



# Election raises controversies

Improper endorsement of candidates and inappropriate use of the University listserv have raised concerns on campus

## ASUO elections

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Although the ASUO election has wound down, and today is the final day to vote, the election is still rife with controversy, as issues of unfairness and unethical practices have raised concerns in the campus community.

Specific grumbles about the election that have come to the fore recently include concerns about student leaders publicly endorsing candi-

dates using their official titles; improper use of a University listserv by an Athletic Department staff member in endorsing an ASUO Executive ticket; and a grievance filed by candidates Adrian Gilmore, Colin Andries and Joe Jenkins.

ASUO Elections Coordinator Andrea Hall said the first two incidents could trigger the filing of grievances because they are violations of a rule prohibiting the use of student incidental fees to endorse a particular candidate. The Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council also has expressed concern about these incidents.

Hall said Gabe Kjos' and Brenda Tincher's use of their official titles — Residence Hall Association vice president and ASUO Student Senate Seat 6, respectively — in letters to the editor published in the Emerald violated this rule be-

cause their student government titles and positions are funded by the incidental fee.

"By placing their title underneath (their letters) and not specifying it was for identification purposes — there was a lot of concern over that," Hall said.

ASUO President Rachel Pilliod, who is also a member of ASPAC, said she is looking into the legalities of using titles to endorse candidates because there is a lot of gray area regarding whether such a use is assumed to be for point of reference only, or if it must be specifically stated the title is for identification purposes.

Kjos said he attached his title to his letter to identify himself and did not mean to imply that he was representing the opinions of the RHA.

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# France suggests removing sanctions on Iraq

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WASHINGTON — In what may mark a turning point for rebuilding Iraq, France on Tuesday proposed suspending most United Nations sanctions on the war-ravaged nation, a move that would help free up billions of dollars in Iraqi oil earnings under U.N. control.

The surprising offer from France, the most ardent opponent of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, suggested that the Bush administration may have a freer hand to set Iraq on a new course now that a quick war has been won.

Even as France ceded ground, the White House rejected any return of U.N. weapons inspectors to Iraq, saying the nation remains too dangerous. It called on the U.N. Security Council to focus on lifting the sanctions.

"Why should any nation support imposing sanctions on the Iraqi people now? Sanctions equaled Saddam Hussein. Saddam Hussein is gone. It is wrong now to leave sanctions on the people of Iraq. They don't deserve it," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

At the United Nations, an organization wounded by its inability to agree last month on whether to go to war with Iraq, France's U.N. ambassador signaled that his nation is looking for a compromise.

Ambassador Jean-Marc de la Sabliere said he proposed immediately suspending "civilian" sanctions on Iraq and phasing out the oil-for-food program, which has collected \$64 billion in Iraqi oil earnings since 1995 and distributed much of it for humanitarian needs. Civilian sanctions severely limit financial and trade

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## To Earth Day — and beyond



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Five-year-old Jordan Jurek (middle) keeps himself amused with other children from the Westmoreland Preschool, Daisy Arriola, 5, (left) and Ben Boriskin, 5, as they remind the community to reduce, reuse and recycle at the 33rd Annual Earth Day Celebration in the EMU Amphitheater.

# Vendors hope for sunny skies during Street Faire

New vendors and regulars will sell their wares at the ASUO Street Faire; the Hawaii Club will be promoting its upcoming Luau

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The organizers and participants of this spring's ASUO Street Faire want all students to think positive thoughts — "the sun will shine, the sun will shine, the sun will shine."

The Street Faire kicks off today and runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday. It will feature 80 vendors, selling a variety of products such as jewelry, handmade clothing, posters, knives, drums, candles and bicycles. Food vendors include Ritta's Burritos, Bangkok Grill, Orient Express, BBQ King, Suzy Q Kettle Corn and several new vendors, such as Papa John's Pizza.

"We just want the students to have as much fun as possible," organizer

Hillary Ervin said.

David Goosen, an Indian clothing vendor based in Portland, has been coming to the Street Faire regularly since 1989. Goosen said his booth boasts a variety of sought-after clothing items, including summer dresses, tops, wrap skirts, bed spreads and scarves, and he said he buys most of his products in Central Asia.

"Eugene is a wonderful place," Goosen said. "The students are nice; Mr. Frohn-mayer says 'hi' to me when he walks by me. It's like a second home."

Salem food vendor Tai Tran, who will run the Victory Oriental Foods booth, also said that the atmosphere and people of Eugene drive him to come back every year.

"It's a traditional event that I have been coming to for 20 years," he said, adding he hopes the weather will cooperate with the vendors at Street Faire. "Realistically, I'm thinking thunderstorms — but I'm praying for sun."

Tran said some of the most popular

items at his booth are teriyaki chicken and pan-fried noodles.

The Street Faire will also include entertainment at the EMU Amphitheater, which will be broadcast live by University radio station KWVA. The station is responsible for all live music, and all the bands are volunteering to play for free.

Station Chief Engineer Nathan Cox said KWVA staff members are proud to broadcast straight from the Street Faire.

"We want to be a part of the Street Faire and represent the bands and other acts who will be performing," Cox said. "Hopefully, it won't rain."

Other entertainment includes several performances by the University Hawaii Club hula dancers, who will be promoting their annual luau, held this Saturday.

Event organizers are still looking for volunteers to help set up. Anyone who works more than four hours will receive a T-shirt.

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