

Election

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President Wylie Chen and Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani were helping student groups draft ballot measures, as well as writing their own.

Measures must be read and approved by the ASUO Constitution Court before they can go on the ballot. Many times, the court rejects a first draft and sends it back to the authors for revision. No ballot measures have been turned in to the court for review.

"I'm pretty nervous about that," Chief Justice Robert Raschio said. "We're sort of lying in wait."

At the very latest, measures are due two weeks before the primary election, but Raschio said he didn't think people would start working on them until a date is set.

"I'm hoping they'll start rolling in next week," Raschio said.

Breslow said he and Magner have not yet written any ballot measures, and they still need to talk about what they want to do.

"No one's really come to us about the stuff they're working on," he said.

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Jay Breslow
ASUO President

Breslow said he and Rice hope to have their timeline completed by early next week. Despite the late start, he said deadlines simply have to be met one way or another.

"We have to do it," Breslow said. "We have to have the election pulled together."

He added that he believes this year's elections timeline can still

resemble last year's.

Among Rice's responsibilities in the upcoming weeks will be trying to make sure that students turn out to vote. About 10 percent of students voted last year.

"We did a good job of letting people know it was elections time last year," Breslow said.

Aside from the timeline and the deadlines, the method of the elections must also be solidified. Breslow said the ASUO still needs to get in touch with Duck Web representatives to ensure the elections are going to be held online.

Last year's elections were conducted entirely through Duck Web.

Rice only spoke briefly about her new role in student government. She said she wants the job and is ready for the quick transition necessary to run this year's election.

King

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The march will travel from Martin Luther King Jr. Park at East 10th Avenue and Grant Street to the Police and Fire Training Center at East Second Avenue and Chambers Street.

Several groups, such as the Eugene Human Rights Committee, will give awards to members of the community who have demonstrated an awareness of civil rights.

On campus, several events next week will address the history of the civil rights movement, offering students, faculty and the community a chance to focus on more than just King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech, said John Shuford, the University's MLK Celebration Planning Coordinator.

Shuford said this year's theme, "A Dream to be Achieved: Building the 'Beloved Community' in the New Millennium," is intended to create a link between the week's events and Black History Month.

Assistant Dean of Students Mark Tracy will speak Tuesday about the civil rights movements that developed from the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

"For me personally, the weekend gives me a time to reflect on Dr. King and his visions and how I will live my life in 2001," Tracy said.

Tracy said he hopes people will attend the events for educational purposes and to reflect on King's impact on this country and the world.

Events commemorating King's life and message date back to his death on April 4, 1968.

On Monday, April 8, 1968, members of the BSU solemnly marched from the EMU to McArthur Court carrying a mourning wreath. All classes after 1 p.m. that Friday were canceled, and

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration events:

Jan. 13

H.O.N.E.Y. Youth celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

Hosted by Honoring Our New Ethnic Youth, the Lane Community College Black Student Union and the Northwest Youth Corps AmeriCorps
6-10 p.m., Northwest Youth Corps Campus, 2621 Augusta St.

Jan. 15

Second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day March

9 a.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Park, West 10th Avenue and Grant Street
"Economic Case for Diversity in the New Millennium"

Dr. Julianne Malveaux, economist
Co-hosted by the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee

6 p.m.: Hult Center, East Seventh Avenue and Willamette Street

Jan. 16

"I Have a Dream"
Audio and video history of the message

9:30-1:30 p.m., EMU Amphitheater

4 Little Girls: A Spike Lee Documentary

4-6 p.m., 100 Willamette

BSU Martin Luther King Jr. Day Reception

6:30-8:30 p.m., Gerlinger Lounge

BSU Candlelight Vigil 8:30 p.m., EMU Amphitheater

Jan. 17

Civil Rights Film Series on 20th Century Social Justice Movements

10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Media Services Studio B

Lunchtime social and dialogue sponsored by the BSU

12 p.m., EMU, Multicultural Center

"Two Decades of MLK Celebrations"

A community panel and conversation
7-9 p.m., EMU Ben Linder Room

Jan. 18

"King's Perfect Social Movement: Elements of the Montgomery Bus Boycott"

Mark Tracy, Assistant Dean of Students, Diversity Programs

1:30-2:30 p.m.: EMU Multicultural Center

BSU sponsored workshop: "Urban Legends" 6:30-8:30 p.m., EMU Multicultural Center

Jan. 19

"Where Do We Go From Here?"

Student forum on identity and community

1:30-3 p.m., EMU, Ben Linder Room

Aide for the hearing impaired will be provided at some University events.

about 5,000 people gathered on the EMU terrace and sang together as a flag was flown at half mast.

That same flag was flown for 30 days in memory of King.

Since the civil rights movement began, the fight to end racial prejudice in American society has progressed, but is far from over, Tracy said.

"True historical representation of race relations in this country is still missing," Tracy said. "Minorities

are denied opportunities to live in certain areas."

Tracy said that even today, blacks continually face obstacles, such as a discriminatory job market.

Hutchinson said times have changed for the better, but racism still exists even in Eugene.

"When I go into a shopping mall, people still stare at me," Hutchinson said. "Racism is still present every day of my life."

nook, Spokane and Tolowa.

"We're trying to give them a crash course in all the languages because learning them is a pretty daunting process," Delancey said.

He said the participants primarily consist of those who do not know the languages at all, or do know them but not well enough to teach to future generations.

"We're trying to prepare them to be the next teachers," Delancey said. "Imagine learning a language well enough so you can teach it to others. It's a big assignment for everybody."

Shawaway said the language situation can be improved. The tribe sponsors its own language program and works with the Jefferson County school district to teach

children at the kindergarten level.

"I have great hope that they will speak their languages by graduation," she said.

Underriner said everyone should be concerned with saving languages because they preserve the sense of community within groups of people.

"What's captured in these languages is the way people lived," she said. "And we lose world community without them."

She also said there needs to be more funding in general to preserve languages.

"It's a labor of love to help preserve and revitalize these languages," she said. "We need more benefactors that are willing to take the situation seriously."

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have suffered, including the Navajo language, which is more widely used than most American Indian languages.

Janne Underriner, coordinator of NILI, said the reason the Navajo language is in better condition today is because Navajo tribe began its preservation efforts earlier, in the 1970s.

"There were more speakers of the language at the time, so there was a greater influence," she said.

Last year the American Indian languages NILI taught were Nez Perce, Shapin, Klamath and Wasco, Delancey said. Other languages taught in the past included Chi-

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