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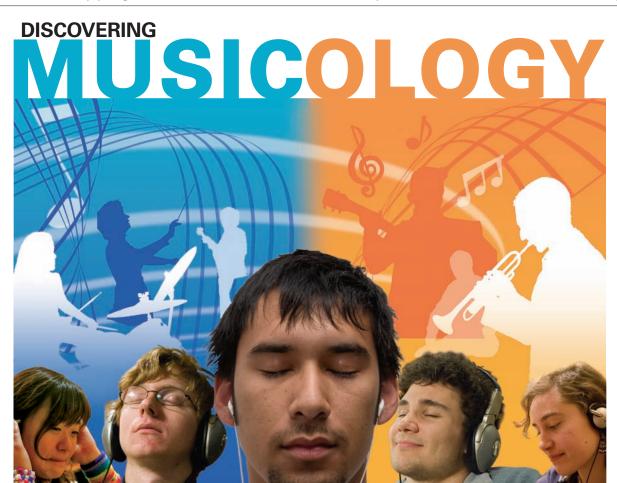




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# A new course studies the biological and psychological effects of music

BY ERIC FLORIP
SENIOR NEWS REPORTER

eople use music every day to capture a mood without thinking about it. There's break-up music; wedding music. When inspiration is needed, one might summon up the theme from "Rocky."

Few of those listeners may actually consider the biological and psychological effects their music has on

them, but a new course offered in the University's psychology department aims to enlighten what happens when humans put on a beat.

Surprisingly, for all its importance in everyday life, music is hardly an exhausted field of study. University Professor Mike Wehr's psychology of music class, first offered last spring, attempts to blend several sources of contemporary research of just how the brain

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Students debate UO incidental fee

The ASUO and the Oregon Commentator discussed the role of fiscal responsibility in student government

BY JOBETTA HEDELMAN NEWS REPORTER

NEWS REPORTER

The Oregon Commentator, a conservative campus publication, has not always been known for seeing eye-to-eye with the student government on fiscal issues. However, that doesn't mean the

publication's staff isn't interested in an open dialogue.

Tuesday afternoon Ted Niedermeyer, editor in chief of the Commentator, hosted an open discussion for the public and members of the ASUO on fiscal responsibility.

Niedermeyer said he wanted

to discuss a range of issues surrounding the use of the student incidental fee. The Commentator has been vocal about rising student incidental fees, currently \$202 per term, which pay for student government provided services such as bus passes and tickets to football games.

The Commentator also criticizes the process by which that amount is set from one year to the next. The Student Senate first makes a

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# **RESEARCH**

# Study questions efficacy of the pill

New oral contraceptives may be slightly less effective, but have lower hormone levels and fewer side effects

# BY TREVOR DAVIS NEWS REPORTER

A recent wire news service report, labeled as misleading by a Food and Drug Administration official, warned that newer birth control pills appear to be less effective at preventing pregnancy than those approved decades ago. But the story wasn't enough to

University senior Sophie Kamesar said she wouldn't trust any initial reports warning that newer birth control pills aren't as effective as older pills.

sway student opinion on the pill.

"There would have to be a complete study," she said.

An Associated Press story published last week reported that newer

contraceptives could have twice the failure rate than previous products. The article, which quoted FDA meeting briefing documents, charged that birth control pills approved in the 1960s allowed less than one pregnancy when taken by 100 women for at least a year, while recently governmentapproved pills allow more than two pregnancies for every 100 women.

The FDA released a statement on its Web site saying the article created misperceptions.

FDA spokesman Mitchell Weitzman said the data presented in the story is inconclusive. He said the data is misleading because newer pills are safer. Newer birth control pills

# AT A GLANCE

- What? A wire news agency reported that newer birth control pills are less effective than previously approved pills, but Food and Drug Administration and University Health Center officials say newer pills are still highly effective.
- Why should I care? More than 60 percent of U.S. women between the ages of 15 and 44 use some sort of contraception, with 11.6 million choosing birth control pills, according to a 2005 survey by the Guttmacher Institute.
- More information: The University Health Center offers various contraceptive methods and consultation. Visit the Health Center at 1590 E. 13th, Eugene, or visit http://healthcenter.uoregon.edu.

release lower doses of hormones that stop ovulation.

"The new generation of hormonal contraceptives are very highly effective," he said.

University Health Center

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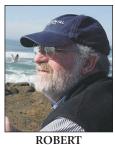
# Museum picks new interim director

Robert Melnick will run the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of art while it searches for a permanent director

ALLIE GRASGREEN
FREELANCE REPORTER

A fresh face is coming to the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art. It's that of Robert Z. Melnick, former dean of the University's School of Architecture and Allied Arts (AAA), and newly selected interim executive director of the University's art museum.

"I do find myself



Z. MELNICK
INTERIM DIRECTOR

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2007-08 allocates \$ 6,409\*

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# JAN. 23, 2007 BUDGET HEARING RESULTS

**Dance Oregon:** A 3 percent increase (a \$119 difference) Budget: \$4,073

Alternative Dispute Resolution Advocates: A 0.11 percent increase (a \$1 difference) Budget: \$611

# JAN. 25, 2007 BUDGET HEARING RESULTS Latino Law Students Association: A 155.4 percent in-

crease (a dollar amount of \$1,596) Budget: \$2,623\* **Women's Law Forum:** A 4.86 percent decrease (a dollar amount of \$288) Budget: \$5,641 **Native American Law Student Association:** A 20

percent increase (a difference of \$50) Budget: \$300

National Association of Black Journalists: A 6 percent increase (A \$36 difference) Budget: \$636

**Kultura Pilipinas:** A 10.85 percent increase (A \$528 difference) Budget: \$2,840 **Oregon Voice:** A 3.6 percent increase (A \$330 difference)

Budget: \$9,455

# JAN. 29, 2007 BUDGET HEARING RESULTS: Art History Association: An increase of 6 percent (a

difference of \$36) Budget: \$638

**GLOSS:** An decrease of 29.33 percent (a difference of \$233) Budget: \$559 **Athletic Department Finance Committee:** A 1.88

percent decrease (a difference of \$68) Budget: \$3,548 **Jewish Student Union:** A 0.8 percent increase (a difference of \$55) Budget: \$6,570

**Hong Kong Student Association:** A 1.75 percent increase (a difference of \$64) Budget: \$3,929

Interdisciplinary Students for the Progressive Arts: This is a new group that did not come to appointments with ASUO controllers and did not attend the PFC hearing. As a result, it received zero funding.

