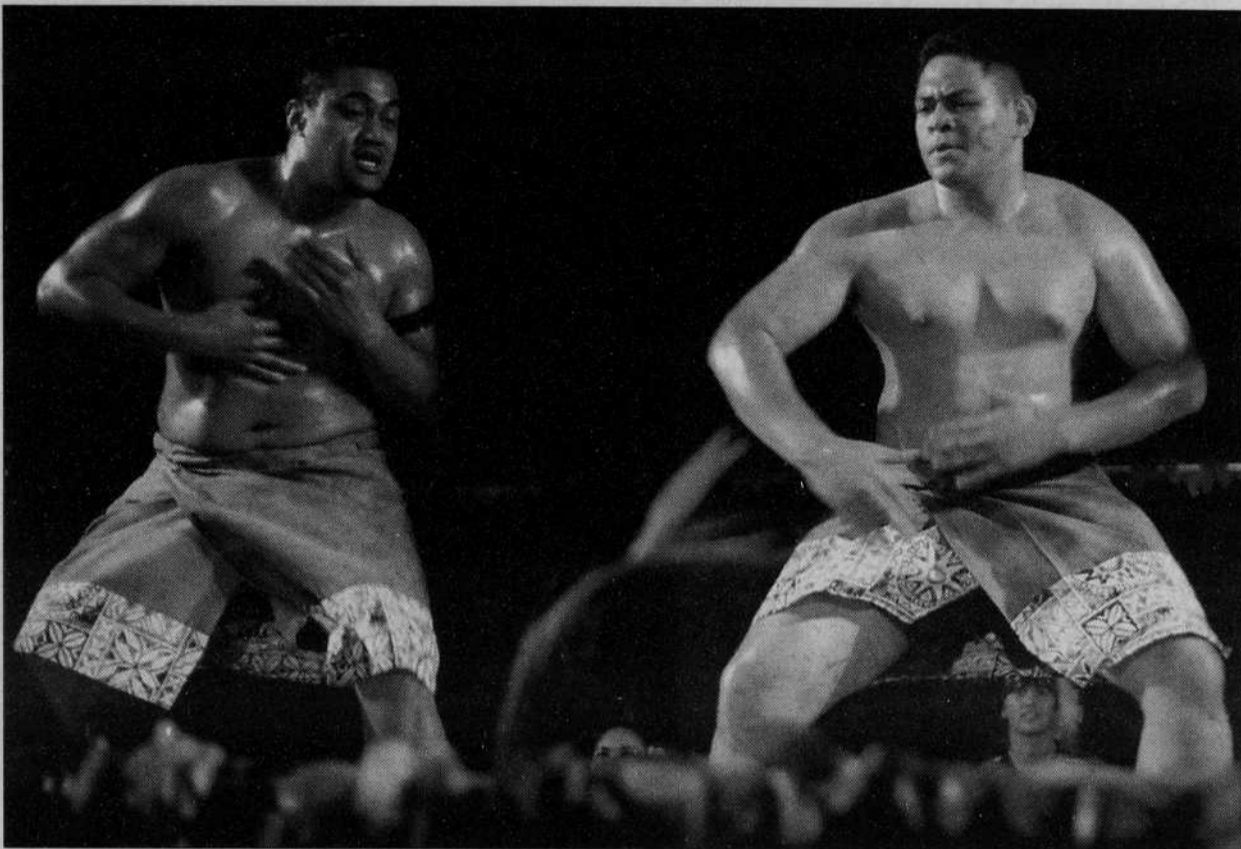




Hawaii Club Luau



Emerald

The theme for Saturday's 28th annual Hawaii Club Luau is "The Stories of Our Past." The evening includes dinner and dancing, followed by a concert with Three Plus, a popular Hawaiian reggae band.

The hula story

The annual Hawaii Club Luau combines food, dance and stories to bring Hawaiian culture to the University at McArthur Court on Saturday

Roman Gokhman
Campus/City Culture Reporter

The swaying of the arms from left to right and the hips from side to side in hula dancing has a particular story to tell.

Hula dancers from the University Hawaii Club will present several of those stories at the club's 28th annual Hawaii Club Luau on Saturday at McArthur Court. The event's theme, "The Stories of Our Past," is meant to show the importance of family, acceptance and love in Hawaii's culture.

The luau includes a buffet dinner featuring traditional foods such as Kalua pig, which is traditionally roasted in a hole dug in the ground and lined with banana leaves; poi, a

starch pounded from taro root until it is a cream; haupia, a coconut gelatin dessert; and teriyaki chicken with pineapple. The dinner will feature singing and music, which will be followed by the hula show and a concert with Three Plus, a popular Hawaiian reggae band.

