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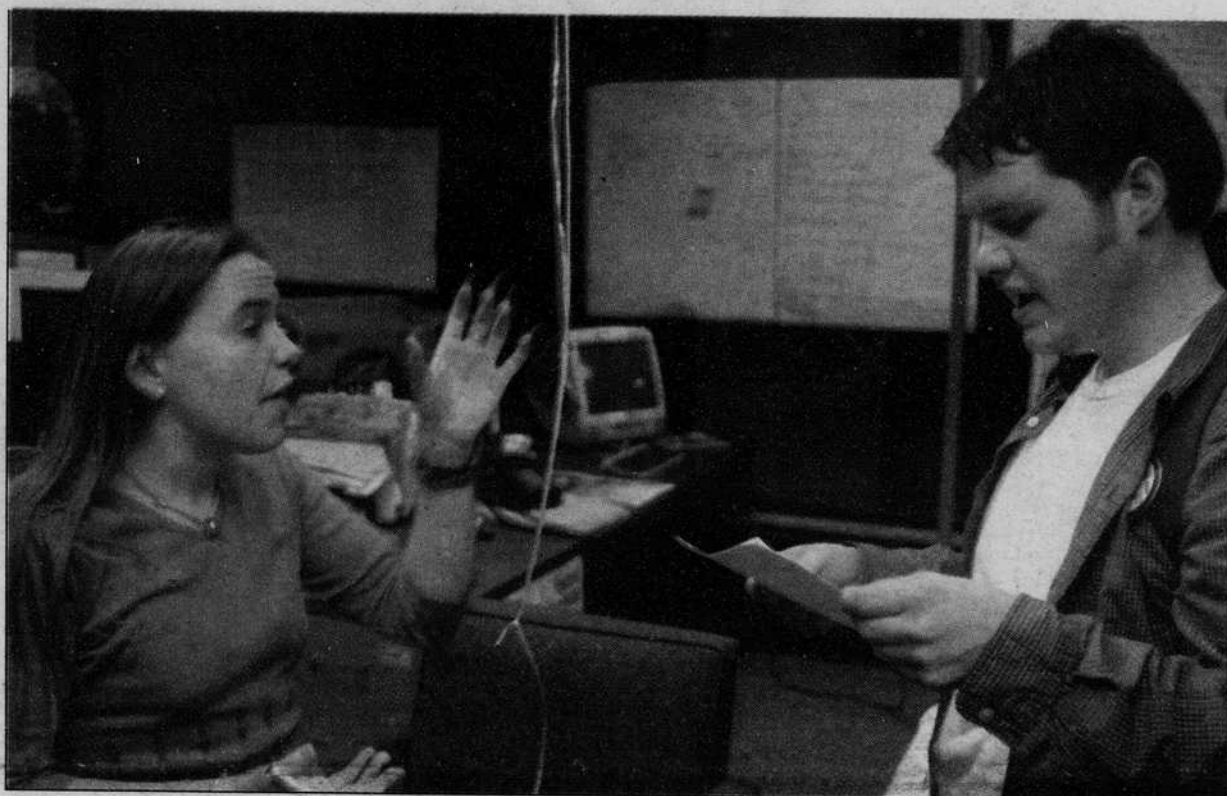
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Election contention



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Former ASUO Executive candidate John Ely disputes the results of the primary Friday with ASUO Elections Coordinator Courtney Hight. While Ely isn't 'making a case out of it,' the Oregon Commentator argues that the media was illegally barred from the ASUO office.

LET THE GRIEVING BEGIN

■ Student government officials have kept the student elections grievance-free — until now

By Kara Cogswell
Oregon Daily Emerald

This year, the ASUO Elections Board finally found a way to avoid the grievance hearings and delays that have become a student elections hallmark. Well, almost.

After a grievance-free primary campaign, the Oregon Commentator plans to submit the first elections grievance of the year to the ASUO Constitution Court today.

Commentator publisher Bret Jacobson said the Commentator will file the grievance because members of the

media were not allowed in the ASUO office while primary election results were tallied Friday, which he said violates Oregon law.

"Both the Commentator and the Emerald were prevented from doing their legal duty in overseeing the elections process," he said.

The Commentator will present the evidence to the court and let the justices decide whether a re-count, a re-vote, or other action is needed, he said.

ASUO Elections Coordinator Courtney Hight said she denied Jacobson's request to be in the office because he was rude to her and other board members, and he was affiliated with former presidential candidate Tim Dreier, who also

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Money doesn't ensure success for ASUO tickets

■ Funding may have helped some student government hopefuls, but the two winners of last week's primary election say 'it comes down to the best candidates'

By Robin Weber
Oregon Daily Emerald

Money plays a key role in national politics, but this year's candidates in the ASUO general election contend the story is different when the spotlight shines on student elections.

ASUO Executive tickets Rachel Pilliod and Ben Buzbee won the most votes in Friday's primary election, and Sean Ritchie and Jason Babkes received the second most votes, but that order doesn't hold regarding the money they raised for their campaigns.

Ritchie and Babkes raised the most, followed by Eric Bailey and Charlotte Nisser, with Pilliod and Buzbee placing third in the finance race.

According to campaign finance forms, Ritchie and Babkes pulled in more than \$1,300

in contributions from family and friends to meet their election costs. The rest of their money came from personal savings, Ritchie said.

Pilliod and Buzbee — also with the help of family and friends — have generated more than \$700 to date. Final contribution and spending numbers must be turned in to the ASUO office by March 4.

"We thought it was necessary to spend this amount of money to get our names out," Ritchie said. He and Babkes agreed that the money was necessary with so many of their primary election opponents already recognized on campus from involvement in ASUO.

"It comes down to time or money," Babkes said. "It takes a great deal more of our time to meet who they already know," he said.

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Election fundraising

ASUO candidate fundraising as of Feb. 18

Sean Ritchie and Jason Babkes — \$1,331

Eric Bailey and Charlotte Nisser — \$846

Rachel Pilliod and Ben Buzbee — \$736

John Ely and Hayes Hurwitz — \$459.75

Jesse Harding and Todd Brink — \$345

Haben Woldu and Oscar Arana — \$201.36

Sean Powell and Tyler Lofquist — \$70

Greg McNeill and Maco Stewart — \$40

Ezra Mannix and Lucas Willett — \$20

Tim Dreier — \$0

State Board representative wants students 'to be taken seriously'

■ University senior Tim Young sits on Oregon's State Board of Higher Education and works to ensure students' needs are met

By Katie Ellis
Oregon Daily Emerald

The night before the 1999 Portland State University student elections, Tim Young's running mate was declared academically ineligible to run for office. Young was told his name would not appear on the ballot, but he could run as a write-in. He was given 24 hours to find a new candidate and four days to change a campaign that took three months to build.

"People came out of the woodwork to lend a hand, and I don't think anyone slept that weekend," he said.

TODAY

Tim Young, University student and State Board member, is profiled.

WEDNESDAY

Erin Watari, Southern Oregon University and State Board member, is profiled.

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Young and his new vice presidential candidate pulled off an improbable victory as write-ins and they took it by a landslide — a feat that landed the pair in Newsweek magazine the next year.

"It was the one of the most beautiful moments in my life when we all got the news that we won. The feeling that we had was indescribable," he said. "Without a doubt, running for student body presi-



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Aspiring University law student Tim Young has advocated for increased state investment in the Oregon University System and to have student representatives in the chancellor search.