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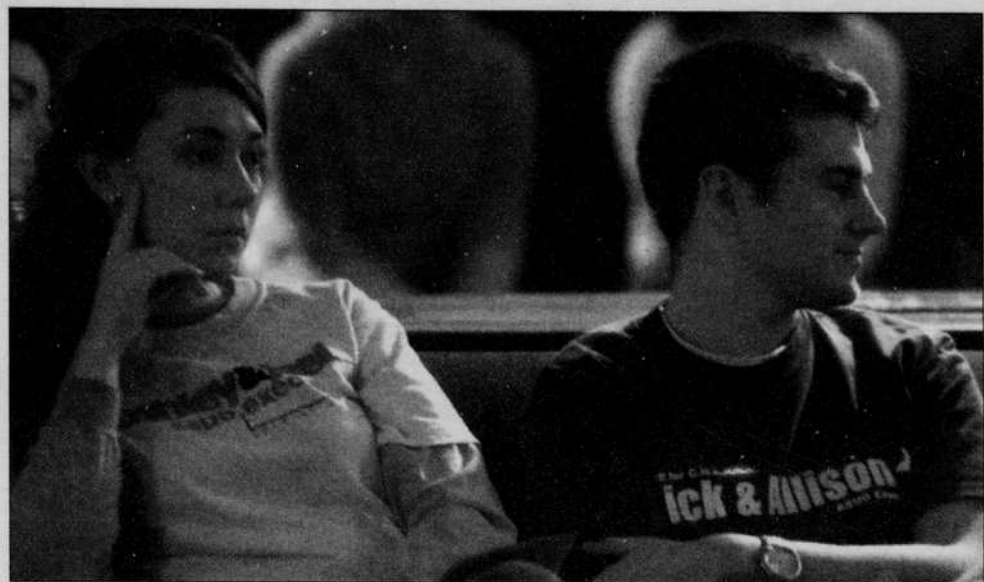
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Executive hopefuls spar in debate



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Elizabeth LaDu and David Petzold attend the ASUO debates in the Gerlinger Lounge, wearing T-shirts showing support for the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates.

Government transparency and the budget take center stage during an official debate between candidates for the ASUO's top posts

BY PARKER HOWELL
SENIOR NEWS REPORTER

Candidates from the seven campaigns running for ASUO Executive in this week's primary election emphasized student government accountability and the budget during a debate Wednesday night.

About 70 students attended the debate, many of them wearing colored T-shirts promoting one of the platforms. The candidates responded to four predetermined questions before answering questions from the audience.

Several questions focused on how candidates will improve accountability of student government in light of the Oct. 8-10 finance retreat to Sunriver, at which student leaders drank alcohol and smoked marijuana.

Vice presidential candidate Jael Anker-Lagos, the only candidate who attended the retreat, said alcohol on retreats is a "huge problem,"

adding that the retreat was "a great learning experience."

"I want to make clear right now that the alcohol was not purchased with incidental fees," she said. "I must say that I do support finance retreats. ... I learned the ins and outs of the incidental fee and the financial structure of the ASUO because I attended this retreat."

Presidential candidate Jacob Daniels said he will hold a retreat at which "there's not going to be any alcohol whatsoever."

"They need to get to know each other; they need to form lasting relationships, loyalty to one another, and the thing is, alcohol might create a false impression of friendship, and it's not going to do anything as a learning experience," he said.

Presidential candidate Nick Hudson said he

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EMU may switch to wind power for energy

If approved, Ballot Measure 21 would fund conservation efforts on campus by increasing fees

BY PARKER HOWELL
SENIOR NEWS REPORTER

Students may pay a little more in future University energy fees to power the EMU with wind energy and to fund other sustainability projects if a ballot measure in this week's ASUO primary election demonstrates to administrators that students favor those changes.

The maximum increase of \$2 would raise about \$40,000 to be used by a committee to fund energy conservation efforts, University Sustainability Coordinator Steve Mital said. He said about \$10,000 of the increases would be needed to power the EMU with wind energy provided by the Eugene Water and Electric Board.

Although a majority of votes for Ballot Measure 21 won't directly authorize any increases, the ballot is intended to show administrators that "students support energy conservation and renewable energy on campus," according to the ASUO's 2005 Voter's Guide. ASUO Student Senator Stephanie Erickson said the University would receive a "pretty good deal" from EWEB because it wouldn't pay the regular wind energy premium.

EMU Board of Directors member Yoko Silk said the low cost for providing wind energy is a good tradeoff for cleaner energy.

"Two dollars, we figure, is a pretty fair price to pay," she said. "It's less than a latte."

Silk added that wind energy will become cheaper as it becomes more prevalent.

Mital said powering campus buildings with wind energy would provide multiple benefits.

"You have a global climate change debate; you

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HANDS-on HOUSE

The Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Living has asked the UO for a house to remodel

BY SHELDON TRAVER
NEWS REPORTER

The Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Living met with University officials Wednesday to discuss the possibility of receiving a house that it could use to showcase advancements in sustainable building techniques.

CASL is a student group that promotes research and education in sustainable building practices. The group, which works under the School of Architecture & Allied Arts, wants a house that it plans to gradually remodel using sustainable building practices.

CASL Co-Director Sebastian Collet said co-directors would live in the house and keep it open to the public. He said the group intends to have a library with books about sustainable building and energy-efficient resources and materials. It will also host workshops to provide groups with hands-on experience.

In a process that has taken more than two



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Left to right: Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Living adviser Brook Muller, CASL Co-Directors James Hiebert and Sebastian Collet, and Director of University Planning Chris Ramey met to discuss the group's request for permanent headquarters.

years, University officials put CASL in a waiting pattern, agreeing to give the group a place that it can meet in, but it can't remodel that place. This leaves the group unable to begin many projects it hoped to start after receiving a house. Collet said the group was promised a house during the last school year.

Rich Linton, the vice president for Research and Graduate Studies, said he advised the group to submit a "surge request" to Institutional Affairs

for a temporary meeting place until the details for a permanent location could be worked out.

Wednesday's meeting of the University Space Committee brought approximately 20 people, mostly supporters of CASL's mission, to the EMU's Century Room D.

Rob Thallon, A&AA associate dean for administration, said he thought support and a

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MBAs compete for New Venture title

University team Perpetua is battling for the Lundquist Center for Entrepreneurship's award and \$25,000 today in Portland

BY EVA SYLWESTER
NEWS REPORTER

* Today through Saturday, the University's Lundquist Center for Entrepreneurship will host the New Venture Championship, a competition for business plans developed by teams of students, in Portland.

"This is a competition open to basically any college or university on the planet," LCE Director Randy Swangard said. The 20 competitors in this year's competition include teams from Thai-

land and Colombia, as well as regional rivals University of Washington and University of California, Berkeley.

The first competition was at the University in 1992, according to the NVC Web site. Swangard said the event is held in Portland because many of the competition's judges live in the Portland area and other teams have an easier time traveling to Portland than Eugene.

"It's a real high-profile event for not only our center and the business school but also the Uni-

versity in the Portland area," Swangard said.

The University's representative for the competition was determined at the Quest for Adventure competition in December. Eight teams made up of University master students of business administration competed against each other.

Perpetua, the winning team from December's competition, marketed the "energy harvester," a product of the research and development department at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

"It's, in essence, a battery that lasts forever," Swangard said.

The energy harvester creates electricity from very small variations in temperature — two or

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