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Worms in spotlight at 'Food Factor'

Friday's competition is among the events of International Week, which begins today

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Ever heard of "Food Factor"? Not the television show "Fear Factor," but "Food Factor."

There are similarities between the two programs: On both shows the participants eat worms. But, during "Food Factor," which will take place on campus this week, the worms will be covered with chocolate.

"Food Factor" is part of International Week, which begins today. The show will take place in the EMU Amphitheater on Friday at noon. Eight male and female candidates have been selected through Internet registration to participate in the competition, and the one in each group who eats everything on his or her plate first will win.

"I promise they will eat something (they have) never tasted before," said Ryan Vise, spokesman for the International Student Association, who came up with the idea of "Food Factor." "We won't include some unhealthy stuff into our menu, but we are pretty sure people will be surprised when they peel off the chocolate cover."

The organizers also have prepared samples for audience members to taste. Everyone who stops by the EMU's main lobby from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday will have the chance taste them.

Besides "Food Factor," there are other programs happening on campus this week. The International Week opening ceremony will be held in the amphitheater today at noon, and there will be art shows and exhibitions across campus Tuesday through Saturday. The week-long program will culminate Sunday night in the EMU Ballroom with a party featuring foods from various nations and will include exotic performances.

Some activities last the full week, but there are fewer activities this year compared with last year, ISA Co-Director Georgia Mu said.

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'Underdogs' win in executive upset

The Executive ticket beat out Ashley Rees and Jael Anker-Lagos, leaders after the primary elections, by more than 300 votes

BY PARKER HOWELL
SENIOR NEWS REPORTER

Self-proclaimed "big underdogs" ASUO Executive candidates Adam Walsh and Kyla Coy came from behind to nab the student government's top posts in last week's general election, defeating candidates Ashley Rees and Jael Anker-Lagos by 317 votes.

Walsh, whose platform included boosting community relations and reforming the budget process, received 1,174 votes, or about two-and-

a-half times more than he garnered in the primary, while Rees received 857, or about 6 percent fewer votes.

A grinning Walsh was at EMU Suite 4 Friday evening to see the results, calling his win "surprising."

"That is a fucking landslide," he said when he first saw the results.

"I thought it was going to be a lot closer than that," he told the Emerald, saying Rees' ticket was "highly visible."

Walsh attributed the win to the support of sev-

eral former candidates who lost in the primaries.

"They should be very, very proud of the work they did in supporting us," he said.

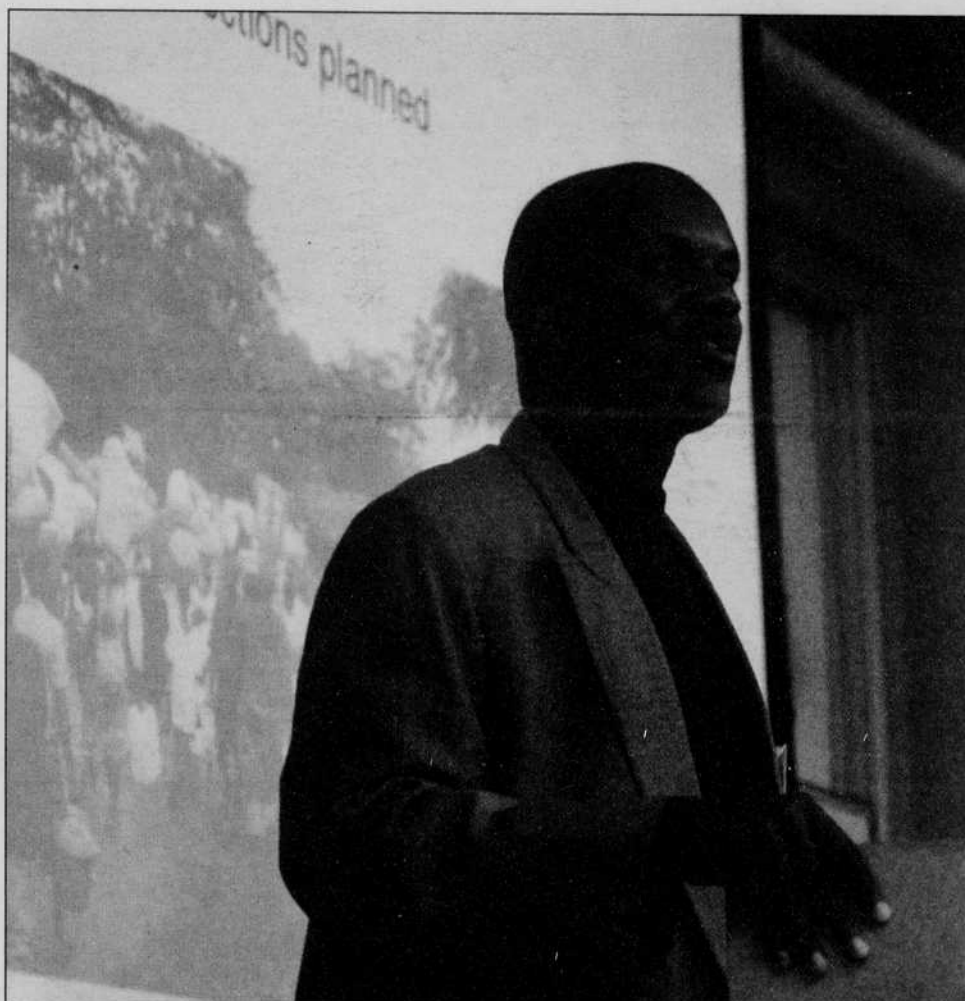
Rees said she wished Walsh and Coy "the best of luck."