\* Both the Latino Law Students Association and the Japanese Student Organization were granted new stipend positions amounting to \$1,575. Anna Blomberg was the only dissenting yote

—Jobetta Hedelman, Elon Glucklich and Mark Noack

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IN MY OPINION | JOE BAILEY

# AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH

Dear President Bush,

I am writing in response to your State of the Union address last week. First of all, I apologize for not watching it on television. Do not take it personally; if John Kerry were President, I probably wouldn't have watched him either. But I did read your speech.

Your staff had promised that the speech would address energy policy, and it certainly did. I agree with you that America must "diversify" its sources of energy. By all means, let us explore new technologies and biofuels. You also said that "we must step up domestic oil production in environmentally sensitive ways." I could not agree more.

But while I agreed with everything you said, I was bothered by what you did not say. Namely, you never used the word "conservation."

You set a goal of reducing America's oil consumption by 20 percent over the next 10 years. That is a fine goal, but as Washington Post columnist Robert Samuelson noted last week, the U.S. economy and population will continue to grow over the next 10 years and there will be many more Americans driving cars and heating homes. Essentially, increased production and research can only take us so far. We also need to cut back on how much oil we consume.

As you mentioned in your speech, our dependence on foreign oil is an economic, environmental and national security problem.

It is an economic problem because our economy must depend on other countries for a vital resource. i s

environmental



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problem because excessive fuel consumption pollutes our living space.

It is a national security problem because out of the world's top five oil-exporting countries — Saudi Arabia, Russia, Norway, Iran and Venezuela — only Norway can be considered friendly to American interests. When we buy oil, we implicitly support hostile regimes around the world.

Mr. President, I am confident that you understand the severity of our energy problem. In your words, "extending hope and opportunity depends on a stable supply of energy that keeps America's economy running and America's environment clean." That's why I am so puzzled that you will not make the case for conservation.

Now, I know that conservation is not a word that comes

have many of your friends. Also, I understand why conservation may not appeal to your imagination. After all, there is something very American about the idea that we can solve our energy problems simply by discovering new technologies and drilling for new oil. I suspect that you are hesitant to

a lot of money in the oil industry, as

speak of conservation for philosophical reasons as well. Having watched you closely for 6 years, I have noticed how reluctant you are to tell Americans how to live their lives. You clearly believe that the job of the president is to lead, not to lecture.

That is probably a good philosophy, as I would not recommend that you lecture on the virtues of conservation. Frankly, if you gave a speech calling on Americans to consume less gasoline, some liberal environmentalists might feel compelled to buy SUVs the next day.

You can, however, promote conservation through bold leadership. Allow me to make a suggestion: Tax the hell out of gasoline.

If the federal gas tax increased by 25 cents each year for the next decade, the consequences would be dramatic and immediate. Indidollars per gallon, would demand more fuel-efficient automobiles. Automakers would produce more vehicles meeting the demands of their taxconscious customers. Market forces would reduce oil consumption quickly

Of course, neither of us want higher taxes. By itself, an increased gas tax would be a heavy burden on Americans. There is, however, an easy solution. Every dollar the government raises from the gas tax should be returned to Americans through corresponding tax cuts. Under this plan, Americans will pay more at the gas pump, but less income or payroll taxes. The goal of the gas tax should be to reduce oil consumption, not to increase tax revenues.

Mr. President, give another speech on energy policy. Explain in clear and simple terms why you are committed to ending America's dependence on foreign oil. Then make the case for why a gas tax is the best solution to this problem. You would disappoint some of your friends and surprise some of your critics. For what it's worth, that would be a speech I just might watch.

Sincerely, Joe Bailey

ibailey@dailyemerald.com



GRAYCE BENTLEY | ILLUSTRATOR

IN MY OPINION | MICHAEL CALCAGNO

# A NEW NEWS FRONTIER

As videographer at the Emerald, I'd like to officially say hello to the University community. As trends in media converge into a hodgepodge of television, newspapers, radio and the Internet, we are excited to be on the frontier of this popular new direction.

I'd like to present this fact: According to a 2007 U.S. Census Bureau report, the amount of time the average consumer spends with online media and video on demand (VOD) will increase by 1,000 percent from 2002 to 2009. VOD is essential for a media outlet that wants to survive. As these trends emerge further, the Emerald will continue to provide the latest to the University.

As some may not be aware of me, or what exactly I do at the Emerald, I'd like to offer this brief recap. In November the Emerald began experimenting with online video. The reaction was tremendous. We got many positive



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responses embracing the new direction in which the Emerald is heading, and even garnered attention from KVAL news. And there's a very good reason for this

Recently, I spoke one on one with Andrew DeVigal, the Multimedia editor at The New York Times, and here is what he had to say: "There will be a time in the near future where media will come out of the same box. Whether it's television, a computer screen or an iPhone, the blending of media will undoubtedly challenge the storytellers to captivate their audience in any channel possible. Media companies that refuse to offer the best way to tell their stories regardless of medium will be left behind in this ever-changing landscape."

Mr. Devigal's words couldn't ring more true today. The increased variety of content will set apart newspapers that will ultimately succeed and those that will ultimately fail, and we here at the Emerald cannot imagine a world in which we are the latter. This is why it is so important to make this switch.

At the Emerald, we have expanded our coverage and have increased the number of videos we do every week. Video stories have included how freshmen are settling into the residence halls, the LLC flooding, the snowstorm and most recently, the Iraq war display. If you haven't yet taken a

look at our Web site, or video reports, you should visit. The address is dailyemerald. com - just click on the "videos" link.

One of our goals at the Emerald is to serve you, the reader. In order to do this, we want to embrace your ideas. If you have any comments on the videos or features we could add to the reports, or on our Web site in general, let us know. As we increase the number of videos we make we will need your help in growing. This is an exciting time for everyone: for us journalists to be adapting to new technologies and for media consumers like you to be setting the trends and benefiting from all these new offerings.

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# **VIDEOS ONLINE**

To see Michael's newest video see www.dailyemerald.com

# **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## Students should choose cage-free eggs when dining

This month, students have been given a choice at one dining center: They can purchase a "cage-free" breakfast, which allows students to purchase their eggs from hens raised in cage-free facilities, instead of from hens confined to battery cages. Currently, Fire 'N Spice Grill at the Hamilton dining complex gives students the option to upgrade their meal to a "cage-free" one for an additional dining point.

Why is it important for students to choose cage-free eggs? It is because there are many detrimental effects to factory farming and battery-cage facilities. Hens raised in battery cages suffer intense confinement their entire lives. Limited to less space than a sheet of paper per animal, the hens cannot even spread one wing, and suffer infections. bone weakness, and fractures. Hens raised in a cage-free environment, however, have the opportunity to engage in many natural behaviors such as dust bathing, perching, and foraging.

