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DPS probes pie-throwing incident

During an Introduction to the Bible lecture, an unknown assailant shoved a pie in a student's face and ran out of the classroom

BY SUSAN GOODWIN
NEWS REPORTER

An unidentified man entered a religious studies class and smashed a pie in the face of a black student who was sitting in the back of the room, prompting the Department of Public Safety to open an investigation into the incident.

The assailant's motive is unknown, and DPS is interviewing students and faculty in the class who witnessed the Feb. 17 incident. About 90 students are in the class.

The attack occurred in 123 Pacific during assistant professor Deborah Green's Introduction to the Bible class. Approximately 15 minutes after the lecture began, a man wearing a green, hooded Oregon jacket and aviator sunglasses entered the room carrying a duffel bag over his shoulder.

"My first instinct was the guy was suspicious," said Jay Montrose, a student in the class. "He was hunched over and carrying the bag in a weird way."

The assailant yelled something

indecipherable and then threw the pie in the student's face before running out of the classroom, Montrose said.

"Everyone sat there stunned," Montrose said. "The teacher asked him if he was OK, if he knew the guy. He said he didn't."

A different student sitting in the back of the room, who wishes to remain anonymous for fear of retribution, said she saw the assailant and he had his hand in the bag. He was walking briskly, she said.

The man seemed like he knew who he was hitting, she said.

The student said another man who also acted suspicious was sitting in the back of the room. The man was wearing a black, zip-down jacket and had a backpack, the student said.

According to the student, the man didn't sign the attendance sheet before passing it to her and he wasn't taking notes. She noticed after the incident happened that he had a small video camera that he was trying to conceal in his

jacket, she said.

The man left approximately 10 minutes after the incident and didn't stop when the teacher asked him if he had been hit with pie as well, according to the student.

Green asked one of the graduate teaching fellows, Aaron Greer, to chase the assailant before excusing the victim to clean himself up, Montrose said.

Greer wasn't able to locate the assailant.

"I wish I had reacted sooner," Greer said, "but I didn't really understand what had just happened. I didn't see it because I was facing the front of the room."

"By the time I got outside he was long gone," Greer said. "It's hard to chase after someone when you don't know what they look like. But I know he wasn't a student in the class."

Greer said the other man who left shortly after the incident also wasn't a student in the class.

Green stopped lecturing to discuss the incident and discussed several Bible passages that teach tolerance and respect for all people, said Tianna DeLeon, a student in the class.

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Classy fan behavior campaign approved

Student Senators voted to fund the project, overriding President Adam Walsh's Executive veto

BY NICHOLAS WILBUR
SENIOR NEWS REPORTER

The student government will spend \$2,500 in incidental fees to buy banners and beer cup decals that promote classy fan behavior at next year's football and men's basketball games.

The fan behavior campaign, which is slated to take effect in fall 2006, is partly in response to Eugene police dragging 70 rowdy fans out of the November Civil War game, an Autzen Stadium record.

The Senate discussed the idea of a campaign following an Oct. 17 meeting with University President Dave Frohnmayer, who discussed the increase in obnoxious fans at football games this season.

Student Senators on Wednesday took a stand against what many of them thought was a false exercise of power by the student government's executive branch and voted to override a veto and reallocate \$2,500 for the advertising campaign.

Although the football season is over and Feb. 18 was the last regular season home game for the men's basketball team, the Athletic Department Finance Committee has already met with the student-run Allen Hall Advertising group and created the banners and decals for cups at the Moshofsky Center. The Senate voted to give the ADFC the money to cover costs of the decals, banners and "intellectual property" of the AHA group so far.

ASUO President Adam Walsh decided to veto the allocation because he said the campaign could be more effective with financial and creative support from the University administration or the Athletics Department.

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A SEARCH FOR SPECTERS



KATE HORTON | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Steven Wolff, an avid ghost hunter and member of Trail's End Paranormal Society, takes students for a walk in the Pioneer Cemetery Wednesday night to demonstrate techniques for finding ghosts.

University students followed two ghost hunters on an expedition to find paranormal entities

BY EDWARD OSER
FREELANCE REPORTER

Ghost hunters Steven Wolff and Sara Lessley led University students on an unusual quest through Pioneer Cemetery late Wednesday. During the walk, student Brian Truong took a picture that showed a glowing red orb the hunters determined to be a ghost.

Wolff later attempted to record a conversation with the undead by asking simple questions into a handheld voice recorder in the cemetery. Ghosts often manifest themselves through disembodied voices that appear on digital or analog recordings, he said.

"We have the means to hear you," Wolff said. "Please, this is your chance."

He tried for three minutes, but didn't get a response.

Representatives of both the Trail's End Paranormal Society and the Pacific Paranormal Research Society were invited to speak as part of the Living Learning Initiative Community Conversations series. Kevin Hatfield, coordinator of the Living Learning Initiative and adjunct instructor

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UO student's winning writing recognized

Senior journalism major Cory Eldridge won a \$2,000 scholarship for his story on an urgent surgery performed in the Middle East

BY TOM HUBKA
FREELANCE REPORTER

Cory Eldridge was relieved. He was finally having dinner with Dr. Mutei Asir, a West Bank ophthalmologist whom he desperately needed to interview for an upcoming story for JO magazine.

But before Eldridge could start asking questions, Asir's pager buzzed; a 3-year-old girl had ruptured her eye by falling onto barbed wire. She would be in there in five minutes and was in danger of permanently losing her sight. Asir asked Eldridge if he wanted to come along.

Eldridge quickly grabbed his camera and the doctor's prescription pad for notes while they made their way to Asir's operating room. Besides, thought Eldridge, this might make

for a good story.

The Overseas Press Club Foundation thought it did.

Eldridge, a senior majoring in Magazine Journalism, was one of only two undergraduates in the nation to win the foundation's prestigious \$2,000 scholarship. He was selected for his article and photographs depicting Asir's midnight surgery.

The foundation annually awards 12 scholarships to students who aspire to become foreign correspondents.

The almost two-hour surgery surprised Eldridge because Asir was without the technology



CORY ELDRIDGE
JOURNALISM MAJOR

that Eldridge, who has some medical background, was accustomed to seeing in hospitals.

"He wasn't using any machines during this," Eldridge said. "He was cutting her eye with an obsidian scalpel by hand. But surgery fascinates me; I don't think it's disgusting."

Asir told him that he wouldn't know if the surgery had been a success until the next day. Eldridge had to leave early in the morning.

"That was one of the most disappointing things: not finding out what happened," he said.

Eldridge, who had never previously traveled abroad, spent nine months in Jordan through a study abroad program while writing for the English-language magazine JO.

He met Asir in the Palestinian town of Jenin, which is home to approximately 13,000

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LTD shows rise in bus ridership

Boardings on Lane Transit District buses have increased 8 percent over the past six months

BY CALVIN HALL
NEWS REPORTER

Ridership of Lane Transit District buses reached an all-time high in January with close to 8.7 million boardings over the previous 12 months and an 8 percent ridership increase over the past six months.

LTD riders measured between February 2005 to January 2006 showed a 9.5 percent increase on weekdays, a 25 percent increase on Saturdays, and an 11 percent increase on Sundays.

LTD spokesman Andy Vobora said an average of 12,000 to 15,000 people, including round trip riders, board a bus each day, which equals an average of 35,500 boardings each week day.

Vobora said the economy and fuel prices has contributed to a significant increase in bus

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■ In my opinion

Diversity extends beyond skin color

I have always been fascinated by protests. There is something about people speaking out, standing their ground and taking action that draws and captivates my attention; not to mention, it's hard to ignore a large group of people screaming at the top of their lungs.

Fortunately for me, there is plenty of protesting on the University campus. On my way to class the other day I heard the familiar rhythmic chant. As I approached Johnson hall, there stood before me the bright picket signs and the typical group of gawkers. As with any protest, I received the customary, informative square of paper. It said, "Keep top ranking history professor Martin Summers (...) Commitment to diversity means keeping top ranked faculty of color (...) If U of O is committed to diversity then keeping Martin Summers is a strong priority."

I left knowing that Summers is both well-liked by a sizable group of students and that he is among the "top ranked faculty of color." But one very important piece of information was missing: the reason he may be leaving the University. I puzzled about this for a while. The only situation that I could imagine warranting a protest was one where he was fired or somehow forced into retirement.

The answers soon came in the form of a news article ("Student rally supports retaining professor," ODE Feb. 21). As it turns out, Summers has not been fired; he is considering leaving. Yep, that's right, students are protesting because a professor might decide to leave and the University is not doing enough to fight for him.

Summers has been offered a faculty teaching position at the University of Texas: Not only will he earn more



JESSICA DERLETH
FREEDOM RINGS WHERE OPINIONS CLASH

money, a permanent part-time position has been offered for his partner, Karl Mundt, an intern in the College of Arts and Sciences. It sounds to me as though Summers has received a fairly good opportunity, but it is not the University's responsibility to make a counter offer. I trust the University to do whatever can be done to retain quality professors, and I think it's great that students are willing to stand up and let the administration know that a great professor may be lost. I do not, however, understand why the race card came up.

In the previously mentioned article, Multicultural Center spokeswoman Kit Myers said, "We had to have the rally today to put pressure on the administration. Friday, we felt like the administration hadn't dealt with the petition at all, so we held a rally just to let them know that students are concerned with the retainment of faculty of color."

I would like to know why professor Martin Summers' race is so important in this situation. Should the University make an attempt to keep him on staff simply because he is a minority (I don't know what his race is)? I have never had professor Summers, nor have I met him; I do not know what kind of teacher he is. Considering that his students are willing to fight to keep him says a lot. Why can't his students advocate for him based on what kind

of teacher he is rather than on his race?

I understand that these students are not only advocating for their professor, they are advocating for diversity. When it was time for me to pick a college I decided on the University of Oregon because I did not want to attend a small, homogenous college. But is race the definition of diversity? Is skin color the only thing that makes people different? Everyone has different experiences, views, beliefs, histories, perspectives and views on the world. Many things make us different from one another; race is a small component.

Walking across campus every day I bump into a lot of people and I see a diverse population. Sure, there are a lot of white people at the University. According to the University Web site, for Fall 2004, 74 percent of students listed themselves as white. But does that really surprise anyone? If you hadn't noticed, Oregon is a very white state. I remember when I moved to Oregon, nearly 7 years ago, from the Los Angeles area. I was driving around town with my family and I was simply amazed. I kept thinking: Wow! What's with all the white people? Oregon was like the twilight zone; I was no longer in the melting pot of cultures, races and religions.