"We're disappointed, but we're excited that so many students were engaged," she said.

Walsh finished second to Rees in last week's primary election, receiving 445 votes to Rees' 907. Yet several former candidates who lost in the primaries campaigned for Walsh in the general, perhaps tipping the scales in his favor.

About 12 percent of students voted in the election, less than participated in the primaries, according to the ASUO Election Board. But last year

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KATE HORTON | PHOTOGRAPHER

Internationally known Liberian attorney Jerome Verdier spoke at the Knight Law School Friday afternoon about ways the United States can help Liberia establish a stable democracy.

Mission: Liberation

Jerome Verdier shared his quest to bring justice to Charles Taylor, the former president of Liberia

BY JENNIFER GERWICK
DAILY EMERALD FREELANCE REPORTER

Internationally known human rights and environmental lawyer Jerome Verdier has been traveling the United States since February, spreading the word about Liberia's struggle to find peace after suffering 14 years of civil war and government exploitation.

The latest stop on Verdier's campaign was the University's Knight Law Center on Thursday evening, where he talked about his current work to bring justice to former Liberian President Charles Taylor and promoted accountability and transparency in the Liberian government.

Verdier, who is from Liberia, spoke optimistically to a crowd of close to 70 about the country's past and present conflicts in his lecture, "Fighting for Human Rights and the Environment." The lecture, partly sponsored by Eugene-based Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide, emphasized the ties Liberia has with the United States.

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Four candidates vie for new UO position

The need for a vice president for finance and administration post comes in response to a restructuring within the administration

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The University administration is gearing up to hire a new vice president for finance and administration; interviews concluded April 13.

Senior Vice President and Vice Provost John Moseley told the University Senate on Wednesday that a decision will be announced within the next two weeks. Moseley will make the final decision, as the new VPFA will report to him.

The new VPFA reflects an administrative reorganization following the announced retirements of three top-level administrators: Vice President for Administration Dan Williams, Vice President for Academic Affairs Lorraine Davis and Moseley. The VPFA will serve as the chief financial officer

and will have the responsibilities of the current vice president for administration.

Moseley said many universities combine administrative and financial duties into one position.

"We're moving toward a more traditional administrative structure," he said.

The search committee, headed by Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies Richard Linton, narrowed the candidates down to four finalists, who were interviewed on campus during the past two weeks. The candidates included three from across the country and one from the University.

The search was conducted with the help of Isaacson, Miller, an executive search firm.

The firm helped design the profile for the new position, which summarized the charge of the new VPFA.

"The VPFA will be a key figure in the next generational shift of leadership at the institution," the profile says. "The VPFA will enhance the University by integrating separate organization units into one operation defined by the strength of bridges built internally and externally across the academic and non-academic units."

One of the main challenges the new VPFA will face as chief financial officer is the increasingly dire financial situation — state appropriations for the University have declined dramatically in the past two decades while enrollment continues to increase.

"The VPFA will be called upon to continue the university's tradition of finding creative solutions to the pressing financial issues facing the UO,"

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