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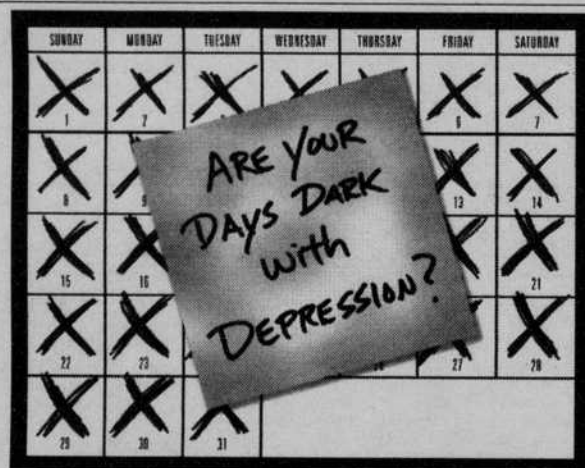
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"Teaching Writing from the Inside Out: A Holistic Approach to the Six Writing Traits," education workshop, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 130, Baker Downtown Center Building.

AAA faculty lecture series, 4 p.m., Room 206, Lawrence Hall.

Johnston lecture, "A Writer Bearing Witness: AIDS Orphans in Africa," featuring Melissa Fay Greene, 4 p.m., Browsing Room, Knight Library.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Sexual assault awareness workshops to apply creative theater techniques

The University Alliance for Sexual Assault Prevention is presenting two workshops on Friday and Sunday that focus on using theater techniques to work with interpersonal violence issues.

"This is an opportunity to really come together about violence prevention and diversity issues," ASAP Coordinator Megan Thompson said.

The workshops, titled "Theater of the Oppressed," will use techniques of theatrical expression to deal with issues of sexual and relationship violence and provide a therapeutic environment.

"We're trying to do something really creative," Thompson said.

Students, faculty and community members can register for the free events by calling the Office of Student Life at 346-3216.

The first workshop is Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The second workshop is Sunday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., with a reception on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All events are in the EMU Walnut Room.

Sexual assault and relationship educator and activist Geeta Cowlagi, along with students from the University Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team, will facilitate Sunday's workshop.

Thompson said the workshops bring together people from many University departments.

"It's really been a collaborative event," she said.

—Chelsea Duncan

Senate appoints nominees to Elections Board

The ASUO Student Senate confirmed four nominees to the ASUO Elections Board, approved special requests by two student groups, postponed action on Student Senate seat realignment and learned about Measure 30 at a two-hour meeting Wednesday night.

The Student Senate confirmed Stephen Boyd as voting coordinator, Tony Fuller as office manager, Nathan Strauss as publicity coordinator and Vanessa Tharp as student outreach coordinator in time for this year's ASUO elections.

"They're very intelligent, outgoing and have a lot of experience in different areas," ASUO Elections Coordinator Stephanie Day said. Day and the Elections Board have set a goal of 25 percent voter turnout for the upcoming election, which would be an increase from last year's 17 percent turnout.

Day endured a pointed question from Ombudsman Mike Sherman, who expressed some concern that all of the students nominated were acquaintances of Day.

"I did not just hire friends and people I was acquainted with," Day said, which was enough to satisfy Sherman.

All four nominees were unanimously confirmed.

The Japanese Student Organization received a transfer of \$789 from the group's food holding account to a food spending account in anticipation of Japan Night.

"Historically speaking, Japan Night

has been one of the best events that the international student organizations have put on," Sen. Rodrigo Moreno said. "It's reach is campus-wide, so I support it."

The motion passed 13-5.

The Chinese Students and Scholars Association received \$100 from surplus funds and a \$320 transfer from the group's food holding account to pay for a Chinese New Year Celebration on Jan. 21.

"It seems like it will be a good event," Sen. Joseph Jenkins said. "If we can help them out, let's do it."

The Student Senate postponed a decision on its seat realignment until senators get more information about which majors fall under which seat. Some senators were concerned that the delay might mean the realignment will not be ready for this year's ASUO elections.

