

ASUO elections

Primary election ends today

Today is the final day for students to choose which ASUO election candidates they want to advance to the general elections.

Voters can also elect candidates outright by giving them a 50 percent

majority in the primary election, which closes today at 5 p.m.

As of 5 p.m. Thursday, 1,838 students had logged on to DuckWeb and exercised their right to democratic choice. However, that only represents 10.6 percent of the student voting population.

Andrea Hall, ASUO elections coordinator, said students are encouraged to vote if they have not done so

already, and should be mindful of the 5 p.m. deadline.

If a candidate does not poll more than 50 percent at the closing of the virtual voting booths tomorrow, the two candidates with the highest number of votes in the race will be put on the ballot for the general election, which begins at 9 a.m. on April 21, and ends at 5 p.m. on April 23.

— Jennifer Bear

Forces

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the battlefield that we're aware of," said Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, vice director of operations for the Pentagon's Joint Chiefs of Staff. "We are prepared to be very, very wary of what they may have, and prepared for a big fight."

Wariness was the key word on many fronts.

One day after U.S. Marines and Army soldiers — and the euphoria they delivered — raced through Baghdad, sporadic battles, looting and bloodletting raged in that city and elsewhere in Iraq.

In the capital, at least one Marine was killed and dozens wounded in fierce battles with squads of hardcore Hussein loyalists near a palace, a mosque and other places.

Illustrating the dangers that remain, a lone man walked up to a Marine checkpoint Thursday night and detonated an explosive strapped to his body, seriously

wounding four Marines near the Palestine Hotel in Baghdad.

The U.S. military toll rose to at least 105 dead, with many others wounded. Air Force Maj. Gen. Gene Renuart described the capital as "still an ugly place."

In Najaf, southwest of Baghdad, a crowd hacked to death two Muslim clerics during religious consultations and political negotiations in the shrine of Iman Ali, one of the holiest sites of Shiite Islam.

The killings of Abdul Majid al-Khoei, who was persecuted by Hussein and recently returned from exile in London, and Haider al-Kadar, a member of Hussein's Ministry of Religion, appeared to stem from political tensions.

Still, some progress was reported: In western Iraq, villagers in Rutbah welcomed allied forces, asking them to stay to keep out the "death squads." The town later appointed a mayor and installed a new government, replacing Hussein's Baath Party.

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Grievance

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saying he wouldn't erase it. However, Meany said the reason he didn't take the grievance seriously was because of a miscommunication. Meany said in his communications with Hall, he thought candidates were simply complaining because he had been chalking around campus, and he didn't realize he was breaking a specific rule.

"I kind of got a little flip with her actually," Meany said. "I kind of really blew it off and told Andrea I didn't think it was a big deal."

Meany said if he had known it was a violation, he would have erased the chalk immediately.

The ASUO Elections Board held an emergency meeting to address the grievance Thursday afternoon, but neither the plaintiff nor the defendant attended.

After brief deliberations, the ASUO Elections Board unanimously voted to issue a sanction to Meany against any campaigning for 24 hours, beginning today at midnight. The penalty for breaking the sanction will be disqualification, and if Meany attempts to campaign after voting closes at 5 p.m., he will be removed from the general election ballot.

Contact the senior news reporter at jenniferbear@dailyemerald.com.

Campus buzz

Saturday

"West Coast Choralfest" (University choirs and guest choirs), 2 p.m., San Francisco State University Chamber Singers; 3 p.m., Boise State University Meistersingers; 4 p.m., University Chamber Choir and University Singers, Beall Hall, \$5.

"Waging Peace Through Singing" (University choirs and guest choirs), 8 p.m., Beall Hall, \$5, \$3.

Sunday

"Lou Harrison Memorial Concert" (with Charles Dowd, Art Maddox and three gamelans), 8 p.m., Beall Hall, \$7, \$4.

Monday

Art reception (Samantha Smith, Tara Floten, Annelia Norris, Jennifer Lim, John B. King, Diana Yom, Michael Smith and others), 7 p.m., Laverne Krause Gallery, Lawrence Hall, 346-3618.

"Santa Fe Guitar Quartet" (quartet from Argentina performs music by Piazzolla, Bartok, Copland and others), 8 p.m., Beall Hall, \$7, \$4.



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