Though I have been missing out on some of the diversity that existed in Los Angeles, there is a different kind of diversity here in Oregon and Eugene. Diversity should always be encouraged but it should not be used as a front for different issues. Let's fight for and keep our professors because they inspire, educate and transform, not because they change the demographics page on the school Web site.

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■ Guest commentary

President should recognize that war will never defeat terrorism

President Bush, in his recent State of the Union address, identified "radical Islam" as Oceania's — did I say Oceania? I meant America's — latest mortal enemy. Given that prior to its annual marketing release an SOTU address has undergone more face-lifts than Phyllis Diller, one would assume such a term was not chosen lightly.

The war on "radical Islam" is the latest fork in the meandering etymological road down which this country has been misled since September 11, 2001. What started as the war against terror, proclaimed by the president to Congress in the aftermath of the attacks, has undergone many a metamorphosis.

First, the President admitted in summer 2004 that the "war on terror" was misnamed. "It ought to be the 'struggle against ideological extremists who do not believe in free societies who happen to use terror as a weapon to try and shake the conscience of the free world.'" Later that summer, the President was roundly vilified for his refreshing candor when he stated that America could never actually "win" the "war on terror," and that we should instead be satisfied in reducing terrorism to the level of "nuisance."

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in 2005 renamed the "war on terror" the "global struggle against violent extremism." Like old flypaper at the Crawford ranch, it didn't stick. After all, what president wants to be a "struggle" president when he can be a "war" president? And so the name was changed once again, to the "global war on terror," and then, briefly, to the war against "the Universal Adversary."

I don't know what that last one means either.

Now the President seems to have settled on "radical Islam," and the U.S. Defense Department has settled on "the long war" as the name of its battle against it. In his speech, the president said it is the aim of his administration to defeat "radical Islam." Well, if the strategy of defeating it entails first inflaming it and then swelling its ranks, then by most any measure the administration is thus far astoundingly successful.

Rather than controlling terrorism, our actions in Iraq have licensed it. Through our invasion of choice, not of necessity, we have created a nation-sized terrorist training camp far larger and more live-action than bin Laden could ever have dreamed to build in Taliban Afghanistan. We're

breeding terrorists faster than we can kill them, and incubating the next generation of global terrorists. Ultimately, the U.S. Army in Iraq is training the future resistance to itself.

That is not to say that "radical Islam" should be conflated with "terrorism." Not every "radical" Muslim is a terrorist. Not every "radical" Christian is an Eric Rudolph. Very few "radicals" of any religious or political persuasion ever resort to violence. By conflating the two terms, and indicting any form of Islam as our mortal enemy, the President has validated Osama bin Laden's oft-repeated claim that the largely Christian West is on a crusade against the Muslim world. A "long war" whose end cannot be seen is indeed in the offing, a civilizational clash beyond the wildest dreams of bin Laden and revelational fantasies of fundamentalist Christians.

War cannot, and never will, defeat terrorism. War cannot, and never will, defeat "radical Islam." By his insistence that it can, the President is sowing dragon's teeth and breaking the backs of our military and treasury with his burden of the unachievable.

Todd Huffman is a physician and writer in Eugene

■ Editorial

Oregonians should value land plans despite court

Approved in November 2004, Measure 37 remains a major topic of public discussion. Most recently, the Oregon Supreme Court overturned a lower court's ruling that the measure is unconstitutional, opening the door for changes in Oregonians' relationship with the environment.

Measure 37 mandates that if a government passes a land-use regulation that detracts from the fair-market value of a piece of property, the land-owner may file a claim and either be compensated for their potential or real financial losses or allowed to complete their intended development projects. For example, a farmer living outside an urban-growth boundary who wants to build new houses on her land could challenge restrictions forbidding her from doing so.

Questions about the measure's legality arose soon after voters approved it. Should poor counties, unable to pay due compensation to land owners, be forced to waive land-use regulations? When it comes to land-use laws created to protect the environment or stymie growth, why should the needs of property owners be affirmed above the needs of the government?

Facing such questions, a Marion County circuit court judge in October declared Measure 37 unconstitutional, ruling that it left the Oregon Legislature powerless while giving land owners the upper hand in all conflicts between property development and government policies.

On Tuesday, however, the Oregon Supreme Court declared that Measure 37 does not violate state or federal law. In their unanimous decision, justices commented that regardless of whether or not Measure 37 will be beneficial to the state, the measure is nevertheless constitutional. Now that the highest Oregon court has ruled in favor of the measure, construction on thousands of development projects, previously put on hold while Oregon decided whether or not land-use regulations would be waived, may continue.

At this juncture, the Court's statement affirms what each side of the debate has already concluded: Measure 37 is, to say the least, difficult to analyze in terms of right and wrong. Voters who passed the measure no doubt agreed with arguments that the government has no right to change land-use regulations and then refuse to compensate property owners who would not have bought land knowing such regulations would later be enacted. However, some citizens inherently realize that in order to protect Oregon ecosystems and to prevent urban sprawl, governments should be allowed to impose reasonable land-use laws without worrying about financial ruin.

What's next for the measure? Future legal challenges may affect the status of this law, but Oregonians and members of the Legislature first need to carefully examine their values; if creating livable communities and preserving our natural resources rank among our priorities, we need to seek ways to compensate landowners or find alternative legislative solutions. It remains vital that Oregon uphold the legacy of former Governor Tom McCall and others who believed that land-use planning will lead to a higher quality of life for all rather than wealth for a select few.

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University should make real promise to diversity

This message is to students at the University of Oregon. Several years ago a staff person of color sued the University because of discriminatory practices. According to court documents, this lawsuit required that the University create the Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity (formerly Gregory Vincent, now Charles Martinez) position along with a five-year diversity plan. It has been about two years, and still the five-year diversity plan has not been completed or implemented.

Last year a large group of students, staff, faculty and community members came together to oversee the creation of the first diversity plan. When this draft was released it received backlash from 25 faculty members and media coverage that overshadowed the 100-plus faculty members who supported the plan. Now, there is a much smaller group charged with creating a second draft. This group mostly comprises faculty members, some who vehemently opposed the first diversity plan, who are overseeing the diversity efforts at our University for the next several years.

Students need to push for basic components: A timeline, resources, accountability and a more inclusive definition of diversity to make a successful, workable diversity plan. Last year myriad documented discriminatory incidents happened in the College of Education alone. What is our University doing to create equitable learning environments for all students and to ensure that we are producing professionals who will not do harm in our local schools and community?

It's time our flagship University makes a real commitment to diversity and the students on this campus.

Angela Messerli
LGBTQA co-Director

Emerald editors should stand by their columnists

Concerning Anthony Warren's guest editorial regarding Army Feth's column, I found the accompanying headline, "Emerald columnist proves herself unethical, irresponsible journalist," (ODE, Feb. 1) an extremely poor and potentially libelous choice. Is this how the Emerald defends its writers? By putting in bold type an allegation with absolutely no attribution?

As a recent graduate from the UO School of Journalism and Communication, and now a professional, working journalist, I was shocked to read this headline in print. In fact, I think I actually gasped in disbelief.

Any news publication — even a small, college paper — should know better: You always stand by your writers unless you are 100 percent certain they knowingly lied, plagiarized material, lifted or invented quotes, etc. As far as I can see, this is not the case. What we have here is a "he said, she said," scenario. Unless Ms. Feth has confessed to her editors for all of Warren's allegations, the Emerald needs to affirm its faith in her journalistic integrity before they allow a headline to give her a reputation as the next Jayson Blair or Stephen Glass.

I personally know Anthony Warren. Generally, he's a nice guy, but bring in politics and he gets very heated, very quickly. (This, after all, is the guy who went to Theresa Heinz Kerry's rally on behalf of her husband's presidential bid at the McDonald Theater in 2004, and was surprised when he received a less-than-warm welcome when he and others began to yell things during her speech.) While he is entitled to his own opinion and view of whatever happened that day, it's not okay for the Emerald to present that opinion as fact. Use of quotations or "says President of UO Republicans," or perhaps just a better, more accurate headline, would have sufficed and eliminated any problem.

Assuming Ms. Feth is not planning on suing the Emerald for libel, I think it is only appropriate for the editors to formally apologize to her in a forthcoming issue.

Josh Alder

Sports Editor, Cottage Grove Sentinel

CORRECTION

Because of an editor's error, Thursday's "UO student symposium gives results of research" should have stated that Susan Lesyk is Director of Academic Learning Services, and serves as a liaison between Washington, D.C. and the University, working to secure grants for students in the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

Because of a reporter's error, Thursday's "Department of Religious Studies hires two new professors" incorrectly reported the hires' positions. The Emerald should have reported that Dr. Tariq Jaffer and Dr. Erin Cline will be assistant professors, whereas Michael Slater will be an instructor.

The Emerald regrets the errors.

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People are works in progress, Philosopher says

Stephen Erickson of Pomona College shared Western philosophers' views on humans' psychological journey

BY PHILIP OSSIE BLADINE
NEWS REPORTER

Life is a journey, especially in the philosophical sense, according to philosopher and Pomona College professor Stephen Erickson.

Erickson gave a lecture Thursday in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge to a group of students, faculty and community members about the ever-changing face of how humans recognize and understand themselves.

He made his points by briefly scanning the major players in Western

philosophy, including Immanuel Kant, Frederick Niche, George Frederick Hegel, Karl Jaspers and more.

Erickson admitted during a question-and-answer session that he "grossly" summarized the history of philosophers, but graduate philosophy student Grant Silva said that added to the overall lesson that human existence is a journey.

"He had a good point pertaining to the notion of humanity as something in progress, rather than something set," Silva said.

Erickson discussed the "axial model of understanding," a technical term that he says has dominated philosophical and religious thinking during the common era, which explains life as a journey between two orders: from confusion to enlightenment, from darkness and light and others.

"To be human is to be in between that journey," Erickson said.

In Kant's studies he asks three questions: What can I know? What ought I know? And for what can I hope?