Furthermore, Certified Humane cage-free facilities prohibit the use of growth hormones and antibiotics, and are some of the only farm facilities to participate in third- party auditing.

Here at the UO this change comes at the same time as another breakthrough this month. Burgerville, a 39-restaurant chain throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington, has become the first restaurant chain to refuse to carry battery cage eggs. Burgerville was paired up by the Humane Society of the United States with Stiebrs Farms, the only Certified Humane egg facility in all of Oregon and Washington. If students want the University of Oregon to also make a more dramatic switch, they should say so with their dollar at Fire 'N Spice Grill. Students should also send a letter to Tom Driscoll, the director of dining services, thanking him for the option and requesting that he make an even bigger impact by purchasing more cage-free eggs, particularly Certified Humane cage-free eggs.

Monica Kerslake Law student

# PETA president speaks about vegan lifestyle

Ingrid Newkirk reaches out to children in hopes of attracting a new generation to vegetarianism

JULIE BLAKLEY

Co-founder and president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Ingrid Newkirk came to campus Monday night to promote her new book and speak about the importance of a vegetarian and vegan lifestyle.

Students and community members gathered in room 150 of Columbia Hall to hear the long-time animal rights activist talk about her personal experience in becoming a vegan and her arguments for the social and health benefits of a meat-free diet.

"There is nothing civil about the way meat comes to the table," Newkirk said. "So many can turn away and not wish to know the facts.'

Newkirk, a Briton who founded PETA in 1980 with American activist Alex Pacheco, is on a national tour promoting her newest book, "50 Awesome Ways

Kids Can Help Animals." She was brought to campus by the Eugene Veg Education Network (EVEN), a nonprofit group that works to educate those interested in a vegetarian lifestyle.

Newkirk did not always work for animal rights. A self-proclaimed former "meat eater's meat eater," Newkirk worked for several years as a sheriff's deputy in Maryland. She decided to stop eating meat after responding to an animal cruelty case. During that case, Newkirk said she saw the hypocrisy in prosecuting some for treating animals poorly and paying others to bring them to her plate.

"It does not matter how big. how cute or how attractive an animal is. It does not matter if they can reason or talk. It only matters if they can suffer," Newkirk said. "We have the obligation to not cause that suffering to them. It is as simple as that.'

book targets children in a hope to inspire a new generation of vegetarians and animal rights supporters.

Kids are very enthusiastic," Newkirk said. "There are lots of new veggie kids, and they really lead the way for the whole family.'

Newkirk's book is a collection of drawings, stories, poems and jokes about animals, which were sent to her by young fans.

"Kids really relate to animals. They aren't encumbered by 'Will this cost too much?' or 'What will my friends think?" she said.

Robert Jacobucci, a member of EVEN, has been a vegetarian since 1991. He also thinks reaching out to the vounger generation is crucial. "It is just so great to see

the kids growing up with this kind of information," he said. Newkirk is also interested

in inspiring change right here

Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA) have been working as part of a national campaign to get cagefree eggs in the residence halls



Ingrid Newkirk, president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, came to the University Monday to speak about the importance of a vegetarian and vegan lifestyle.

at the University. Cage-free eggs are laid by chickens that are raised outside of cramped "battery-cages", which some

Carrie Freeman, a doctoral student and SETA member, asked Newkirk how

argue are inhumane.

students could help make this change happen.

Newkirk's advice? "Show them how glorious

things could be without eggs."

There is currently a cage-free option at the Fire 'N Spice Grill in the Hamilton Complex, though students must request it and it is more expensive.

The debate over cage-free eggs continues, however, because the change could cost students tens of thousands of extra dollars every year.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 

# Time is of essence in financial aid race

Officials say the FAFSA should be filled out as soon as possible for University scholarships

BY MORIAH BALINGIT

With the deadlines for many scholarships and grants looming, financial aid administrators are advising students to fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible.

Students are required to fill out the FAFSA form, available in paper and online to receive any form of federal or state student aid, including the Pell Grant and the Oregon Opportunity Grant. Many scholarship applications also require the form.

Currently, legislation is pending in both the federal

and Oregon congresses that has the potential to increase the amount of aid students will receive. U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., said the tone in the capitol indicated that Congress was interested in reinvesting in federally supported financial aid, namely increasing the maximum Pell Grant. Gov. Ted Kulongoski is also recommending that the Oregon Opportunity Grant, the largest state-based

aid program, receive a \$35 million in additional funds, increasing the average grant for eligible students.

'The sooner you get your FAFSA in, the sooner colleges can start processing your financial aid applications," said Alan Baas, a college scholarship administrator with the

Oregon The earlier you Student Assistance Commisget your FAFSA in While the more certain you

the priority are that all your deadline isn't until corrections are March 1, made in time. "" Baas said that many Alan Baas scholar-Oregon Student ship ap-**Assistance Commission** plications administrator requiring the FAFSA

> are long before that. He advised students to file early in case they needed to make any changes to their application.

> "The earlier you get your FAFSA in the more certain you are that all your corrections are made in time,"

> Additionally, students who don't complete the form by March 1 could miss out on some types on financial aid, such as the Federal

on one form. The application Supplemental Opportunity Grant, said Elizabeth Bickford, the director of financial aid and scholarships at Feb. 15. the University.

"By applying by the priority deadline students put themselves in the best position to be eligible for those funds," she said.

The FAFSA requires dependent students to report their assets and income along with their parents assets and income. Bickford said students should fill out the form even if they or their parents have not filed their taxes and advised students to estimate annual earnings

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission, which is a state-run clearinghouse for more than 340 private scholarships, requires students to complete the FAFSA to apply for their scholarships. Students can apply for as many of the scholarships as they would like is due March 1 but students are encouraged to apply by

Contact the higher education reporter at mbalingit@ dailyemerald.com.

Deadline for **University Scholarships** 

Feb. 15

Early Bird Deadline for OSAC Scholarships. Students who apply by this deadline are eligible for a random drawing for a \$500 scholarship.

**Priority Deadline** for the FAFSA

## Information Table Tuesday, Feb. 6 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. University of Oregon (EMU Lobby) Information Session Tuesday, Feb. 6 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Eugene Public Library - Downtown Branch (Bascom Room) 100 West 10th Avenu Information Table Wednesday, Feb. 7 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. University of Oregon Erb Memorial Union (EMU Lobby) S NAMED ONE OF BUSINESS WEEKS TO LAUNCHA CAREER Application Workshop Wednesday, Feb. 7 4 - 5 p.m. University of Oregon (EMU Metolius Room Social Hour Wednesday, Feb 7 6 - 7 p.m. Eugene City Brewery 844 Olive Street

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**ASUO Senate** 

# **LANE COUNTY**

# Forum will discuss 'Economic Forecast'

Current and future trends of the local economy will be the main topic of focus at Lane County's Economic Forecast 2007, co-hosted by the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce, the University's College of Arts and Sciences and The Register-Guard .

