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Polls open for ASUO primary elections

The election fair today outside Knight Library and a debate Tuesday in the EMU will let students question candidates

By **Jared Paben**
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The ASUO primary election begins this morning, and a four-hour candidate fair will give students a chance to vote and meet candidates this afternoon.

The candidate fair, which will be held today on the Memorial Quad in front of Knight Library, begins at 11 a.m. and will continue through 3 p.m. Candidates will answer questions and speak with student voters, and a raffle and the official duck mascot will provide entertainment.

"We are just looking for a good environment for people to come out and get to know the candidates," Elections Publicity Coordinator Nathan Strauss said.

After acquainting themselves with the candidates, students can vote for their top picks on DuckWeb at any of the computer labs on campus. Wireless access will also be available at the candidate fair.

The ASUO Elections Board is also hosting a debate for ASUO Executive candidates Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room. Pizza will be served at 6:30 p.m., and candidates will answer questions formulated by two groups, Strauss said.

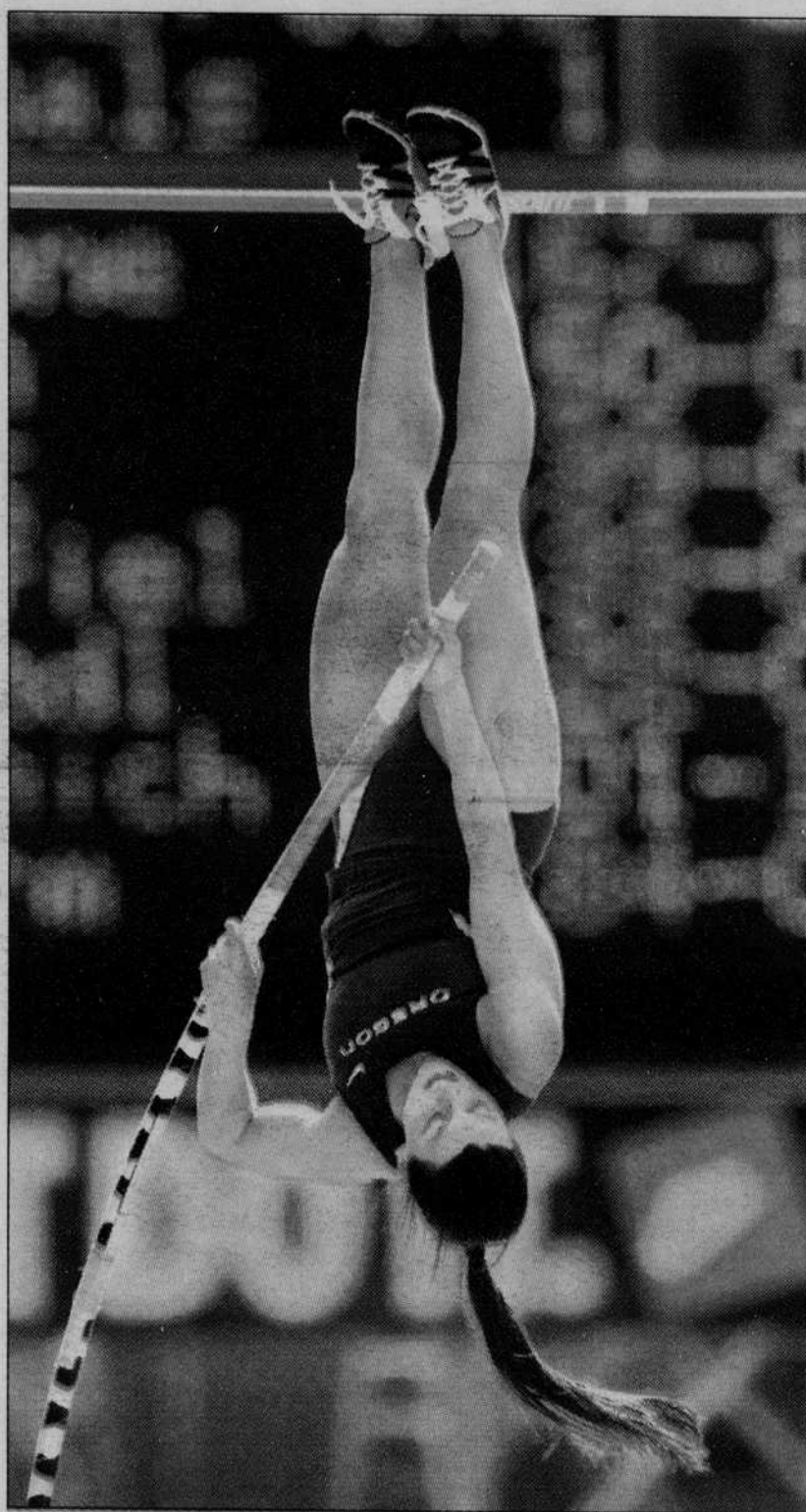
ASUO Elections Coordinator Stephanie Day said the two groups and their questions will not be disclosed before the events, adding that the groups were chosen by the board because they "best represented the University campus."

