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IN BRIEF

Senate allocates nearly \$2,000 in surplus funds

The ASUO Student Senate approved \$1,883 in surplus requests for several groups Wednesday night, including funds for the Black American Law Student Association and the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference.

The Senate unanimously granted \$950 to Balsa for group members to attend a regional conference in Seattle from Feb. 17-20.

Senators voted 7-5-1 to approve \$833 for CMENC for the group's six-member executive board to attend a regional conference, despite questions from some senators about whether it was appropriate to send only group officials elected last year.

The Student Association for Women in Architecture, a new student group, received \$100 for its first major event.

The Senate currently has \$36,456 in surplus funds.

Also at the meeting, the Senate unanimously approved the ASUO Executive's appointment of political science major Barrett Volkmann to Senate Seat 14, which was formerly held by Rodrigo Moreno-Villamar.

— Parker Howell

Human rights lawyer to discuss Haitian democracy

A human rights lawyer and activist will discuss democracy in Haiti at 5:15 p.m. today in room 110 of the Knight Law Center.

Brian Concannon Jr., director of the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti, will give a lecture titled "Justice and Human Rights in Haiti After the Coup."

According to a press release, the session will focus on the successes and challenges of democracy in Haiti and declining human rights conditions since the regime changed last year. These topics will be discussed within the context of the country's historical struggle for self-determination as well as U.S. policy related to the country.

The Caribbean nation has been in turmoil since February 2004, when former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a coup d'etat.

The event is sponsored by the University's Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics and the National Lawyers Guild. It is free and open to the public.

— Ayisha Yahya

Iraq delays announcement of final election results

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi officials said Wednesday they must recount votes from about 300 ballot boxes because of various discrepancies, delaying final results from the landmark national elections. Hundreds — perhaps thousands — of other ballots were declared invalid because of alleged tampering.

Postelection violence mounted, raising fears that the Jan. 30 balloting had done little to ease the country's grave security crisis.

An American soldier was killed Wednesday and another wounded in an ambush north of the capital, the U.S. military said. Two other American soldiers died earlier in the week, the command said Wednesday.

Gunmen ambushed a convoy of Kurdish party officials in Baghdad, killing one and wounding four. Officials had promised final results from the elections by Thursday, the end of the Iraqi work week. On Wednesday, however, election

commission spokesman Farid Ayar said the deadline would not be met because of the recount.

Saudis prepare for start of first nationwide elections

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Forty years ago, in municipal polls limited to big cities, a candidate would slaughter a few sheep, throw a dinner party in a tent to announce his candidacy and, on election day, drive supporters — some even without identification — to write their names on his list.

It will be a different story today, when Saudis in the Riyadh region vote in the country's first nationwide elections. They will have registration cards, vote behind privacy curtains, drop ballots in boxes designed according to international standards and choose among candidates who ran Western-style campaigns, including posters, phone text messages and newspaper ads.


The first of the three-stage elections are for only half the country's municipal councils, and women have been banned from voting and running. But it will be the first time Saudis will take part in a vote that conforms to international standards, offering them an opportunity to participate in decision-making in this absolute monarchy.

Routine AIDS testing urged for all Americans

Urging a major shift in U.S. policy, some health experts are recommending that virtually all Americans be tested routinely for the AIDS virus, much as they are for cancer and other diseases.

Since the early years of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s, the government has recommended screening only in big cities, where AIDS rates are high, and among members of high-risk groups, such as gay men and drug addicts.

— The Associated Press



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UO Cultural Forum

Friday, Feb. 11



I ♥ Huckabees
Friday Night Flicks
PLC 180, 8PM FREE


Monday, Feb. 14



The Derek Trucks Band
The Derek Trucks Band blends jazz, rock, blues, Latin, and other world music.
EMU Ballroom, 8PM, \$8 (students) \$16 (other)

Thursday, Feb. 17

Professor Aletta Biersack on Papua New Guinea
Ben Linder Room EMU
4:00 PM, FREE




Space Gnome Records Showcase

- Resident Anti-Hero underground hip-hop
- Etheric Double live jazz/funk fusion with cosmic beats
- Jorah LaFluer spoken word

Agate Hall, 8 PM
\$2 students (\$3 other)

Friday, Feb. 18



Brother to Brother
Friday Night Flicks
Queer Film Festival Preview Drama on the Harlem Renaissance from the perspective of an elderly, black writer who meets a gay teenager.
PLC 180, 8PM FREE

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