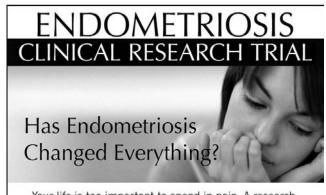
The event's keynote speaker will be former Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber, who will talk about Oregon's

health care and his Archimedes Movement, an action group that looks at how to create a better health care system using public input.

Guest economists at the forum will speculate on future economic trends for Lane County. One panel will look at paths to economic development.

The event will be held Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Eugene Hilton. More information can be found at www.eugenechamber.com.

—Calvin Hall



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#### **DEVELOPMENT**

#### Students plan to sell cheap stoves in India

Last Saturday, students in the International Business and Economics Club (IBEC) presented investors and venture capitalists with a plan to sell cheap, safe, stoves to poor people in India at the annual Engineers in Technical Opportunities of Service (ETHOS) Conference at Northwest University in Kirkland, Wash.

ETHOS held its conference this year with the theme of bringing cooking technology cheaply and effectively to the Global South, or developing nations.

The project began three months ago when a stove designer, the non-profit organization Aprovecho Research Center, contacted IBEC to build a business plan that would enable them to sell stoves in India for a sustainable and long-term profit. This project is one part of a much larger push by Aprovecho to improve the quality of indoor air in developing countries by distributing stoves that cut down on carbon monoxide and particle matter emissions.

IBEC co-founders Simone Cimiluca-Radzins and Andre Nakazawa said the IBEC India Group developed a business plan that would target Biryani Centers, where the Asian rice dish biryani is served. The plan would meet a "triple bottom line," addressing issues of profit, health, and the environment. It would initially rely on a grant of \$125,000 from an investor to begin the operation.

By presenting at the international convention at Northwest University, the group, said Cimiluca-Radzins, hoped to generate interest from investors such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

and Shell Foundation.

"We were really nervous, there was a lot at stake,' Nakazawa said. He then added, though, that the response was pretty positive. The group hopes to have an understanding of who will be investing in their project within a month.

- Jessie Higgins

# Debate: Discussion participants say high fees deter minority students

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recommendation about how much each of three major budgets should rise for the following school year, then each delegates money within those guidelines.

"Both sides are really misinformed about each other's positions and (the discussion) is really stuck in this place of having to demonize the other side," he said. "I think if we get people together in an unstructured environment, I'm hoping it will lead to a little more understanding of where everyone is coming from."

Student Senate Vice President Jonathan Rosenberg said he enjoys speaking with the Commentator and hearing the staff's opinions on these issues.

Although Niedermeyer said attendance at the beginning was more sparse

than he had hoped for, members of the ASUO Executive and Senate did come to share their opinions.

Slade Leeson, public relations coordinator for reforming the process should work, attend fee allocation a Senate meeting. The Senate process is the high turn even in Erb Memorial Union Board Room high turnover in at 7 p.m. ment jobs.

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large-scale reform, and do it in the middle of the budgetary process — it's something you devote multiple years to doing,'

Leeson said that new members come into ASUO jobs

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**MAKE YOUR** Many of the **VOICE HEARD** Senators presthe ASUO, said • If you have your own ideas ent agreed with that much of the about how student incidental fees Niedermeyer problem with should be spent or how the ASUO that a big issue with keeping in-

student govern• Alternatively, visit the Oregon Commentator blog at oregon-"If you're commentator.com/ to read the going to have Commentator staff's views on

> "Fiscal responsibility is about keeping barriers to education as low as possible," Niedermeyer said.

Senate President Sara Hamilton said issues beyond the ASUO's control, such as low state support for the University and legally mandated wage increases make it difficult to keep the fee from growing.

"It does raise a lot of philosophical questions," she said. "What is the fee for? Is the fee a good place to fill in the gaps of budgets beyond our control?"

Others who were present agreed that this is especially a problem with contracted services and departments, where the bulk of the incidental fees go to paying wages.

ASUO Finance Coordinator Madeline Wigen said that more than \$1.6 million of the incidental fee goes to fund wages, which are set by the state and by unions.

"We only have a certain level of control," she said.

Other topics discussed included reform of the process of allocating money for stipend positions to student

Brenna Cheyney | Freelance Photographer

ASUO President Jared Axelrod and members of the student senate discuss fiscal responsibility at a Tuesday forum.

groups, something that has been discussed for several years, the controversial Student Recreation Center budget, and the \$800,000 in over-realized funds.

Niedermeyer said that he would have liked more public debate but had only himself to blame for not doing more advertising for the event. He said the discussion, while a smaller first step than he would have liked, was "excellent."

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# SEW DIGS

# Museum: Melnick will return to his department after replacement is found

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surprised to be in this position," Melnick said. "It's not something that I ever aspired to but it's something that I find very thrilling and exciting.'

Melnick worked as dean of AAA for 10 years. He resigned in 2005 to work for the Los Angeles-based Getty Foundation, where he ran the program that supports preservation programs on college campuses. In this position he was intimately involved with a fund supporting museums in hurricane-ravaged New Orleans.

"I had accomplished the things I wanted to accomplish and it seemed like the school would benefit from a new leader," said Melnick. "I didn't see it so much as resigning from AAA as it was passing the mantle on to another person."

Melnick is still working as a leader, only this time it's in somewhat unfamiliar territory. But his experience as a professor of landscape architecture and his extensive work on cultural landscape evaluation and historic landscape preservation planning should help him out on the job while the museum scours the nation for a permanent director.

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Terri Warpinski said "We're picking someone who can provide leadership and positive momentum for the museum rather than just buy their time waiting for the permanent director to be located."

Former Museum Director David Turner said Melnick "has a very thorough knowledge of the University system and connections with many artists and faculty members, and he has a real outward-looking vision for the University.

Melnick is replacing Turner, who has worked at the museum since April 2003. Turner took over during a major renovation and oversaw the museum's reopening ceremonies. He will now return to teaching in AAA.

"David decided he was ready for a different set of challenges," Warpinski said. "He's been at the museum for a significant period of time, under which a lot of changes occurred. He was interested in opportunities that were available to him in other areas of the University.

Turner's tenure held considerable success, but also many challenges. In September, student employee Chris Swires was fired from the art museum when museum officials discovered his past as a sexual predator. Turner was executive director at the time.