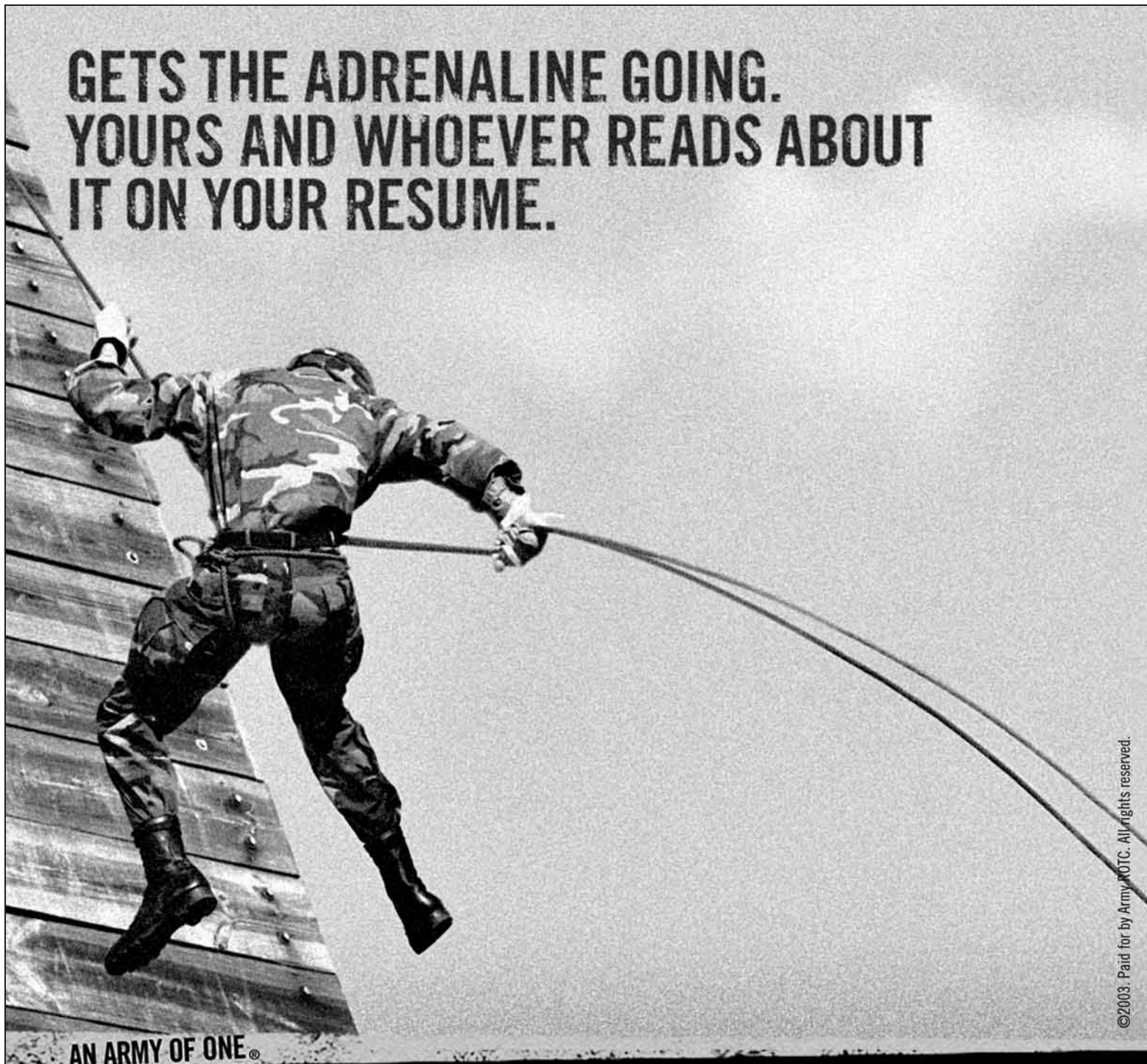
Erickson said these questions led to the philosophical question: "What is it to be human?" To Kant, it is a natural disposition of the human soul that these questions be asked, but Sigmund

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Philosopher Stephen Erickson spoke in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge Thursday afternoon about the struggles of human identity in the 21st century.

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■ Oregon politics

Rep. Walden launches campaign for fifth term

BY BRAD CAIN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM— U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, a Republican, has seemed a little “greener” recently — joining up with Democratic Rep. Earl Blumenauer on an initiative to preserve wilderness on Mount Hood.

He’s also expressed concern about the Bush administration’s plan to allow a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates to take over shipping operations at six U.S. seaports.

But don’t get the wrong impression. As Walden launches his campaign for re-election to a fifth term, he remains a stalwart conservative, not to mention a strong Bush supporter.

There’s talk in political circles that he may eventually want to run for governor.

Walden, who held campaign kickoff events Thursday in Medford and Redmond, said he “gets asked a lot” about that as he travels the state.

“I have a passion for Oregon and Oregon’s future, and that would be a great way to have an impact on things,” he said in an interview. “But for now, my real work is in the Congress. I’ve been there seven years, and I’m getting to a place where I can really affect things.”

Walden, 49, of Hood River is a rising GOP star who took over a House forestry subcommittee in 2004 and has close ties to the House leadership.

Walden also hasn’t been shy about using his close ties to the Bush administration to get help for pet projects such as a forest research center in Prineville, Columbia River dredging;

and money for the drought-stricken Klamath Basin.

Walden, who was easily re-elected to a fourth term in 2004, joked that he was serving another term as “president” of the Republican House team from Oregon. Walden, who represents a sprawling district that includes all of Eastern Oregon and part of Southern Oregon, is the only member of the fictional club.

He’s earned a reputation of being able to bridge partisan divides to working with Democrats and Republicans alike, both during his time in Washington and during the eight years he served in the Oregon Legislature.

Dan Lavey, a Republican consultant and former aide to U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., said Walden’s ability to forge bipartisan alliances is one of the things that makes him an

attractive candidate.

“Many of us hope that he will run one day for governor,” Lavey said. “He is a skilled legislator, and he has an easygoing style that fits Oregon well.”

In his role as forestry chair, Walden has worked with Rep. Brian Baird, D-Wash., to speed up logging dead timber and planting new trees after storms and wildfires. The measure, known as the salvage logging bill, has drawn fierce opposition from environmentalists, who say it is intended to help the struggling logging industry more than fire-damaged forests.

Walden has drawn significant financial from the timber industry. According to an advocacy group that tracks campaign contributions, Walden was the leading House recipient of timber industry money in 2004, getting a total of \$110,000 for

that year’s re-election effort.

In 2003, Walden worked with GOP leaders in the House, and Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, to craft a compromise on a forest health bill.

He says that, on environmental issues, he’s become “a sensible shade of green.”

“You can have a healthy environment and a healthy rural economy. The two can go hand-in-hand,” he said.

Walden said Thursday that as he continues to gain seniority and clout on Capitol Hill, he’s going to keep his focus on Washington and not ponder running for anything else.

But political analyst Jim Moore said if the Democrats were to take control of the House in this year’s election or in 2008, that could have a major impact on Walden’s political plans.

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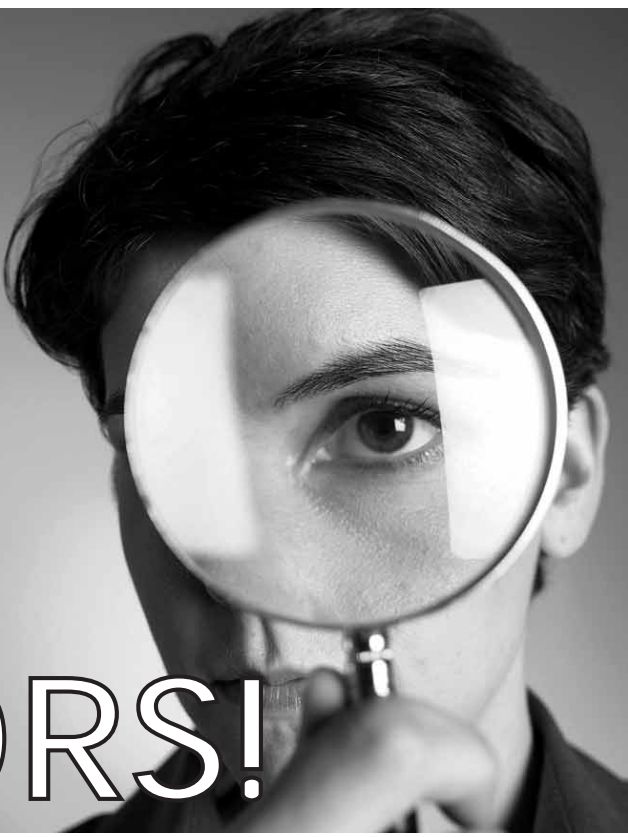
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Club Sports holds annual benefit for Special Olympics

As part of the fundraiser, the club baseball team will hold an auction to sell players as dates for the dance

BY ERIC FLORIP
FREELANCE REPORTER

As much of the nation focuses its attention on the happenings at the Winter Olympics this month in Torino, Italy, the Club Sports office at the University has decided to focus on raising money for another competition: the Special Olympics.

The organization will hold its second-annual Club Sports Ball Saturday night, with the proceeds from the event supporting the Special Olympics general fund. The dance is being held as a masquerade ball and is semi-formal. It will begin at 8 p.m. in Gerlinger 220.

"It's awesome to donate to the Special Olympics," said Jeff Frank, the coordinator for Club baseball and a player on the University's team. "To be able to give them that opportunity to do something they enjoy, it's awesome."

Because this is only the second year that Club Sports has organized the ball, organizers are still finding

ways to change it and bring in more money for its cause.

Tana Byrn, the former executive board chairwoman for Club Sports, was largely involved in creating and organizing the event for last year, its inaugural year. She said that the initiative came from both the social and fundraising benefits for members of Club Sports teams.

"People on the teams don't really know each other," she said. Byrn explained that the dance is also a way of bringing different teams that wouldn't otherwise interact together. She also said that the purpose of it is more for the charity contribution than for Club Sports.

"We didn't really feel a need to bring more money to our program," she added.

Sandy Vaughn, coordinator for Club Sports at the University, said that the Special Olympics is a relevant cause for the donations to go toward, especially with its connection to the organization

through athletics.

Byrn said that the first ball was successful, and that she hopes it will remain so in the future.

"For our first year, it was definitely a success," she said. "We'd like to make it a tradition, something people look forward to each year."

The executive board will continue to use different themes each year to draw more participants to the event, Byrn said.

As part of the fundraising effort for this year's ball, the club baseball team is holding a silent auction this week to sell its players as dates to the dance. The minimum bid for each player is \$5, and the auction will end today at 5 p.m.

Frank said that the winning bid for each guarantees the bidder flowers from the player as well as one slow dance with him during the ball. Frank also said he expects that the highest bid for a player will go well past the \$5 minimum.