"We should be extra thorough and make sure all the senators are comfortable with this," Sen. Jesse Harding said.

Senators received a presentation from the Oregon Student Association on Measure 30, a contentious tax measure that will come before Oregon voters Feb. 3 and impact University budgets.

Sen. Adrian Gilmore, a law student from Georgia, expressed frustration at Oregon's tax system.

"People are so proud of not having a general sales tax that they're willing to let their schools close early," Gilmore said. "There should be the loudest roar on this campus for tax reform in Oregon."

—Chuck Slothower

SPACE

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cost estimating expert who managed the agency's moon-Mars exploration program in the 1990s. But he added: "You should never give anybody a blank check."

With NASA, said Mandell, now at the University of Texas' Center For Space Research, "costs just grow as long as you stay within the established bureaucracy."

When President Reagan proposed the International Space Station in 1984, for example, it was supposed to cost \$8 billion, about \$14 billion in current dollars. Congress has appropriated \$32 billion already.

Mandell, who participated in NASA's pricing effort, said he initially estimated the space station's cost in 1984 at \$18 billion to \$20 billion. Senior managers, he said, felt they couldn't sell it to Congress at that price and created an \$8 billion cost estimate.

"The belief is that if you really tell people what your honest estimates are, they're not going to approve it," said Roger Launius, a former NASA chief historian.

The first President Bush discovered that in 1989 when he proposed a moon-Mars expedition. It died when Congress balked at its \$400 billion price tag.

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Torrey, who served on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Council and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee while mayor, has focused on juvenile crime and education during his time as a public servant.

"Throughout my years in local government, I have been guided by a simple philosophy: If our community is a great place for children it will be a great place for everyone," he said.

In a report to government officials statewide, Torrey said that on Jan. 17, 2003, he embarked on a tour of all 36 county seats in Oregon. His purpose was to learn the thoughts and perceptions of local officials in those counties regarding education.

Although 2004 will be his last year as mayor, Torrey said he plans to continue his devotion to education.

He said that finding a solution to funding education in Oregon is a priority, adding that it will be easier to do because he is not running for re-election.

"I'm convinced (education) is the No. 1 issue facing the state of Oregon, and I want to be a part of finding that solution," he said.

Aside from education, he addressed several issues that were raised during his State of the City address last week.

Before he leaves office, Torrey wants to see the West Eugene Parkway project started and a bridge built to replace the current one where Interstate 5 crosses the Willamette River, he said.

Aside from his plans for the city, one question has been buzzing in some people's minds: Will Torrey run for a different elected office?

He addressed that issue Wednesday by saying he will not run for a different position in 2004, but he left the option open to run for office at a future date.

Ward 3 City Councilor David Kelly

commended Torrey's hard work and dedication throughout his time in public service.

"It's the end of an era," Kelly said.

Kelly admitted that he and Torrey generally disagree on policy issues, but he acknowledged Torrey's convictions.

"I've always been very impressed with how hard the mayor works in his job and I also applaud his commitment to education," he said.

Kelly added that he would like to see former Rep. Kitty Piercy replace Torrey.

Torrey thanked his family for its support and his staff for their dedication. He also vowed to continue to earn the respect of Eugeneans during the next year, and he thanked them for their support.

"I've had the privilege of serving as the mayor of the greatest city," Torrey said.

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PFC

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dance education, Dance Oregon Treasurer Meg Perkins said.

PFC approved a budget of \$278 for the University's branch of Amnesty International, which did not receive funding for 2003-2004.

Representatives of the group said they concentrate on letter-writing campaigns.

The Chess Club received a \$63 budget, a 63.8 percent decrease from the 2003-04 school year. The group hopes to play matches online against other chess clubs, and it has already played two top Oregon chess players this year.

Tuesday's meeting also revealed some tension between PFC and the ASUO Executive.

"I feel that the respect is not flowing down a two-way street," Gilmore said, minutes before PFC called an executive session.

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