"As far as I know there's no connection," said University Spokesman Phil Weiler.

Warpinski called it a 'totally disconnected event." Turner said that Swires had 'nothing at all" to do with his departure.

"The time seemed right (to leave the museum),' said Turner. "I got the museum up and running with active programs and it looked like a good time to spend my efforts working with a more specific group. That is, the students of the University."

Melnick says he will be returning to his department at some point.

"I think the museum is really a great regional museum with great potential," he said. "It is a great resource for the campus and community, and I'm really looking forward to this time, however long it is, and to continue to move it forward.'



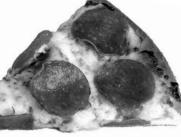
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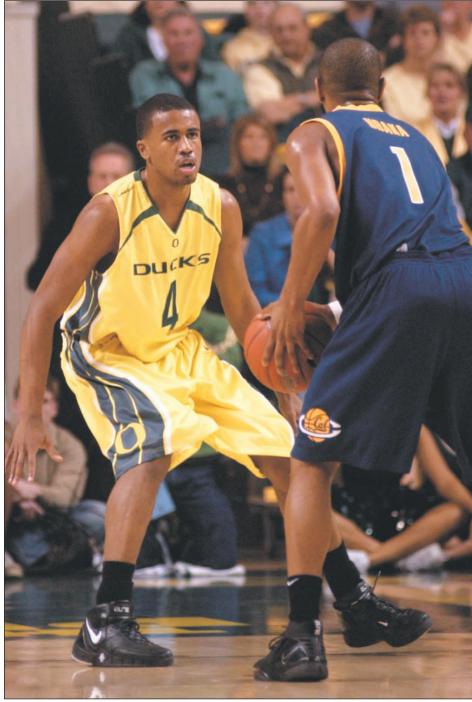
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# **SPORTS**

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL** 

# Taylor helps Ducks get defensive



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Bryce Taylor greatly improved his defensive abilities in the offseason and is now one of Oregon's most versatile players.

As Oregon's junior guard's game has improved, so too has the overall record of the men's basketball team

BY LUKE ANDREWS

SPORTS EDITOR

Bryce Taylor loves challenges.

That's why at any one time you'll likely find Oregon's junior guard defending the opposition's top offensive player whenever he's on the floor

"A lot of it is just your pride," Taylor said of his defensive prowess. "You don't want a guy to score on you and your coach is putting trust in you to try to take out an opposing team's best player so you don't want to let your teammates down. I feel like I have a lot of responsibility in doing that, but I enjoy it."

Taylor has always possessed offensive abilities and a long-range game but it wasn't until the offseason when he took it upon himself to improve on both ends of the court, which includes taking the ball to the basket more on the offensive end and becoming Oregon's top perimeter defender.

"It really just comes with effort and being in good enough shape where you can focus on both sides of the floor," Taylor said. "So for me, coming to college, I was never really a defensive player. It ended up that I was one of our best perimeter defenders, and I've just kind of grown into that role. I feel like I've improved a lot."

Of course, it helps to face high-caliber players in practice nearly every day.

"These guys are as good as anybody else, I feel like," Taylor said of his teammates. "So it just gets me ready and that's the mentality I have in the game — I just pretend I'm trying to stay in front of Aaron Brooks, or trying to block Malik (Hairston) out or keep Champ (Chamberlain Oguchi) from shooting the ball."

His energy exerted on the defensive end has

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Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Oregon at UCLA

Pauley Pavilion

Los Angeles

TV: FSN

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CHRISTIN PALAZZOLO | PHOTOGRAPH

# **Ray Schafer**

Sport: Men's basketball Position: Center Year: Junior

**Emerald:** Besides basketball, what's the greatest advantage of being seven feet tall?

Schafer: It's easy to change light bulbs.

Emerald: Aaron Brooks said you are the worst one to sit next to on the plane rides (because Schafer talks so much), who do you think is the worst person to sit next to?

Schafer: I'd like to get him back with some smart comment but I don't think I can. I guess I could get him back. It'd probably be Aaron Brooks because he doesn't like to talk. He would rather have his headphones on and listen to music than talk about trees and walks in the woods.

Emerald: You are a fan favorite on campus, how do you want your legacy to be remembered?

Schafer: That I was all about the team. I'm not about me. I'm about my teammates. That's what I want to be remembered as...a good teammate.

Emerald: What's the best thing about being Ray Schafer?

Schafer: I have an open mind so there's not a lot of mental barriers I put on myself. I approach things that, where there's a will, there's a way.

Emerald: What's your favorite thing to do in Alaska? Schafer: Go for walks in the woods with my family.

PAC-10

# Healing Bruins ready to invade Eugene

UCLA heads into its match with Oregon having won its last three contests by six points or fewer

BY JEFFREY DRANSFELDT

The UCLA women's basketball team has never been hesitant to play top-ranked opponents. The daunting early-season stretch gives

**GAME INFO** 

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UCLA vs. Oregon

Thursday, 7 p.m.

McArthur Court

as good an indicator as any on how good the team is heading into the Pacific-10 Conference portion of the season.

UCLA's preseason schedule was littered with top programs of the likes of Tennessee, Oklahoma, and

Baylor — all three losses. The Pac-10 portion of schedule has been just as choppy with a 6-5 conference record. UCLA does have three consecutive wins heading into Thursday's meeting with Oregon — all victories by six points or fewer.

This streak came after UCLA had lost four of five games — the lone win a home triumph over Oregon.

"The difference is that we got the Ws," UCLA coach Kathy Olivier said. To be honest, before, when we didn't win, but we still were very close. It would come down to free throws for instance or something, so I never felt we were very far away, but again, I don't think we're very far away from losing either.

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Arizona State's star forward Emily Westerberg (4), shown fighting for a rebound against Oregon earlier this month, had only eight points in the Sun Devils' 73-65 loss to Stanford last Saturday.

**DUCK GOLF** 

# Sipe brings home fifth place for Ducks in Arizona tourney

Propelled by the junior's consistent play, Oregon finishes in 10th place at this week's PING-Arizona Intercollegiate

BY WILL SEYMOUR FREELANCE REPORTER

Oregon junior Derek Sipe was one of the big movers on the final day of the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate at the Arizona National Golf Course in Tucson, Ariz. Starting the final round in a tie for 19th place, Sipe shot five under par to finish out the 54-hole tournament, matching his performance in the first round of the event held the previous day. His overall score of seven under par earned Sipe a tie for fifth place out of a field of 89 individual entrants. Sipe finished seven strokes behind Arizona's Brian Prouty, who led the tournament from start to finish.