"I'm guessing upwards of \$25 to \$30. Nothing spendy, but enough to guarantee a good night," he said.

The cost for the event is \$5 for tickets in advance and \$6 at the door.

IN BRIEF

OSPIRG awards three coupons for raffle prizes

Graduate Student John Businger, staff member Jon Jablonski and international student Veronika Schultdt won OSPIRG's Bikes for Global Warming raffle Thursday.

The prize for winning was a buy-one, get-one free coupon for an Excelsior Inn Bed and Breakfast.

Busing said the raffle was a good reminder to be environmentally conscious.

"I enjoy that I can get to campus without worrying about being a part of traffic or using gas," he said.

Schultdt said the raffle didn't affect whether she would ride her bike to campus or not.

"Winning a prize is not the reason I ride my bike to campus," she said.

—Bryan Saxton

Group to host forum Dr. Maya Rockeymoore

The Black Student Justice Network will visit the University on Saturday to promote civic engagement and inform black students about the importance of public policy issues and their impact on the black community, according to a student government press release.

As part of a five-college tour supported by the Ford Foundation, the BSNJ will host a forum featuring guest speaker Dr. Maya

Rockeymoore, vice president of research and programs for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in 175 Knight Law Center.

For more information, contact Clay Standley at 503-709-7587 or cstandley@uoregon.edu.

—Nicholas Wilbur

Insurgents destroy Iraq's golden dome Wednesday

SAMARRA, Iraq — Insurgents posing as police destroyed the golden dome of one of Iraq's holiest Shiite shrines Wednesday, setting off an unprecedented spasm of sectarian violence. Angry crowds thronged the streets, militiamen attacked Sunni mosques, and at least 19 people were killed.

On Thursday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad blamed the United States and Israel for the destruction of a Shiite shrine's golden dome in Iraq, saying it was the work of "defeated Zionists and occupiers."

Speaking to a crowd of thousands on a tour of southwestern Iran, the president referred to the destruction of the Askariya mosque dome in Samarra on Wednesday, which the Iraqi government has blamed on insurgents.

"They invade the shrine and bomb there because they oppose God and justice," Ahmadinejad said, referring to the U.S.-led multinational forces in Iraq.

Also Thursday, the bodies of 23 men were found dumped at six sites in Baghdad, most of them in predominantly Shiite parts of the city, police said.

Roof collapse at Moscow market kills at least 31

MOSCOW — The concave, snow-covered roof of a Moscow market collapsed early Thursday, killing at least 31 people and trapping about 10 people who were "knocking and crying out," emergency officials said. Officials ruled out terrorism and said heavy snow may have been to blame.

Rescue workers used metal cutters and pickaxes to break through the wreckage, calling through holes in search of survivors. Every few minutes, the rescuers turned off their electric generators and stood silently to listen for signs of life.

Medical workers inserted an intravenous drip to administer painkillers and other medications to a man trapped under a slab of concrete that left only his hand visible. Rescuers used heat guns to blow warm air into the rubble to try to prevent victims from succumbing to near freezing temperatures.

About 10 people were trapped under the wreckage, Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu said. He added: "They're knocking and crying out."

"We are working at full strength all over the territory of the market," said Yuri Akimov, deputy head of the Moscow department of the Emergency Situations Ministry. "Rescue workers are working underneath the building to save those still alive, and we are hoping to save the majority of them."

Arab company promises to cooperate with White

WASHINGTON — Under a secretive agreement with the Bush administration, a company in the United Arab Emirates promised to cooperate with U.S. investigations as a condition of its takeover of operations at six major American ports, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

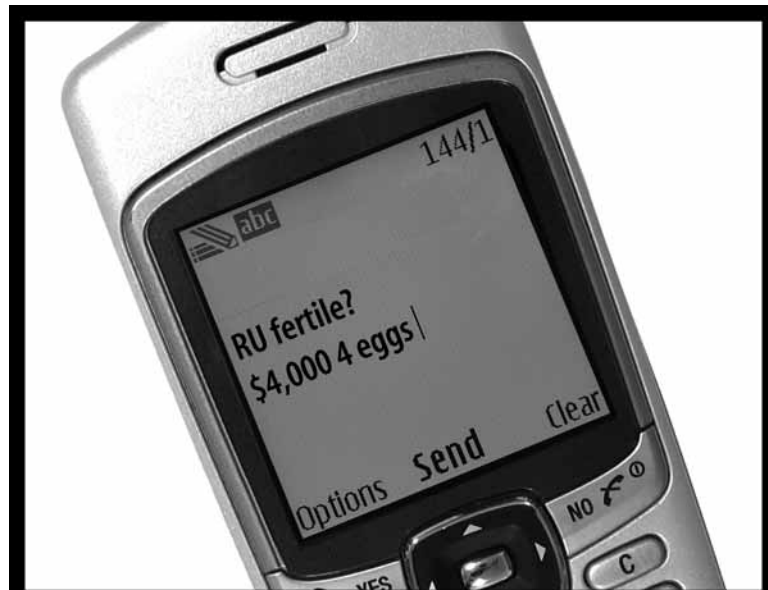
The U.S. government chose not to impose other, routine restrictions.

In approving the \$6.8 billion purchase, the administration chose not to require state-owned Dubai Ports World to keep copies of its business records on U.S. soil, where they would be subject to orders by American courts. It also did not require the company to designate an American citizen to accommodate requests by the government.

Outside legal experts said such obligations are routinely attached to U.S. approvals of foreign sales in other industries.

Dubai Ports agreed to give up records on demand about "foreign operational direction" of its business at the U.S. ports, according to the documents. Those records broadly include details about the design, maintenance or operation of ports and equipment. It also pledged to continue participating in programs to stop smuggling and detect illegal shipments of nuclear materials.

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Roseburg High School shooting injures student

BY JEFF BARNARD
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSEBURG— A high school freshman armed with a handgun shot and wounded a sophomore Thursday morning and then walked to a restaurant, where customers watched in horror as he stood outside and put the gun to his head.

The 14-year-old shooter then surrendered to police.

Students milling around the courtyard at Roseburg High School watched in shock as the teen — using what doctors said was a large-caliber handgun — shot sophomore Joseph Monti, 16 in the chest and abdomen just before classes were to begin, hitting him four times. A doctor reported he was shot from behind.

The school was immediately locked down.

Sophomore Dalton Hedlund, 15, said he was walking out of the cafeteria with his friends to go to class when he heard the shots and saw Monti sit down on the ground and scream in pain.

"Everyone thought it was a joke," because there was no blood, Hedlund said. "All the freshmen were like laughing. Are you kidding me? It was pretty scary."

Police with guns drawn arrived in minutes, and teachers yelled at students to get to the nearest classroom, where kids pulled out cell phones and called their families to say they were OK, said Jordan McBee, 17, a junior.

"It was like, shock," said McBee. "Nothing like this happens in Roseburg."

The shooter and the victim are students at the high school, said Detective Lt. Pat Moore of Roseburg Police Department.

The suspect, who was not identified, is a 14-year-old freshman, said Sgt. Aaron Dunbar. Police had initially put his age at 16.

Juvenile Department Director Christina L. McMahan said, based on a police affidavit, the boy would be arraigned Friday on felony charges of

attempted murder, assault, illegal use of a firearm and illegal possession of a firearm. He was held in juvenile detention. Because he was only 14, he could not be tried as an adult under Oregon law.

Dunbar said the shooting wasn't random and that the two knew each other.

"We're trying to come up with what the beef was," Dunbar said. "But there's indication there was some problem at some level."

Dunbar said the shooter walked away from the school, followed by two students who flagged down a police car, and officers followed him about 500 yards to Charley's BBQ restaurant.

At the restaurant 35 members of a business group eating breakfast looked outside and saw police cars with their lights and sirens going follow a teenager into the parking lot, said cook Kenny Russell, 26.

When the teen looked through the window and put a gun to his head, the customers began diving under tables, Russell said.

Police officers confronted the teen, their guns drawn, Russell said.

When he put his gun down, one of the officers tackled him and he was taken away in handcuffs, Dunbar said.

The victim was listed in serious but stable condition in the intensive care of Mercy Medical Center after three and a half hours of surgery.

Hospital spokeswoman Kathleen Nickel said surgeons told her Monti was shot from behind and hit twice in the abdomen, once in the chest, and a bullet grazed his left elbow.

A surgeon talked to the victim, who was conscious when he got to the hospital, Nickel said.

A nearby elementary school in the Southern Oregon town also was locked down as a precaution.

When asked about possible motives, Moore, the police detective, said police are working on three different theories, but he said at the moment he couldn't divulge them

Ghosts: Keep open mind, hunter says

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of history, said students on the Walton Advisory Board chose six different topics to be discussed by experts in open forums throughout each term. This ghost hunting presentation was the fourth discussion this term.

The scientific community regards paranormal research as pseudo-science, Lessley said, but ghosts do not follow natural laws and therefore cannot be subjected to most laboratory inquiry. Ghosts, she said, are the spirit or essence of a dead body, made of energy. They most often manifest themselves as disembodied voices, glowing orbs or foggy clouds, she said.

Todd and Martina Baker of the Pacific Paranormal Research Society spoke at the meeting in Hawthorne Hall Wednesday. The Bakers, who also teach Ghost Hunting 101 at Lane Community College, explained to 50 students and community members that ghosts are people who have died but are too stubborn to move on.

"Ghosts are some of the most stubborn people you've ever met," Martina Baker said.

Baker went on to explain that ghosts choose to stay in the mortal realm because of sadness or "unfinished business" and are more focused on haunting locations than people.

"Remodeling is the number one cause of paranormal activity," Baker said.

According to the TEPS presentation, there are several categories of ghost. The most common type is the Residual Ghost, who does not communicate. Another is the Intelligent Ghost, who interacts with humans. Animals and other non-human entities can also become ghosts. Lessley warned that if one were to come in contact with a demon, a being of dark energy, that they should "go to your religious leader of choice."

When asked what she would say to skeptics, Lessley said "be skeptical, but keep a balanced and open mind. Don't let that be a brick wall. Keep searching."

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Incident: University to provide counsel and support for student

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After the incident, the University "initiated our systems to provide support and counsel to the student, (and) the students and faculty who witnessed the event," according to a University statement. "We will respect the student's wish for privacy regarding this matter."