Day said the board wasn't releasing the names or affiliations of the groups to avoid solicitation from candidates, adding that the groups are "vital parts of the campus and ASUO, not necessarily a student group."

Each group will ask only two questions

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Oregon's track teams schooled the opposition at the 2004 Pepsi Team Invitational **PAGE 7**

Oregon pole vaulter Kirsten Larwin jumps during the Pepsi Team Invitational on Saturday at Hayward Field. The senior finished second in the event behind Washington's Kate Soma. Larwin, who finished with a height of 13 feet, 1 3/4 inches, helped lead the Ducks to the win. **Erik R. Bishoff** Photographer

Journalist criticizes media bias in lecture

Well-traveled freelance journalist Charles Wiley urges students to participate in media reform during his speech Thursday

By **Chris Potter**
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Charles Wiley, a freelance writer and photographer, lectured Thursday to about 30 audience members at Pacific Hall. He asked the University to urge students to "take over" and reverse disturbing trends he believes exist in journalism and American culture.

Wiley's reporting spans 100 countries and 11 wars. His stories have appeared in publications including The New York Times, Newsweek and Time. He also works in radio and television and has appeared on CNN's "Crossfire."

Wiley's lecture was part of his work with Accuracy in Media, a nonprofit group working to encourage accuracy in news coverage. Wiley's University visit, which included stops in three journalism classes, was arranged by the College Republicans.

Wiley said the media should be brought back to its responsibility of objectivity.

"It (media) decides what you think about," Wiley said. "It decides what problems we are going to solve and in what order we are going to solve them."

To illustrate this point, Wiley discussed the recent gay marriage issue. He said gay marriage was originally the concern of a small number of people, but once the media stressed the issue, the Democratic candidates and President Bush were compelled to speak about the debate. Wiley said this power is being abused by what he calls "advocacy journalists."

According to Wiley, "advocacy journalists" likely make up half of all news reporters. He said they are nearly indistinguishable from the rest of reporters who fulfill their responsibility as objective

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Indonesian Night features traditional parables, performances

Indonesian Night 2004 welcomed about 100 attendees who enjoyed a play and five-course meal

By **Peter Sur**
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Siska Tjhin picked up the ends of two green scarfs attached to her waist. As stage lights glinted off pieces of

metal on her chest, she raised the cloths in slow, deliberate motions, her face fixed in concentration.

About 100 audience members watched Tjhin's dance and ate Indonesian food Sunday night in the EMU Ballroom during Indonesian Night 2004.

"This is about the Indonesian culture, about the Indonesian food, the Indonesian story (and) music," Persatuan Mahasiswa Indonesia di

Amerika Serikat President Andreas Subekti said before the show. "It's all about our traditional culture."

Before the program began at 7 p.m., audience members ate a five-course meal that included ayam goreng, or Indonesian fried chicken.

The meal also included a spicy dish, sambal goreng kentang — fried potatoes cooked in chili sauce — and kue nangka, a gelatin jackfruit cake.

An Indonesian band from Corval-

lis played during the dinner.

The program, which featured a fashion show and three different traditional dances, revolved around a folk story about Cianjur, a city on the island of Java.

The story tells how Cianjur got its name, PERMIAS Vice President Arya Surowidjojo said. "Ci" means "water" and "Anjur" means "guidance," according to the program guide.

In the story, a wealthy man obsessed

with trade and commerce takes over a sleepy village and lets its farmers starve. Despite the villagers' pleadings, he refuses to listen and spends his days counting money. He spurns a "mysterious old woman" who asks the man for food. The woman later summons a flood that drowns the wealthy man and spares the villagers.

"We never really own anything,"

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