As a team, the Ducks' overall score of 10 over par was good enough to hang on to the 10th place position they owned at the end of day one. Oregon needed to fight off a strong challenge from a

Pac-10 rival to stay in the top 10. California posted the second best team round in the field to shoot up to 11th place. The Golden Bears were bested on Tuesday only by the BYU Cougars, who used a seven under par final round to claim second place. UNLV claimed the team title with an overall score of 23 under par.

Sipe's final round began much like the first two. Starting on the 10th hole, Sipe had to immediately deal with the section of the course that he and most of the Oregon team struggled with throughout the tournament. In his final round, Sipe started with a double bogey followed by a bogey on the 12th hole. Sipe's combined score in the tournament for the 10th-12th holes was eight over. After that tough stretch, he quickly found his stride, recording

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# How 22 men in tights compare to a night on the town

The Super Bowl is like dating.

Or more specifically, the media-hype surrounding the Super Bowl every year can be likened to the interplay between two people who are just beginning to date.

From start to finish, you're rooting for a very specific result. At the same time, you don't want to get your hopes up to the point where it hurts so much worse when things fall apart, or when your team ends up choking in The Big One.

Nonchalance is the way to go. The less hype (read: hope) you place on a game - be it the dating game or the biggest football game of the year — the more likely it is that it'll turn out well.

But that's precisely the problem for me. I don't



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do nonchalant.

My friends would tell you that I'm feisty, spirited and energetic. Nonchalant means chill, calm and sedated. Nonchalant doesn't quite fit me.

It doesn't help my case that the Colts are in this year's Super Bowl.

See for a while now, I've been somewhat disturbed by the fact that my sports fanaticism has diminished significantly as the result of getting to write sports for a living (Note: I use the term

"for a living" loosely. Contrary to what some might believe, where I work, we actually don't get paid enough to live off.)

I never thought this would ever happen. I used to be a sports junkie. On any given day I used to be able to tell you exactly which overpriced wide receiver had been traded to which underperforming team, what ridiculous looking outfit Serena Williams wore during her last match, or what kind of sick dunk Dwayne Wade pulled off over the head of some poor unsuspecting forward.

But when you're writing, talking, living and breathing sports while trying to juggle school, another job, and some semblance of a social life on the side, the last thing you want to do when you get home at night is plop down on the couch and watch more sports.

Still, even as my Yankees sympathies waned and my

interest in the NBA subsided, the one sports obsession I've maintained is my loyalty to the Indianapolis Colts.

I've been a Peyton Manning fan since the first day started under center for the Colts

in 1998. I watched as he struggled through the growing pains that rookie quarterbacks all go through in their first couple of seasons, I cringed every time the for-

merly terrible Colts defense lost the team a close game that had been a perfectly engineered Manning special until they stepped onto

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> onships was just downright painful.

But all that's behind us now. Ever since the Colts beat the Patriots two weeks

ago, dozens of columnists before me have already analyzed, rehashed and replayed the game in which the football gods finally granted Manning his moment and handed him a ticket to Super Bowl XLI in Miami.

All Manning has to do now to avoid going down in history as this generation's Dan Marino is to pulverize the Bears on Sunday.

I'm busy trying not to get my hopes up. Because this time the heartbreak might be too much to take. Just like my last dating encounter. Or like last year's Super Bowl, when the Seahawks (my third-favorite NFL team after Indy and Green Bay) got slaughtered at the hands of the Steelers.

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# Men: Adam Zahn is '100 percent' healthy and ready to return to action

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also spurred his offensive game, Taylor said. He currently is third on the team in steals with 23 and second on the team in scoring at 15.8 points per game.

"I feed off of defensive rebounding and running the floor at the beginning of games," Taylor said. "That's where I get myself going. I feed off my defensive energy

Oregon coach Ernie Kent believes Taylor has improved

on the defensive end "50 to 60 percent from where he was last year.

"We put him on the toughest guy night in and night out," Kent said. "With his mental toughness improving and his conditioning improving, it's allowed him to be a much, much better defender. He has the stamina and the energy to run guys down and really lock them down on a possession by possession basis."

As for who his toughest

matchup was, Taylor, not surprisingly, said USC guard Nick Young, a familiar opponent due to their shared Southern California roots.

Young scored 19 points on 8-of-11 shooting including the game-winner against Oregon in early January to hand the Ducks their first loss of the season.

The two meet again Saturday in Los Angeles but Taylor has another tough task at hand before that on Thursday with UCLA's Arron Afflalo.

#### Trouble Bruin

A major key that led to Stanford's 15-0 second-half run to upset No. 3 UCLA 75-68 last Sunday was the Bruins' foul trouble, particularly with their big men, Lorenzo Mata, Alfred Aboya and Luc Richard Mbah a Moute.

Each had four fouls by the 9:39 mark in the second half, propelling Stanford to its impressive run. Combined, Mbah a Moute, Aboya and Mata finished with a combined 15 points and nine rebounds. The three had 13 points and 18 total rebounds to help UCLA outrebound the Ducks 35-22 in the two teams' first meeting Jan. 6, a 68-66 Oregon victory.

The loss to Stanford, just the Bruins second of the season, dropped them to No. 5 in the polls and set the showdown for first place in the Pac-10 with No. 9 Oregon on Thursday.

## Ready for action

Oregon forward Adam Zahn said he is "100 percent" and ready to make a full return Thursday against UCLA after suffering a concussion last week in practice that caused him to miss two games.

Zahn was part of the last Oregon team in 2002-03 to win at Pauley Pavilion against UCLA.

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# Pac-10: Former Oregonians strike it big in conference

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It's not like we're blowing anyone out and it's not like we're getting blown out by anybody."

The USC women's basketball team (13-8, 7-4 Pac-10) are expected to welcome Hailey Dunham back from a back injury she suffered against Stanford on Dec. 20.

## Oregon natives off elsewhere

There are a handful of Oregon natives in the Pac-10 who are making an impact at other schools in the Pac-10, most notably first place Stanford.

Stanford point guard JJ Hones, a freshman from Beaverton, Ore. is learning alongside a prolific scorer in Candice Wiggins.

"I've learned to be more

aggressive because Candice is such a great player," Hones told the Stanford Daily newspaper. "It's a really great experience to be able to watch her play everyday in practice. I just try to see what she does and put it into my game."

Hones guides Stanford's potent offense — averaging 72.8 points per game — with a team-leading 4.1 assists per game.