"Despite our efforts and our desire to have a campus that is safe for all and welcoming for all, our campus reflects all of the problems present in the larger society," the statement read. "Nevertheless, we

have a collective responsibility to foster a campus culture that will not tolerate these occurrences and must continue to work toward a campus climate that is open, safe and welcoming for all."

The Emerald could not reach Green or DPS for comment.

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LTD: Students account for half of growth

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ridership over the past few years.

"There are a combination of reasons for increases in the ridership, but I think gas prices and increased overall costs are definitely part of it," Vobora said.

Vobora said the increase in bus ridership has led LTD to consider adding extra bus services by increasing the frequency of bus arrivals and to increase the span of hours during which buses run during the day.

"Overall we feel that we've been able to accommodate the number of riders," said Vobora. "But the staff feels that if we keep seeing 10 percent increases, then people will stop riding the buses because of the overcrowding."

Vobora said budgetary concerns caused by recessions in 2001 and 2002 made LTD cut back on its services, which contributed to ridership numbers flattening out. Now that ridership numbers have continued to increase, he said LTD expects the use of 60-foot buses and the new EmX bus service to ease the problem of overcrowding. Additional bus services are also being planned for bus route No. 98 to Cottage Grove.

A report released by LTD said the new School Transit Pass Program, initiated by the Smart Ways to School Program, accounts for half of the growth in ridership. Similar to the University's bus pass system, the program provides stickers on school identification cards to more than 22,000 students in grades six through 12 in the Eugene, Springfield and Bethel school districts. The stickers allow them to ride on LTD buses anytime for free. Before the program was started, students paid either a monthly price of \$17.50 or a \$1.25 day pass.

According to Lisa VanWinkle, the Smart Ways to School project coordinator, LTD and Pacific Continental Bank designed the program to cut down on school-related transit and build future ridership for LTD service.

VanWinkle said she believes that students have contributed to ridership growth.

"We have conducted student counts for a week each month, and it looks as if 12 to 25 percent of the students who could be using it are using it," she said.

VanWinkle said drivers had reported seeing an equal percentage of middle-school and high-school riders, which she viewed as a positive thing,

considering that many high school students have the ability to drive.

Smart Ways to School conducted a test program from February to June 2005, covering 5,000 students in three high schools and six alternative schools. The success of the test program led them to expand the program to its current coverage and will run until June 2006, when it will be reviewed by the Oregon Department of Energy. VanWinkle said before the program comes under review, the program staff is considering expanding free bus services to a larger area and to begin the program in September instead of in October.

Vobora said University student ridership has remained consistent over the past few years with an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 students riding the bus each day.

Vobora said LTD's rate of ridership is above average in relationship to the size of its services. He said a number of factors could contribute to a decrease in LTD ridership, but they expect it to keep growing or to keep at a steady rate.

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Eldridge: Reporter maintains modest attitude

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refugee sand is considered by Eldridge to be the suicide bomber capital of the world. Eldridge says Asir lives a peaceful life amid the violence.

"I would be surprised if he ever shot a gun," Eldridge said. "He's a politic-less hero."

Born in Boise, Idaho, Eldridge said that an inquisitive nature is what brought him to the Middle East and to journalism.

"If a journalist isn't curious, then I don't know why they're doing it," he said. "I was curious about the Middle East."

His mother, Janice Eldridge, said that although she was originally skeptical of allowing her son to travel to the Middle East, she felt it was the right

choice for him.

"I felt confident that this was what he was supposed to do," she said. "It was just a mother's intuition."

Eldridge initially received an e-mail with news of his award before being invited to the awards ceremony at news-provider Reuters' New York headquarters on Jan. 27.

"To be honest, I was scared that (the e-mail) was a mistake," Eldridge said.

After traveling to New York with his parents, Eldridge met with professional journalists from around the globe as well as other scholarship winners.

"It was a very humbling experience when I met these other people," he said. "It was just surreal."

Jon Bailey, a friend of the family, shares the foundation's enthusiasm for

Eldridge's writing.

"Cory's one that can really set the mood and put you in the place when he's writing," Bailey said. "He has a knack for letting you envision how it was."

Eldridge said that he would like to spend his summer in New York interning with a magazine or possibly head back to the West Bank.

His final goal is to be a successful magazine writer for a major publication.

Despite his award-winning talent, Eldridge maintains a modest attitude of where he wants to be in 10 years.

"Hopefully, I'll be eating on a regular basis with some good by-lines," he said.

Behavior: Chairman says people will follow

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Frohnmayr said he was proud of the Senate for taking the initiative and said the administration continues to discuss the issue, but it is not currently taking action.

"It needs to be something that not only students are tasked with," Walsh said. "I just question how far \$2,500 alone will go in changing the culture on campus."

During a debate prior to the initial allocation on Feb. 15, Senate Ombudsman Jared Axelrod said ADFC shouldn't just negotiate tickets with the Athletics Department but should work together on issues such as this as well.

"I still think that going at this alone is the wrong way to do it," said Axelrod, the only senator to vote against reallocating the money on Wednesday.

ADFC Chairman Kyle McKenzie said the banners and cup decals are the first of many steps to addressing fan behavior, and said "once we take a step, people will follow."

Walsh said in an interview that

allocating money this year for a campaign to take effect next year "just doesn't make sense" because this year's fees are being spent on next year's students and because there is no assurance next year's student government members will implement the campaign.

McKenzie said AHA is waiting to be paid for work it has already done and said he was elected to fill a two-year seat, so he will be around to make sure the program takes effect.

Walsh doesn't question the merits of the campaign because he's "the first one to say that I don't like how our fans act at games." Instead, he questioned the timing and fiscal responsibility of the allocation, he said.

At last week's meeting, student government Vice President Kyla Coy said the campaign "shows the virtue of the students and the virtue of the Senate."

She said she wasn't as upset with the allocation as Walsh because she had seen the issue develop during the weekly Senate meetings. She was concerned, however, that the Senate

focused more on the veto itself and whether the Executive was overstepping its boundaries rather than on the reasons for the veto, which she said were valid and understandable issues.

Coy said there was a lack of communication between her and Walsh and she apologized to Senators for not having her heart in the debate, not coming to the meeting prepared and not representing the Executive well.

Senator Dallas Brown said "it is a slap in the face" of the Senate to question a decision that was supported unanimously at the previous week's meeting.

"I thought it was pretty pretentious and pretty arrogant," Brown said.

Walsh said he was not displeased that his veto was rejected.

"I'm glad that Senate feels so strongly that this is something it can accomplish," Walsh said.

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Life: Speaker touches on influences of biotechnology

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Freud said asking the questions reflects illness, Erickson said.

Many in the crowd were delighted by Erickson's explanation of the contrast between Kant, Freud and Niche.

"Niche splits the difference; he says to be human is to be ill," Erickson said.

The professor expressed that humans have a desire to belong that

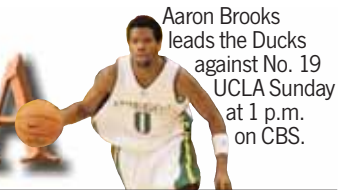
is not completely satisfied in this world, and that in such an uncertain world, the sense of human belonging may be endangered.

He touched on the issue of biotechnology and how it's redefining what it means to be human. If scientific knowledge extends to a certain point, humans will no longer see themselves as human or as a superior race, Erickson said.

"I see the possibility of very-well-to-do people that will engineer their children for (the child's) benefit," he said.

Erickson ended his lecture by asking whether philosophy can re-emerge and become the child of our time — or whether that has already begun.

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Duck defense surrenders to USC

Oregon let an 11-point lead at the half slip away and USC came away with a 69-64 win

BY SCOTT J. ADAMS
SPORTS REPORTER

Eshaya Murphy scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, helping USC down Oregon 69-64 Thursday at McArthur Court.

The Trojans (17-9 overall, 11-6 Pacific-10 Conference) overcame an 11-point halftime deficit to earn their third straight win.

Murphy was held to two points heading into halftime, but erupted in the second half hitting 8 of 13 from the field.

"She was held to two in the first half and we were looking for more from her in the second. We needed her to step up," USC coach Mark Trakh said. "We've been waiting for that. She's had a great year and has improved tremendously in the past couple of games."

Murphy notched a game-high five steals and saved her biggest for the 1:08 mark in the second half. Murphy stole the ball cleanly from Oregon's (14-13, 5-12) Kaela Chapdelaine and returned the ball to the other end for an easy two.

With the score 67-64, Oregon's offense went quietly. Trojan guard Camille LeNoir sank a pair of foul shots to ice the game.

Oregon's Brandi Davis felt Murphy's performance was nothing shocking.

"She's a good player," Davis said. "That's what good players do, they take over."

Davis was explosive in the first half, converting 4 of 7 field goals en route to 10 points. Teammate Chelsea Wagner was identical from the field scoring 12 points heading into the break. The two seniors scored the Ducks' final 10 points of the first half.

With his team trailing 37-26 at halftime, Trakh made adjustments to his defense, which held Davis and Wagner to a combined seven second-half points.

"We had to contain them," Trakh said, referring to Wagner and Davis. "They were killing us just like they did here last year. We stepped it up on defense and that was it."

Davis felt the tempo of the game weighed heavily on her shooting in the final period.

"They got more aggressive on defense in the second half," Davis said. "I tried to get other people the ball and let them catch fire. ... The flow of the game was slow, and I went back on

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Point guard Kaela Chapdelaine draws a blocking foul on USC forward Nadia Parker in the second half of Oregon's 69-64 loss to the visiting Trojans on Thursday night.

Second-half run results in Oregon road win

Malik Hairston's 18 points, 16 of which came after the half, helped lead the Ducks to victory

BY SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Malik Hairston scored one field goal during the first 28 minutes of the game, but his performance in the final 12 minutes enabled Oregon to maintain a shot at reaching the coveted sixth place in the Pacific-10 Conference standings with a 73-61 victory over USC (16-10 overall, 7-8 Pac-10) Thursday.

Hairston, who was held to two points on 1-of-5 shooting in the first half, made 5 of 6 second-half field goals en route to 18 total points. Hairston scored 16 of Oregon's final 24 points.

"Malik Hairston just put on a show in the game for about six minutes or so where he was just unstoppable, he couldn't miss," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said in a broadcast interview.

With Oregon (13-15, 7-9) up 52-49 and 8:52 remaining, Hairston hit a trio of three-pointers followed by two free throws to keep the lead in the Ducks' favor. Oregon used a 10-5 run in the final 2:04 to close the game.

