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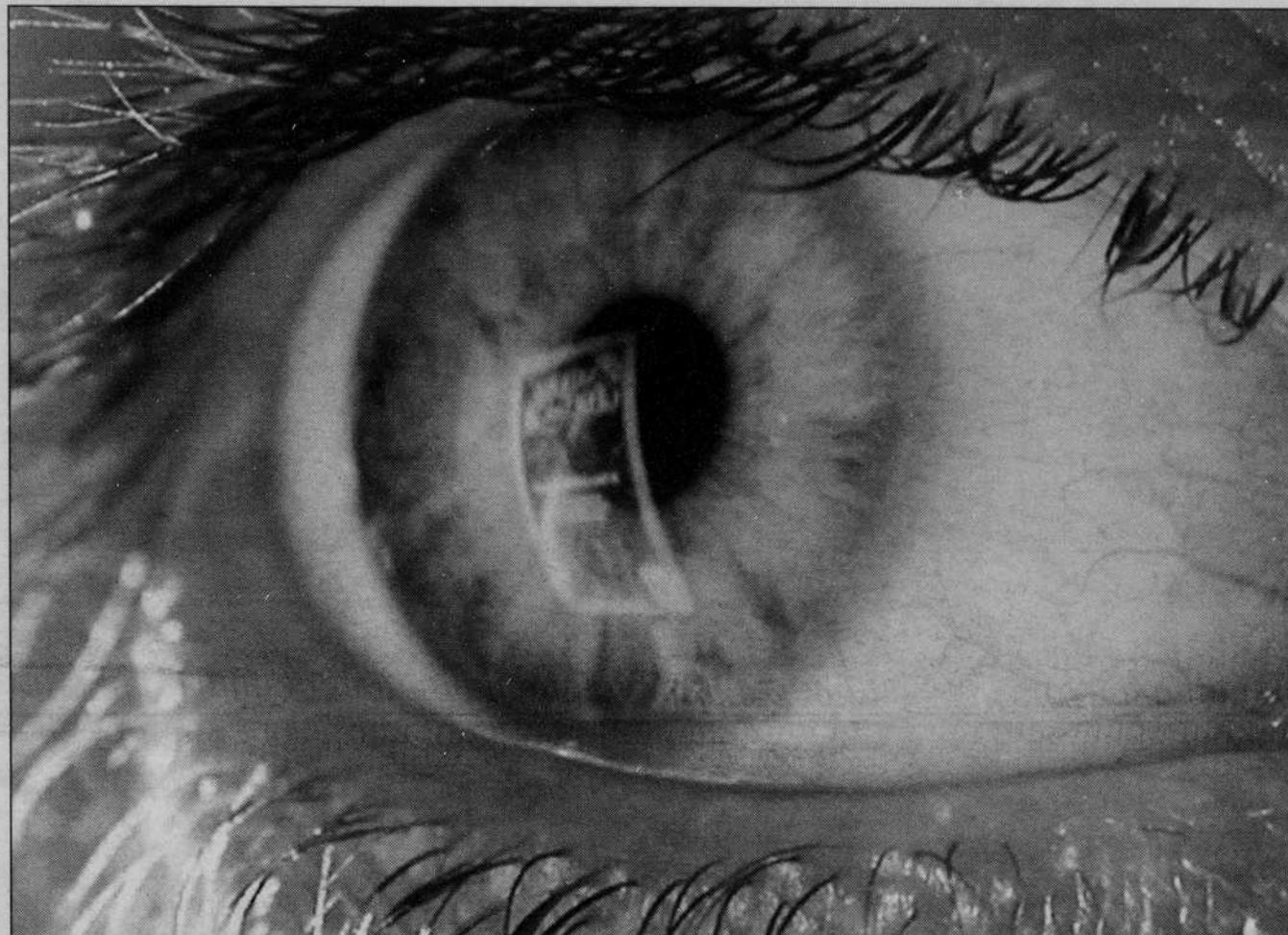
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ESSAYING THE PAST

Graduate student Seth Walker's essay will be published in National Geographic Traveler



By Chelsea Duncan
News Reporter

On a cold December day in 1992, University graduate student Seth Walker stood in Tiananmen Square as armed Chinese guards watched him with suspicious eyes. He reached slowly into his bag. The guards moved in closer.

Walker was standing in the world's largest square, where in 1989 a Chinese student uprising against the Chinese government ended in bloodshed.

"Those students had been so brave," he said. "I felt like I wanted to do something to recognize them."

"I knew I was slightly at risk, you know, there were guards watching me as I was carrying this bag around. And they all had AK-47s."

In an effort to create a moment that expressed China's budding freedoms, Walker reached into his bag — a gesture that he said could have got him shot only years before — and pulled out a Frisbee disc.

"The only way that I could think to do it was

to let this Frisbee that I had — this white Frisbee — fly across the square," he said. "It was the only thing I had, and it was also something that wasn't allowed there before the student uprising."

Walker said the guards looked confused, as if they had never seen a flying disc, but as he mimicked a throw, recognition crossed their faces.

He said he intended to throw the toy across the square but decided to throw it to a guard instead.

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University of Oregon graduate student Seth Walker saw an opportunity to tell a compelling story about his experience in Tiananmen Square in 1992. His essay won a national contest for National Geographic Traveler magazine.

Adam Amato
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Election deadline impends on voters

Ballots for the Measure 30 special election must be turned in by 8 tonight

By Nika Carlson
News Reporter

Have you voted?

Today is the last day ballots can be turned in for the Measure 30 special election, and organizations throughout the state have kicked off last-minute campaigns to muster votes for or against the tax measure.

"If people haven't gotten out and voted, it's not too late to do so," Yes on 30 campaigner Matt Reed said.

Ballots must be turned in by 8 p.m. today to count in the statewide election that will decide whether income taxes will be raised or some social services will be cut. Ballots are being collected at eight different locations in Eugene, including one drop box outside the ASUO office on the EMU

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Students report 2 ID theft attempts

Carson and Barnhart residents reported two possible thefts, an unusual occurrence at UO

By Jennifer Marie Bear
News Editor

Nathan Chung brushed off the first two phone calls.

He was rushing out the door on both occasions and couldn't listen to the credit card sales pitch. When he received the third phone call on Jan. 27, he had time to listen, but he didn't like what he heard.

A woman with a strong Jamaican accent told him that <http://www.clout.com> was offering a special deal for University students, and she wanted to fill out an

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Impact statement will help determine fate of old-growth

In April, the Forest Service will release a new Environmental Impact Statement to decide on logging policies in Siskiyou

By Aaron Shakra
Pulse Editor

The Siskiyou National Forest is one of the most temperate conifer forests in the world, with a diversity of species such as the Brewer's, or weeping spruce, the most recent tree species to be discovered in America.

Other species include the Knobcone pine, whose

cones and seeds are not activated until after the tree is killed by fire, and the endangered Port-Orford-cedar, which is extensively logged for its rarity and economic value, said Rolf Skar, campaign coordinator of the Siskiyou Project.

The forest is also home to more than 1,400 plant species, 131 of which are unique to the area.

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Courtesy Siskiyou Project

Siskiyou Project campaign coordinator Rolf Skar stands by a ponderosa pine that survived 2002's Biscuit fire.

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