Guard Jillian Harmon is in her second season in Stanford colors following her high school career at Lakeridge High School in Lake Oswego, Ore. Harmon is fourth on the team in scoring at 8.5 points

# What injury?

Wiggins has apparently shaken off any lingering effects of a sprained ankle she suffered against Washington earlier in the month. Anyone needing further evidence should look at Stanford's two wins last weekend at Arizona (86-76) and Arizona State (73-65).

In the two games, Wiggins averaged 24 points, five rebounds, 4.5 assists and two steals — not too shabby. Consider also, Wiggins shot 44.1 percent from the field and 93.3 percent from the free throw line and it's a pretty complete performance.

Arizona State (19-3, 9-2 Pac-10), leading into Pac-10 play, looked like a potential threat to Stanford for the conference title. For much of the game, it appeared Arizona State was worthy of the hype, with a late lead before Stanford tied the game and forced overtime.

Arizona State star Emily Westerberg struggled to eight points on just 1-of-7 shooting.

The televised contest on Fox Sports Net showed why Wiggins is one of the conferences top guards with 10 of her team's 14 points in the extra session. Wiggins' scoring flourish came without two of the Cardinal's top post players Brooke Smith and Jayne Appel — who both fouled out in regulation.

"I think that her weekend in Arizona, playing at Arizona, Arizona State, really was the Candice that we've seen and I've had for two years at Stanford," coach Tara that we've really seen that to the degree that we saw this past weekend."

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# Golf: Ducks improve by nearly 60 strokes over last year five individually.

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a birdie on 14 before posting his second eagle of the tournament on the par-5 18th hole. The momentum carried into the back nine in the form of five birdies to finish the tournament as Oregon's leader and in the top

Senior Matt Ma used two birdies in his final four holes to earn a par score for the last 18 holes which was Oregon's second best score on Tuesday. Junior Joey Benedetti also struggled with the 11th and

12th holes (bogey, double bogey) but played well the rest of the round earn a score of +3while senior Jay Snyder shot four over par to give the Ducks a team score of two over for the final round. Oregon's three-round score of 862 was

an improvement of 56 strokes over the team's total of 918 in the 2006 edition of this event, where the Ducks finished in last place.

Oregon will travel south next week for the three-day Hawaii-Hilo Intercollegiate Feb. 7-9.

**BASEBALL** 

## Sosa agrees to deal with Texas Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas — Sammy Sosa is back in baseball and back to fielding the same steroids questions that dogged him when he left the game more than a year ago.

Sosa and the Texas Rangers agreed to a minor league contract Tuesday, giving the former slugger his first crack at the major leagues since his 2005 season with Baltimore, when he hit .221 with 14 home runs in 102 games.

If he makes the Rangers' roster at the end of spring training and Sosa said there's only a "one in a million" chance that he won't — he would get a \$500,000, one-year deal. He could also earn up to \$2.1 million more in performance

bonuses. 'You guys won't be disappointed," Sosa said. "I wanted to come back in 2006, but I was beaten mentally. ... I'm fresh. I'm relaxed. I've got my game face again, and I feel great. My body's in shape. I'm ready to go."

The 38-year-old said Tuesday he spent the past year working out and knows he must rightfully earn his spot. He added that he still has as much as five "good years" of baseball left in him.

But the seven-time All-Star said his comeback isn't about

disproving rumors that steroids elevated him among the game's most feared power hitters.

Before his last season with the Orioles, Sosa was one of several players who testified before a congressional committee looking into steroid use in professional baseball. Like Mark McGwire, Sosa is suspected by some of having used steroids before they were banned by baseball after the 2002 season.

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# Horoscope by Holiday Mathis

change it. Because you're so open, by spring, new beliefs rock you to the core! February is rich with love, sweet love. In May, your career course is fortuitously altered. Purchase bigticket items in July. August reconnects you with people from your past, Cancer and Libra ties are divine. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 35, 31, 20 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're in transi-tion. Suddenly what you wanted before seems trivial as a meaningful quest calls you. Old friends validate the old you, while new friends praise the new you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The light at the end of the tunnel could be something awe-some, or it could be an oncoming train, which is also awesome -- a powerful force you may want to climb aboard.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're looking for ways to exhibit your independence. If you're not radical, you won't be noticed. So you shock and thrill and are received with oth excitement and fear. It's hard to tell the

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Tap into your spirit of adventure. Explore your interest in dance, comedy or art. This brings lucky friendships into your realm. Career shifts are happening, too -- a coveted position is now available.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to arrive at a certain destination with a loved one. Getting there without this person just wouldn't be the same. So put petty differences aside, and focus on the bigger goals you've set for your

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Romance flutters into your life, greatly affecting your schedule and your priorities. You can't help what your heart is drawn to, but you can protect yourself by being slow to commit. Put off big deci-

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Count your blessings and they're abundantly multiplied. In all matters, the more you give, the more you get. This best pertains to your closest relationships and, in particular, to your tie with a Cancer person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The art of getting what you want requires the science of specificity. Your preferences are honored, so you can afford to be picky! Family drama has to do with an inheritance. Where there's a will, there's a relative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone behaves best when people are watching. The true test of self-love is how you treat yourself when no one else is around. Be kind. Overlook your shortcomings. Cater to your whims.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Two sides of you are at odds -- the shrewd, analytical side and the extravagant side. Note: The extravagant side won't give up. Sooner or later it gets what it wants.

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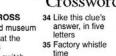
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# Music: Researchers are still studying how music affects human emotions

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reacts to music everyday, both biologically and psychologically. That research, Wehr said, is still very much an active field.

"There are no easy answers those questions," he said. "Those are the kinds of questions that motivate me to see how close we can come to answering them.'

Wehr said he frequently uses music samples that students bring into class, which have included The Velvet Underground and Jimi Hendrix this term. Though it is still largely unclear exactly how the brain reacts to different genres, the general reaction is subjective, he said.

"It doesn't sound good to everybody," Wehr said. "Different people like different kinds of music.'

Nevertheless, the different approaches the class takes to the subject offer alternative ways of looking at — or appreciating — music.

'We talk a lot about the differences between how a physicist would describe music and how we actually perceive music, because the perception is not always the same as reality.'

The class attracts mostly psychology majors at this point, Wehr said, but there is a good portion of music majors as well. As Wehr learns and researches the subject himself, he said the diverse backgrounds of his students in the class also add a lot to the discussions.

"It's been fun. It's been a great experience, and one of the interesting things about the class is that the material is so broad," Wehr said. "We can talk about all these different things ... and there's no one person that's an expert in all of those things.

Though Wehr's background is primarily in neurobiology, his self-designed course focuses on both music theory and the biology of the auditory system. Both the music majors and psychology majors typically have to "catch up" in the others' respective fields, Wehr said.