"I think we are growing and maturing a little bit in that aspect," Hairston said in a broadcast interview. "At times we've panicked, but I think we are growing into a more veteran basketball team, understanding how to win to close out basketball games."

What Hairston did late in the game for the Ducks, Ray Schafer provided early in the second half. Schafer, who went to the bench early in the game after picking up his second foul 2:05 after the tipoff, scored nine straight points in the second half.

"We ran one play, I think, eight straight minutes in a row," Kent said. "It was just at Ray, at Ray, at Ray. He just made everything happen in the game, controlled the game in the second half and played a phenomenal game down here."

Schafer finished with 13 points.

Oregon point guard Aaron Brooks scored a season and game-high 20 points on 7-of-10 shooting. Brooks, who led both teams with 13 first-half points, hit a jumper with less than one minute remaining in the first half to tie the game at 27 and later drilled a three-pointer with 2.1 seconds in the first half to give Oregon a 30-27 halftime lead. The Ducks never trailed the rest of the game.

"(He) shot the ball extremely well, played under control, played with poise," Kent said after describing Brooks' performance as superb.

Brooks made 4 of 5 three-pointers and ended with four assists and no turnovers.

Oregon nailed 65 percent of its second-half shots, making 16 of 25 field goals. The Ducks finished the game with a 55.8 percentage on field goal attempts and turned the ball over only nine times. They also held a 28-23 rebounding edge.

With the victory, Oregon has tied USC in the wins column. The Ducks face No. 19 UCLA (21-6, 11-4) Sunday before finishing the regular season at rival Oregon State

OREGON VS. UCLA ON SATURDAY (PROJECTED LINEUPS)

OREGON STATISTICAL LEADERS (PER GAME)

Points	Rebounds	Assists
G. Richards 10.4	G. Richards 6.6	K. Chapdelaine 2.7
C. Wagner 9.9	J. Shetters 3.6	T. Nurse 2.0
E. Haring 7.2	K. Gunderson 3.5	K. Gunderson 1.7
Blocks	Steals	Free throw % (min10)
J. Shetters 1.1	C. Wagner 1.0	G. Richards 89.8%
G. Richards 1.0	K. Chapdelaine 0.7	B. Davis 89.5%
E. Haring 0.4	J. Shetters 0.6	C. Ganes 89.5%

UCLA STATISTICAL LEADERS (PER GAME)

Points	Rebounds	Assists
N. Quinn 18.6	N. Quinn 7.9	N. Blue 5.5
L. Willis 18.1	L. Pluimer 5.5	N. Quinn 4.0
N. Blue 12.6	L. Willis 5.5	L. Willis 3.4
Blocks	Steals	Free throw % (min 10)
N. Quinn 0.7	L. Willis 3.5	L. Pluimer 82.6%
L. Willis 0.6	N. Blue 1.9	L. Willis 76.9%
L. Pluimer 0.5	N. Quinn 1.4	N. Quinn 75%

WOMEN'S PAC-10 STANDINGS (FEB. 23)

Team	Conference	Overall
Stanford	14-3	20-6
Arizona State	13-4	22-5
Washington	11-6	18-8
USC	11-6	17-9
UCLA	11-6	16-10
California	9-8	17-10
Oregon State	6-11	12-13
Oregon	5-12	14-13
Arizona	3-14	7-20
Washington State	2-15	8-18

The skill behind the scowl

After a sophomore jinx, Eleanor Haring has come back with a vengeance

BY JEFFREY DRANSFELDT
SPORTS REPORTER

The first thing opponents and teammates alike notice about Eleanor Haring is her scowl.

"That's Eleanor's signature look I'd say," center Gabrielle Richards said. Even mom has noticed.

"My mom used to always yell at me about that," Haring said.

Richards, Haring's roommate, added: "She wears her emotions on her face like all types of emotions. In the game, she gets very serious and it's more of a serious scowl say than a mad, angry scowl, but it can turn into an angry scowl real quick from serious."

Off the basketball court, Haring's gruff demeanor melts away, presenting a humorous and engaging personality. On the court, Haring is a physical player who quietly makes her contribution to the Oregon women's basketball team.

"I wouldn't say I'm a big contributor," Haring said. "The media is not really a big thing for me. I'm kinda shy and it's better if I don't do it."

Fellow Australian Richards has noticed that Haring deflects attention to her teammates.

"She likes to hide away in the shadows just a bit," Richards said. "She's a bit sneaky like that."

Her numbers read 7.2 points (third on team), 3.4 rebounds (tied-fourth), 83.3 percent free throw percentage (fourth) and 45.8 percent on field goals (third).

Haring started her Oregon career with Pacific-10 Conference All-Freshman honors, but slipped in her second season. Haring's freshman-year averages of 8.9 points



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Forward Eleanor Haring scored five points with two assists Thursday against USC. Haring has complemented center Gabrielle Richards this season with her mid-range game.

and 4.3 rebounds dipped to 5.7 and 2.6 in her sophomore year.

"I tried to put last year behind me and just try to focus on things in my control," Haring said.

Haring had fallen prey to the sophomore jinx — she struggled

following a strong freshman season. Two other teammates, Carolyn Ganes and Kristen Forristall, dealt with year-two difficulties.

"You just have to keep doing your best every day," Haring said. "Just go

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Forward Eleanor Haring goes up for a jumper in front of Meghan Gnekow, left, and center Chloe Kerr in the first half against USC Thursday night.

Haring: Coach from home helps offensive game grow

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as hard as you can. Just try and focus on the things you can control."

Oregon coaches moved Haring from the three position to the four position. Haring's quickness helps her carve out space on the low post and improves her ability to drive by slower posts or shoot her mid-range jumper. Haring helps Richards down low, creating space, stretching defenses and reducing double teams.

Imagine Charles Barkley with the sense of humor and back-to-the-basket game, but without the extra girth.

Haring has played through tendinitis in her knee for years, something she said she's become used to. She can't remember playing without it. She has managed to play all 86 possible games in her Oregon career.

"She's a fighter," Oregon coach Bev Smith said. "She's a competitor."

Stretching helps her knees, but it is something coaches watch, Oregon assistant coach Phil Brown said. He said in the offseason, coaches need to look at bicycle work and pool work to help her physically as well.

Her ability to play through it, Brown said, is part of her leadership role.

Brown, Haring and Richards' former coach in Australia, joined Oregon last spring as an assistant coach. The trio now shares memories and talks about current events in Australia.

"It's nice," Brown said. "It's just a nice feeling to have that connection with your home country."

Haring and Richards spent one year together under Brown at the Australian Institute of Sport. Brown coached the pair for a total of two years each. Haring moved to Canberra, roughly 2,200 miles east of Perth, to join the Australian Institute of Sport at age 16. She completed 12th grade and played

basketball her first year there.

The following year, Haring and the team competed as the lone amateur group in the eight-team Women's National Basketball League.

Because she already knew Brown, Smith talked to the Australian coach and got to know Haring through multiple phone calls. Haring decided soon after to join Oregon and came to Eugene in 2003.

"(Brown) taught us a lot when we were back at home," Richards said.

"Everything we know," Haring quipped.

"To have him here, it's more of a comfort thing than anything else," Richards said.

In Australia, Brown focused on the development of players for international basketball. Here, he is focused on Oregon's offense.

"He's very offensive-minded here. ... He breaks down the offense and lets us know where we're going to get shots and how to get the best type of shots," Richards said.

"He's really, really good with fundamentals," Haring said.

"He sees things in offenses that we don't even see and we are the ones running them," Richards added. "He has a such a good basketball mind."

Together again with his former pupils, Brown has been able to work with Richards and Haring again, helping the pair improve. Brown said he'd like to see Haring expand her shooting range and develop a three-point shot.

Brown said Haring's strong suit is contributing within the team framework.

"She's happy to be a part of a team and contribute where she can and in a way in the areas that she can do," Brown said. "I think that's Eleanor."

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Men: Schafer starts early second-half run

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(11-16, 4-12) on March 4.

"It was a big win for us to get down," Kent said. "It gives us an opportunity to stay with them in terms of total number of victories. We need some help from Oregon State over here on Saturday."

"It seems like we kind of just said, 'Here UCLA, take this game,' and we're not going to do that this time."

MALIK HAIRSTON | Oregon forward

After hosting Oregon State Saturday, USC travels to Stanford (March 2) and California (March 4) to close out the regular season. The Cardinal (13-11, 9-6) and Bears (17-7, 11-4) are currently tied for fourth and first in the conference standings, respectively.

Sunday special

Oregon has an extra day off during its road trip before a shot at knocking off conference leader UCLA Sunday at 1 p.m.

