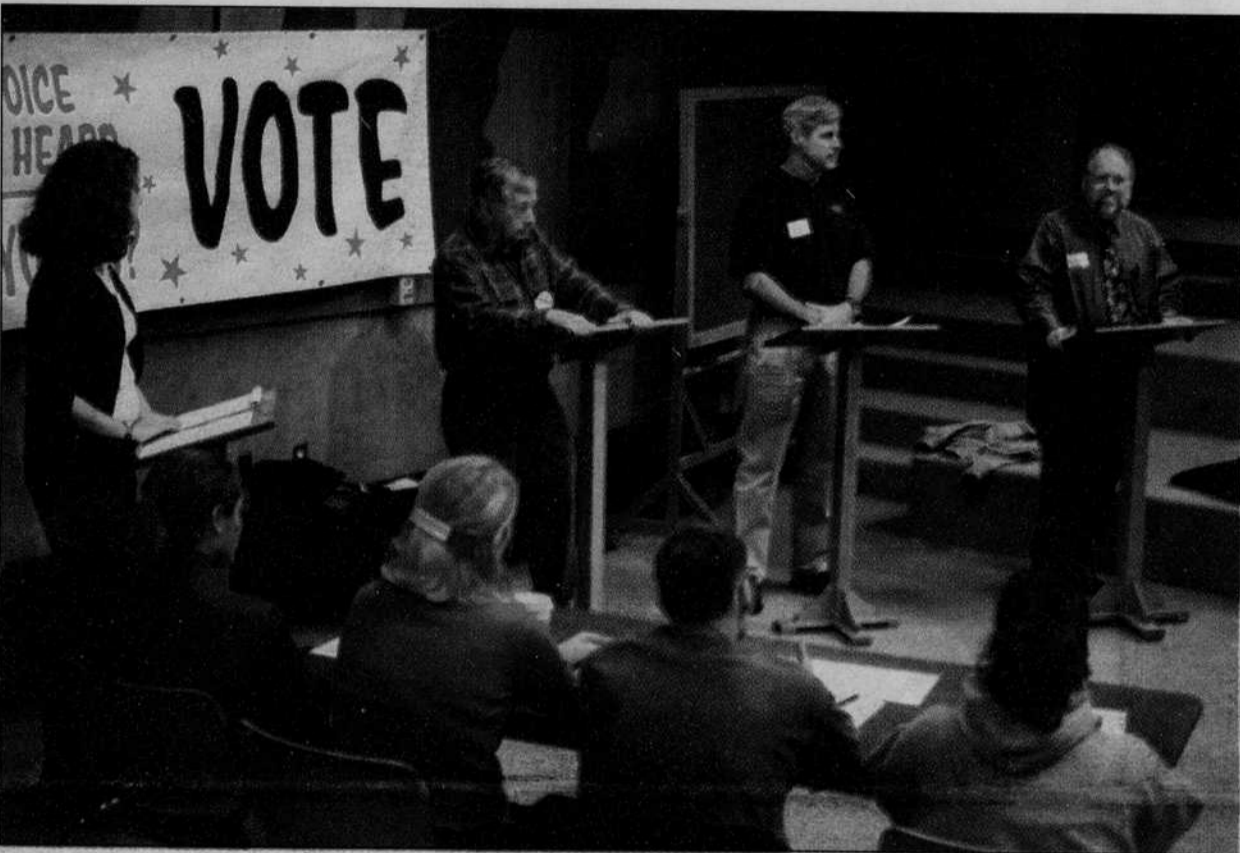
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Andrea Bostic moderates the debate among Socialist Karl Sorg, Republican Dr. Bill Young and Democrat Phil Barnhart (left to right) in the Ben Linder Room at the EMU on Thursday. The candidates discussed topics ranging from education to racial equality. **Dan Brunell Emerald**

Voter list slips from ASUO

■ The unintentional release of a list of student voters generates controversy about who should have access to the information

By **Emily Gust**
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The ASUO accidentally released a list of student voters that it registered this fall, but ASUO Executive members said voters should not expect phone calls urging people to vote for a certain candidate.

The ASUO put its new voter information into a database for "Youth Vote 2000," a study run by a Yale professor who wants to examine why students vote. ASUO members will call students urging them to turn in their mail-in ballots.