"It becomes a kind of collaborative effort, which is kind of fun," he said.

University student Jeff Hunter, who is studying both psychology and biology, said he decided to enroll in the course this term after hearing about it from a friend who took it last spring.

"I really like it," Hunter said. "It's a bit more intensive than I thought it would be.'

Hunter also has significant experience in music, having played the trombone, baritone and guitar, among other instruments, which he said

has helped his understanding of that aspect of the curriculum. Hunter also enjoys the novel approach the course takes in mixing science with music theory.

"I hadn't really thought about it before, but I think it's very interesting," he said. "I don't think people **LEARN MORE** 

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term, Wehr said, but he is currently reading and considering using the recently published "This Is Your Brain on Music" by 1996 University graduate Daniel Levitin.

Levitin, who worked as a professional musician and record producer before his current teaching position at McGill University in Canada,

said people can gain more than just a practical understanding for music by looking further into the subject or his book.

"I think the layperson will gain an appreciation for how complicated the processes are that take this auditory

stimulus — molecules bombarding our eardrums — and turn them into something coherent and aesthetic — music," Levitin wrote in an e-mail.

Many people, he said, simply use music as a form of therapy.

"Most of us use music for self-medication and mood regulation, every day," he said. "We use music much the way we use drugs caffeine and alcohol, for example."

Despite the complexities of

the listening process, there is little argument over the potential impact of music, Wehr said.

"It can cause some profound emotions. Music can move us tremendously," Wehr said. "But exactly how that happens, how that taps into our emotional networks of the brain, is still something that we're trying to figure out."

Wehr said he plans to offer the course once per year in the future, and it could very well change from his original design as researchers perform more studies on the subject.

"That's cutting edge research," he said. "There're lot more questions than answers."

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# Contraception: FDA will investigate real-world use of new birth control pills

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Director Tom Ryan called the initial report misconstrued. He said there's a chance the first generation of oral contraceptives were more effective, but they contained high levels of estrogen and progestin, which caused side effects, as well as higher risks of serious complications.

"As a result, pills have been developed containing much lower doses of hormone," Ryan said in an e-mail.

He said it's possible the effectiveness of perfect use – taking the pill at the same time every day and not being affected by other medications

or health problems — might be slightly lower compared to older, high-dose pills.

Ryan assured that the newer pills are "highly effective contraceptives while greatly decreasing side effects and risks for users."

Newer birth control pills are better than 99 percent effective with perfect use, said Jolene Siemsen, a nurse practitioner at the University Health Center.

Ryan said that perfect use rates don't always mirror real-life situations.

"Few of us can be consistently perfect," Ryan said. "The 'actual use' effectiveness for oral contraceptives

is about 95 percent, as compared to perfect use effectiveness rates over 99 percent."

Siemsen said the original news report didn't concern her and that she is confident in the effectiveness of the pills.

"Someone can always add condoms to assure they're adequately protected,'

Siemsen said. She added that there might be concerns on the effectiveness of the pill in terms of body size.

Most birth control companies test pills on average-weight

> women, so the effects on overweight and underweight women are unknown. Effectiveness also de-

pends on the user's habits. Siemsen said.

sen added that users should

take the pill everyday at the

"You need to take the pills appropriately," she said. Siem-

Siemsen said that the news report didn't increase student concerns about the birth control pill at the Health Center.

"There weren't any new or different concerns," Siemsen said. "People are always interested in how effective the pill is versus a condom or another contraceptive method, though.

At its meeting this month, FDA officials discussed clinical trial designs to include a broad range of users, according to an FDA statement.

'The whole point of the meeting was really to say, 'going forward, what should clinical trials look like?""

Weitzman said.

The FDA wants to investigate how well studies have documented real-world use of new birth control pills, which is less consistent than in clinical studies, Weitzman said.

Nearly 12 million women in the United States were on the pill as of 2002, making it that country's leading method of contraception, according to a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study. The top-selling pill is Ortho Tri-Cyclen.

Contact the crime, health and safety reporter at tdavis@dailyemerald.com

# **Annual Exam:** One Test You Won't Want to Avoid

What is the most enjoyable way you could spend this afternoon? Getting an annual exam may not be on the top of anyone's list. Many cringe just hearing the words "pap smear." This cringing response, unfortunately, prevents many young women from visiting their medical practitioner. What these women may not realize is that an annual reproductive health exam is one of the more important tests they can take.

# Why cringe?

Some women may fear that their nurse practitioner or doctor will actually find a problem, such as a sexually transmitted infection (STI). Others just imagine the process will be embarrassing. There's no doubt that these exams are not exactly relaxing, even for women who do have them annually. But by avoiding annual exams, we put our health at risk. When it comes to reproductive health, knowledge can mean prevention. "This is a good time in life for women to learn about healthy lifestyles and decisions," according to Anne Mattson, Associate Director for the Health

Center. Mattson believes that it is important for sexually active women to schedule pelvic exams annually.

# What to expect

The Health Center is staffed by ten physicians, six nurse practitioners and an impressive professional staff in the lab and pharmacy. Make your appointment by calling 346-2770 and bring your student ID when you come to the Health Center. If you wish to use FPEP funds, be sure to enroll at the Health Center prior to your appointment. After checking in with reception and a nurse, what can you expect when getting an annual exam?

Your medical practitioner will evaluate your family history and your own medical history, including depression, alcohol or other drug problems, and a variety of chronic diseases. Your exercise and diet practices are reviewed as well. You will be asked if you have ever been physically or sexually harmed. Students are encouraged to ask questions before, during and after the physical exam.

The exam starts with evaluation of your thyroid gland, heart, lungs,

breasts and abdomen. The pelvic exam portion is intended to detect any genital infections or anatomical abnormalities. It is usually quick and not painful. For the Pap smear component, a small sample is taken from the top layer of the cells that cover the cervix. This screening checks for suspicious or abnormal cells that provide information about HPV disease and possible cervical cancer risk. Testing is also done for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Herpes and vaginitis. All conditions tested for are treatable so early detection is important.

# **Health Assets**

The purpose of getting an annual exam is to become more knowledgeable about your health. Bring questions with you to the appointment. If you know you need birth control, you can discuss methods available. Education regarding contraception and STI prevention is reviewed and immunizations may be updated if needed.

Getting to know your medical practitioner is valuable according to



Mattson, who believes that just talking to a nurse practitioner or physician is an asset. Take advantage of Health Center services while you are here at the University. When it comes to your health, knowledge is power.

Appointments can be made for Monday-Friday 8:00-5:30 (Tuesday 9:00-5:30) at 346-2770.