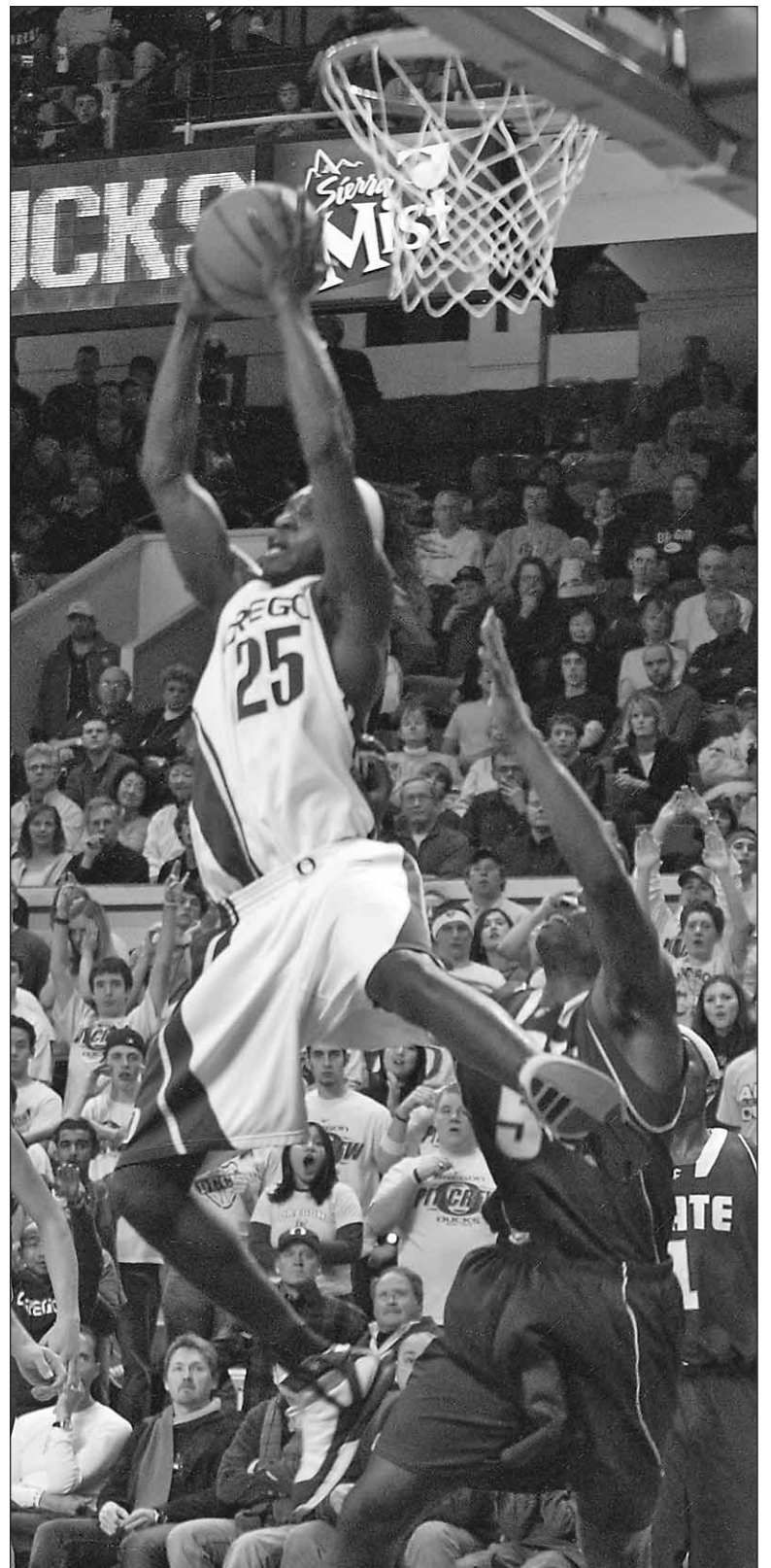
UCLA's sophomore backcourt leads the team with nearly half of its 67.8 points per game. Jordan Farmar (14.4 points per game) also leads the Pac-10 in assists at 5.5 per game, while Aaron Afflalo provides 16.9 points per game for the Bruins.

The Bruins defeated the Ducks 56-49 last month to give Oregon its second of six-straight losses.

Farmar scored a game-high 14 points as UCLA outscored Oregon 11-4 during the final 3:54 of the game. Oregon was held without a field goal for the final 7:51 of the game.

"It seems like we kind of just said, 'Here UCLA, take this game,' and we're not going to do that this time," Hairston said. "It's going to be a well-fought game by both teams and I think we have a good chance of winning this basketball game against a great UCLA basketball team."

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Oregon guard Chamberlain Oguchi rips down a rebound against Washington State on Saturday. Oguchi scored eight points Thursday to help the Ducks defeat USC 73-61.

Women: Ducks to end season against UCLA

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my heels. I could have done a lot better tonight."

Wagner ended with 17 points to lead the team in scoring. She and Kristen Forristall each pulled down a team-high seven rebounds. Forristall played a season-high 25 minutes and hit her first three-pointer of the year.

Oregon's Jessie Shettters filled in for injured Gabrielle Richards in the post and scored eight points, tying a

personal-best. The junior forward from Portland grabbed six rebounds while clocking 26 minutes on the floor.

"I couldn't be more proud of her," Davis said, referring to Shettters. "She went out and played a great game and did everything we asked of her."

Also scoring in double figures for the Trojans was Camille LeNoir, who finished 5 of 12 from the field and 3 of 4 from the free-throw line for a total of 14 points. Meghan Gnekow added nine points in 28 minutes of play.

The loss, in front of 3,179, marked the Ducks' fourth straight. They've dropped six of their last seven games.

Seniors, such as Wagner, who have one regular-season game left to play for the Ducks, took the loss to heart.

"I was really excited for these last two games at Mac Court, and this is difficult for me," Wagner said. "But I've still got one more."

The Ducks wrap up the regular season Saturday against UCLA. The Bruins came away with an 82-63 win in their meeting with Oregon on Dec. 20. Oregon rallied from double-digit deficits throughout the game but stalled on offense late in the second half.

Going into UCLA's 72-59 win over Oregon State Thursday, the Bruins led

the conference in assists per game (18.13). Nikki Blue has played an integral part in the offense this season. Blue was tops in the Pac-10 heading into this week with 82 assists, 17 more than Oregon State's Mandy Close, who ranks second.

On defense, Lisa Willis led the Bruins with 87 steals at the end of last week. Jene Morris of Cal was 22 steals behind her in the conference standings with 55.

Willis notched a half-dozen steals against the Ducks on Dec. 20, which helped the Bruins to 32 points off of turnovers.

Carolyn Ganes came off the bench to lead Oregon in scoring against UCLA. She added six rebounds to her scoring total in 19 minutes. Her efforts earned her all-conference honors for the week.

Oregon coach Bev Smith said turnovers were key in both Oregon's loss Dec. 20 and Thursday's defeat.

"We turned the ball over in some key moments, and they got some big offensive boards in the second half," Smith said. "We definitely need to protect the ball Saturday."

Tipoff Saturday at McArthur Court is at 3 p.m. Coverage can be found on 1320 AM.

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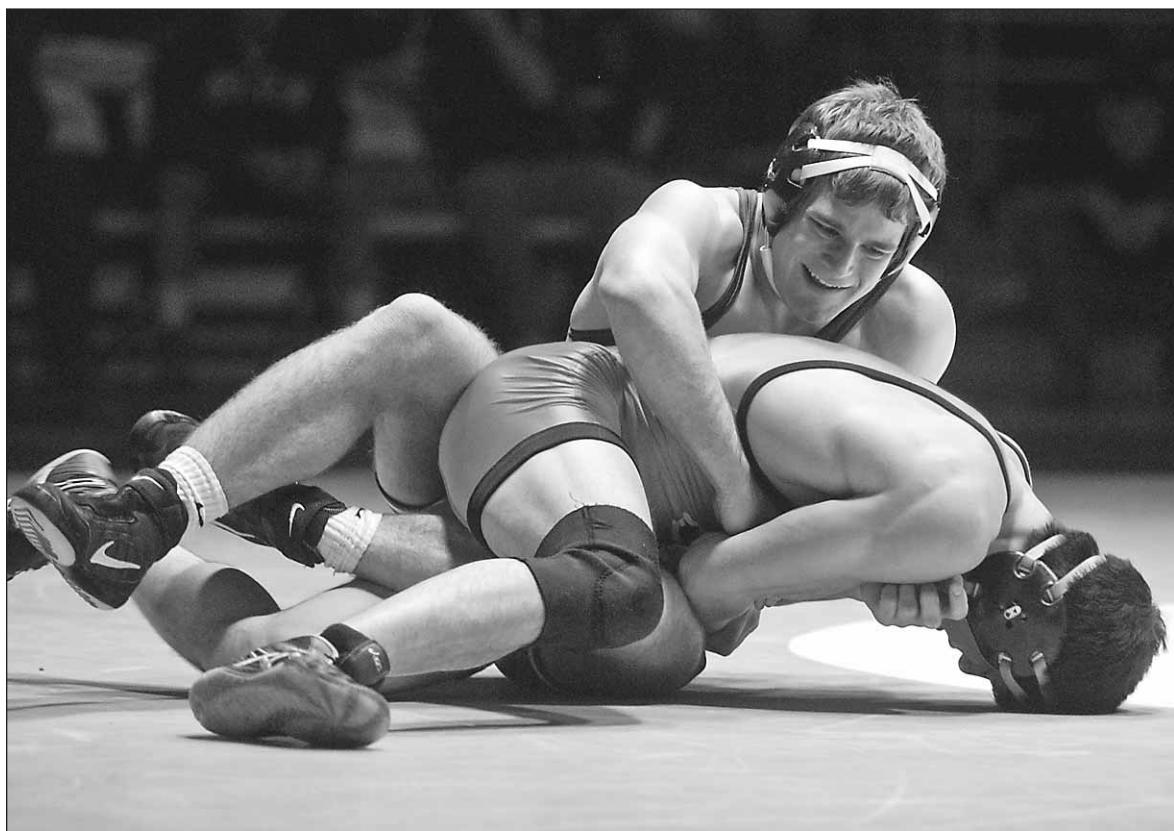
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■ Duck wrestling



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Oregon's Skyler Woods is one in a group of seniors that will lead the Ducks into the Pacific-10 Conference Championships in Palo Alto, Calif., beginning Sunday.

Webster aims for second Pacific-10 Championship

Ninety-one wins into his career, Shane Webster enters the weekend a step closer to a National Championship

BY SPENCER CRUM
FREELANCE REPORTER

Five years ago, when Shane Webster decided to wrestle for Oregon, he boasted the title of No. 1 recruit at 184 pounds in the nation. Today, 91 wins later, Webster is a step closer to his second straight Pacific-10 Conference Championship.

Already second all-time in wins at Oregon, Webster is in a position this weekend in Palo Alto, Calif. to become the first wrestler in Oregon history to win a NCAA National Championship.

"He is on track," Oregon coach Chuck Kearney said. "He's doing the things he needs to do, and we've got some things that we are going to put into his training that will help him with a national championship."

In his final season at Oregon, Webster has put an exclamation point on his career with 30-plus wins and only one loss. As the defending Pac-10 Champion preps for another conference championship this season, Webster has taken motivation from an unlikely source: A loss.

"Everything in life has an up and a down. Everything has a positive and a negative. The negative of that match was that in my mind and Shane's mind the best wrestler didn't win," Kearney said regarding Webster's loss in Reno.

Northwestern's Mike Tamillow beat Webster 2-0 in the 184-pound final Dec. 18 at the Reno Tournament of Champions. The loss has helped Webster understand he can only wrestle one match at a time.

"Thirty wins? Nah, right now I haven't won a match," Webster said. "After each match I'll be 1-0. Then I'll be 0-0 again."

That mindset has prepared Webster for the Pac-10 and NCAA championships. He wants to make sure he has a strong training schedule so he can hit his peaks at this weekend's Pac-10 championships and eventually the Nationals, Webster said.

"If you want to win a national championship you are going to wrestle five matches where you are evenly matched," Kearney said.

Oregon's coaching staff has

challenged all of the Ducks to wrestle better. Kearney believes that the focus has to be on getting better and mastering the sport, which will give the Ducks a better chance at winning matches on a regular basis.