But a few weeks ago, two University students who work in the ASUO got the list, and that has graduate English student Scott Austin asking that any group have access.

The controversy began with what ASUO Legislative Organizer Melissa Unger called a "misunderstanding."

Alan Tauber, who helped the ASUO file about 5,000 voter registration cards in a computer database, gave a copy of the list to senior political science major Dan Katz. At the same time, under the impression that she had full permission to do so, Sen. Jennifer Greenough printed the first 1,000 names from the database, Unger said.

Katz and Greenough intended to use the list to help with Oregon Judge Paul DeMuniz's campaign for State Supreme Court, which they both support.

The DeMuniz campaigners called some of the voters in the database while they possessed the information, Unger said. Unger said she told them to stop calling and to provide a list of the people they contacted.

They have stopped calling and have promised to deliver the list of names.

Austin said he obtained a copy of the list at the same time as the DeMuniz.

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“Our biggest concern is the study and making sure it is non-partisan. That’s why we don’t want to give out the list.”

Brian Tanner
state affairs coordinator
ASUO



Panel grills candidates at debate

House of Representatives candidates shared their thoughts on issues ranging from education to Measure 9

By **Lindsay Buchele**
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Almost 30 people turned out Thursday to hear a debate among the three candidates running for the House of Representatives District 40 seat, which represents the East University area. The candidates addressed legislative issues that would affect state university students in the student-moderated debate, which was organized by the ASUO Executive Office.

The panel of four University students had the opportunity to grill the candidates — Republican Bill Young, Democrat Phil Barnhart, and Socialist Karl Sorg — on issues such as education funding, Measure 9 and campaign finance reform during the

debate in the Ben Linder Room of the EMU.

The panel included ASUO community outreach intern Jessica Lurie, ASUO diversity intern Victoria González, OSPIRG intern Bret Force, and ASUO legislative intern Rachel Pilliod. The ASUO Legislative Committee devised the questions to be asked and the four panelists did the actual questioning.

The first question asked concerned one of the hottest issues in this year's election: education funding.

"Measure 91 will be the most harmful to school funding," Young said. "What we need to do for funding is look at costs and find better ways to use the money we have."

Barnhart agreed with Young but thought there was more to the issue.

"Funding is important, and the most deadly measures concerning funding are the ones that will cut taxes," Barnhart. "Measure 8 is very loaded. We could lose our faculty over it."

Sorg focused more on fixing the current tax structure in order to better fund education.

"We need to redo the tax structure," Sorg said. "If we tax the rich at 90 percent, we could use that tax money to fund education."

Tax measures weren't the only ballot measures getting attention during the debate. Each candidate strongly opposed Measure 9, which would prohibit schools

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Outdoor adventures abound thanks to Pacific Challenge

Students travel to Australia and New Zealand each winter for extreme sports and wild adventures

By **Beata Mostafavi**
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They've gone rock climbing on mountains overlooking Australian fields, bungee jumped in New Zealand and mingled with the natives Down Under.

Step aside, Road Rules cast, and make room for students who have experienced the Pacific Challenge.

Offered every winter term for the past 12 years, the national Pacific Challenge program gives students the opportunity to earn upper-division credit while

exploring Australia and New Zealand for eight weeks.

Four groups of 18 students, which leave three days apart from each other, travel through the countryside with local guides, not staying in one area for more than three days. The journey gives individuals the chance to partake in outdoor activities that include whitewater rafting, backpacking, scuba diving, kayaking, surfing, skydiving and mountain biking.

Program Director Dave Wright began the program in 1987 as a

part of a research project to finish his graduate studies for the school of education at the University. He gathered a small group of students to accompany him, and when student interest grew, he officially began the Pacific Challenge program, which now has four groups to accommodate every student who wants to go. Wright said for most students, the trip is a life-changing experience where they learn about the environment, themselves and other cultures.

Karen Kanes, a junior journal-

ism major, participated in the program last year and said she went because of her love for the outdoors and traveling.

"It was like a dream come true," she said.

One of the most thrilling parts of the trip for the participants was bungee jumping from the Kawarau Bridge in Queenstown, the first commercial bungee-jumping site in the world. The bridge is 43 meters above the Kawarau River.

Alex Hughes, a senior journalism major who also completed

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Karen Kanes
junior journalism major