"The whole show centers around telling the stories and what they mean to Hawaiian people," hula dance choreographer Jennifer Chee said. "It's putting the stories to dance."

One of the dances will tell the story of volcano goddess Pele, and how she fought and killed her sister because of a man they both loved. Other stories are about mermaids and the adventures of ships at sea.

Chee said the dancers have been practicing for the event since January, and that the club expects students from other northwest universities to attend.

"It brings a very valuable culture to the University," she said.

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SEVIS issues new deadline to file visas

The University will host two sessions where international students can enter their data into the SEVIS system and receive new immigration forms

Ayisha Yahya
Freelance Editor

With new visa regulations in place since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, all international students and scholars, and their dependents, must have their data entered into the Student & Exchange Visitor Information System by Aug. 1. This new electronic system, which includes students' personal and educational information, allows the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services — previously the Immigration and Naturalization Service — to monitor students' and visiting scholars' movements in and out of the country.

To get an early start, the University's Office of International Programs will have two sessions on Monday and Thursday to get current students into the system and issue them new paperwork. The sessions are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the EMU Walnut Room on Monday and in the Gumwood Room on Thursday.

While August is still some time away, OIP Director

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Students report mix of opinions about elections

Some people celebrated Maddy and Eddy's victory, while others felt "identity politics" took over the election; voter apathy was also cause for concern, but this year's voter turnout surpassed last year's

Chelsea Duncan
Freelance Reporter

The 2003-04 ASUO elections have come to a close, and even some students who couldn't care less about them are satisfied with the results.

"I don't see how it would be better or worse either way," junior Ellen Buller said, in regards to the results. "I'm just glad Maddy (Melton) and Eddy (Morales) won because they were

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OSPIRG confers about new report on Bush policies

Speakers discussed the Bush administration's proposed changes to the Clean Water Act and logging in national forests

Ali Shaughnessy
Environment/Science/Technology Reporter

A new report titled "Behind Closed Doors" was released Tuesday in a series of nationwide press conferences organized by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group and its affiliates. At the University, OSPIRG organizers held their conference beneath the solar panels outside the EMU.

Campus Coordinator Kit Douglass said the report was distributed in hopes of raising public awareness about the possible local impacts of the Bush administration's environmental policies.

"Since the 2002 elections, the Bush administration has worked behind closed

doors with polluters to craft one proposal after another to weaken environmental and public health issues," Douglass said. "This Earth Day, we call on the Bush administration to listen to the public, not the polluters, and to uphold, not uproot, America's environmental laws."

The report is split into various sections that focus on issues from global warming to logging in national forests to oil consumption.

An example Douglass presented from the report was the Bush administration's proposed changes to the Clean Water Act in January that would eliminate protection for smaller streams and wetlands across Oregon, and could allow more pollution to enter the state's waterways. Douglass added that more than 1,000 rivers and streams in Oregon already fail to meet the Clean Water Act's minimum standards.

John Baldwin, a planning, public poli-

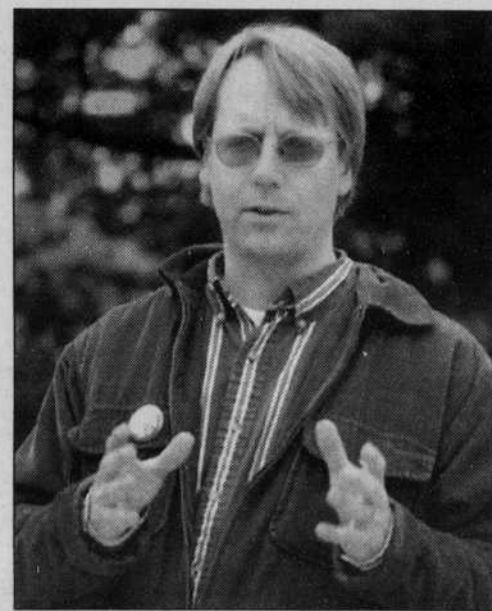
cy and management associate professor, was one of the speakers at the press conference who talked about political involvement in environmental issues, as well as the need for concern.

"We should all be concerned about the future of our grandchildren," he said. "I would call upon Republicans to reverse the rollbacks that have been happening."

Environmental Protection Agency regional spokesman Bill Dunbar said he would not comment on the Bush administration's policies, but did say that the rollbacks have not yet affected the EPA. The EPA is responsible for enforcing environmental policy.

Doug Heiken, a member of the Oregon Natural Resource Council and the other speaker, talked about logging in national forests. He said that during past presidential administrations, environmental policies moved in a positive

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Doug Heiken of the Oregon Natural Resource Council spoke about logging in national forests at OSPIRG's press conference Tuesday at the EMU.
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