The defending Pac-10 champion at 165 pounds, Joey Bracamonte, is projected to close out his season similarly to Webster, according to the Oregon coaching staff.

For many of these Ducks, the Pac-10 championships will be the last time they take the mat for Oregon. To continue to Nationals, wrestlers must place in the top four at the conference championship. Skyler Woods, Chet McBee and Martin Mitchell will fight for top spots in pursuit of possibly joining Webster and Bracamonte in Oklahoma City for the NCAA Championship on March 16-18.

Redshirt freshman Ryan Dunn is projected to compete for the 125-pound Pac-10 Championship. He has a record of 25-7 on the season.

Oregon finished the season with a 49-0 victory over Portland State and wrapped up a 7-7 overall record and 5-6 in the Pac-10. Last year the Ducks finished third at Pac-10 championships.

doubles tournament win and we're looking forward to working with him next fall."

During their run to the finals, Wiechert and Mendoza defeated the tournament's No. 2-seeded team, Holden Ching and Michael J. Lim.

Wiechert has built a reputation as a solid junior player and was ranked No. 1 in Boys 16-and-under in Pacific Northwest singles tennis rankings. The senior at Churchill High School was also a member of the 2005 USTA Junior Davis Cup team.

"With the improvement Stephen's been making, and if he continues to be successful, he's going to move more and more into the spotlight," Kowalik said.

— Stefanie Loh

IN BRIEF

Oregon recruit wins National USTA event

Stephen Wiechert, a member of the Oregon men's tennis 2006-07 recruiting class, won the doubles portion of the USTA National Open on Wednesday.

Wiechert, a Eugene native, and his doubles partner, Spencer Mendoza, overcame the Hawaiian sun and top-notch competition to win the tournament in Honolulu.


"Stephen's a good player and he's continually developing and getting better week by week," Oregon men's tennis coach Kevin Kowalik said. "We're excited about his

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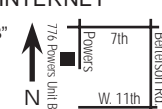
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Women's basketball

Playing her part

Kristen Forristall, despite a down season, has been an invaluable role-player

BY JEFFREY DRANSFELDT
SPORTS REPORTER

Kristen Forristall never anticipated her sophomore year would turn out this way.

Forristall — who earned Pacific-10 All-Freshman honors and played an average of 18 minutes per game last season — didn't play consistent minutes in Coach Bev Smith's rotation this season.

That is, until Oregon visited the Washington schools last weekend.

Forristall helped fill gaping holes against Washington Feb. 16, when Chelsea Wagner and Brandi Davis were sidelined. In 24 minutes, Forristall collected five points, four rebounds and two assists.

Two nights later in Pullman, Wash., Forristall played 22 minutes with four points, three rebounds and two assists.

"It's frustrating to go from playing a lot of minutes to going to no minutes," Forristall said. "Just getting out there, it's just nice to be able to contribute."

She earned five starts early in the season, but overall her numbers have dropped. Her freshman year, Forristall had averages of 5.5 points and 3.2 rebounds.

She is now averaging 10 minutes per game with 2.7 points and 2.0 rebounds and shooting 37.8 percent with one three-pointer.

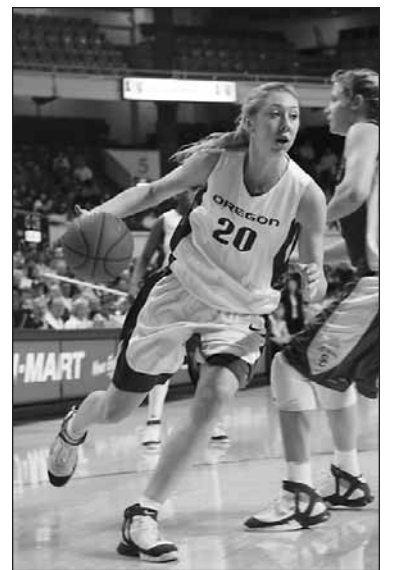
Forristall's improved play of late bodes well for next season with three-point threats Wagner and Davis graduating. Last season, Forristall made 18 of 47 three-pointers.

Two Oregon teammates, Carolyn Ganes and Eleanor Haring, struggled after strong freshman seasons. Is Forristall's off-year a result of the notorious sophomore jinx?

"No, and I want to blame it all on that, but it really comes down to the work I did or didn't do," Forristall said. "I wish I could say it's the curse's fault, but I don't believe in curses."

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KRISTEN FORRISTALL | Oregon forward



KAI-HUEI YAU | PHOTOGRAPHER

Kristen Forristall continued her breakthrough into coach Bev Smith's rotation Thursday night against USC. Forristall scored five points and grabbed seven rebounds in 25 minutes of playing time.

Opponents see what players can do during their freshman seasons, and adjust accordingly during the player's sophomore year. This places responsibility to improve squarely on the player, sophomore Gabrielle Richards said.

"I think there is a lot more attention on you from other teams so that makes it obviously a lot harder to get open looks and open scores," she said.

Forristall has been quick to support teammates when she's not playing.

"I know what it's like to be on the other side of the spectrum — play the minutes and work my butt off and come off and sit down," she said. "It's really nice to always have a teammate always there to encourage you."

Right now, whether her recent play is foreshadowing of things to come next season, Forristall accepts her current place.

"I want to embrace my role wherever," she said. "If I'm getting minutes, I want to play hard, and if I'm on the bench, I want to cheer them on."

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ACROSS

- See
- Flexible prefix
- Cries for attention
- Summoning
- With 13-Down, places for shooting stars
- Bit
- Take ____ (break)
- They have African cousins
- An eagle is on its flag
- Pattern of scanning lines on a TV
- They can be choppy
- Bill for fine clothing?
- Argonaut who slew Castor
- "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice" co-star
- Hard-rock center
- One in a shelter, maybe
- ____ particle
- Is in charge
- Beautiful people of literature
- ____ in the "Park" (Rodgers and Hart song)
- He wrote a hit Broadway musical with Weill
- Parts of some joints
- ____ ready
- Rank last attained in 1950
- Imminent, old-style
- Harmless reptile with a dangerous-sounding name
- "Somebody's Knockin'" singer ____ Gibbs
- Wannabe's efforts
- Easy ____
- Auto performance factor, informally
- Start of Massachusetts' motto
- Beards
- Repay, in a way
- "See?!"
- Dwarf
- Piles
- Entangle
- Not merely warm
- Like some commerce
- Far Eastern female servants
- Whiz
- "Good night, sweet prince" speaker
- Now level
- Cold northerly winds of southern France
- See 16-Across
- ____ lot (very little)
- Late
- Sans subtlety
- Jedi protector
- Many a surfer
- Cold war abbr.

DOWN

- Understanding, of sorts
- Transportation in a 1941 hit song
- Military toppers
- Amazon warrior killed by Achilles
- One of Hamlet's courtiers
- Novelist Tina McElroy ____
- ____ morgana (mirage)
- Behind
- Down
- Some bent pipes

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■ Duck tennis

Oregon swings for top-20 rank this weekend

Facing Long Beach State and Denver this weekend, the Ducks can climb two spots and crack the top 20

BY STEFANIE LOH
FREELANCE REPORTER

The Oregon women's tennis team is No. 22 and climbing and look to break into the top 20 as they host No. 46 Long Beach State today at 1 p.m. and No. 54 Denver on Sunday at 9 a.m.

"Long Beach is very good," Oregon women's coach Nils Schyllander said. "They're even stronger than the Colorado team that was here last weekend."

Colorado has been the Ducks' biggest challenge at home to date. Oregon eventually won 4-3 in a tight match decided by freshman Claudia Hirt's 11th-hour comeback win.

Oregon's solid play this season can be attributed to the way the Duck freshmen have stepped up their game according to the steep learning curve of the college game, according to Schyllander.

"You don't replace Daria Panova with one player, you do it by committee," he said. "I'm very happy with the way we did last weekend. I thought the young people did a lot of very good things."

Carmen Seremeta is one

of those people. The freshman from Cupertino, Calif., has been churning out wins from the No. 3 singles position and is 7-0 on the season.

"Carmen has improved so much. She can do a lot more now than she was able to in the fall," Schyllander said. "She's more comfortable coming forward and with going for the volley. She hits the ball very flat on the backhand, and she's a tough matchup for some players because she keeps the ball very low and can angle it around the court."

Seremeta also serves without

much of a backswing — something that most tennis coaches frown upon.

"I had tendinitis in my shoulder as a junior in high school, and had to completely change my serve," Seremeta said. "So now, I don't focus so much on the backswing, I just try to get my arm up really quickly. I think my serve's actually a lot more powerful now than it was before."

Schyllander doesn't think Seremeta needs to correct her unconventional serve technique either.

"It works for her, and it's nothing we want to change," he said.

Ceci Olivos is another Duck freshman who has entrenched herself in the starting lineup this season. Olivos is half of Oregon's No. 49-ranked doubles team. Playing in tandem at the No. 1 doubles spot with junior Dominika Dieskova, Olivos has amassed seven doubles wins and has only dropped two singles matches in dual play this season.

Olivos also has one of the most severe game faces of anyone on the team when she's on court. When she's in the middle of a match, her dark eyes fill with intensity and it's hard to get her to crack a smile until the final point has been played out.

"I think I look stressed because I'm always really focused," she said, laughing. "But I don't want to get relaxed. Because when I get relaxed, maybe when I'm winning, I stop playing the way I should be playing."

"I think I play better under pressure, or when I play against better players. Because then I keep my focus the whole time."

"You don't replace Daria Panova with one player, you do it by committee."

NILS SCHYLLANDER | Oregon coach

The Oregon men's tennis team also goes into this weekend with big hopes. The Duck men are 5-2 on the season, but none of those wins have come against nationally ranked opponents.

Oregon lost to No. 75 Santa Barbara last weekend and was shut out by Louisiana-Lafayette 0-7 the week before.

"I think we just need to be more consistent," Oregon men's coach Kevin Kowalik said. "It's not that these teams we've played so far are unbelievably better, everyone just has to play at a more consistent level."

Senior Arron Spencer agrees.

"Last weekend was just frustrating," he said. "Santa Barbara was a very beatable team and we just didn't take care of business."

Spencer lost his match 2-6, 6-3, 3-6 to the Gauchos' Bijan Hijazi in Oregon's 2-4 losing effort.

"I was up in the third in my match and I kinda just let a couple of things get at me," Spencer said. "Some bad calls were made and I let that bug me even though I knew better, and I preach that to everyone all the time."

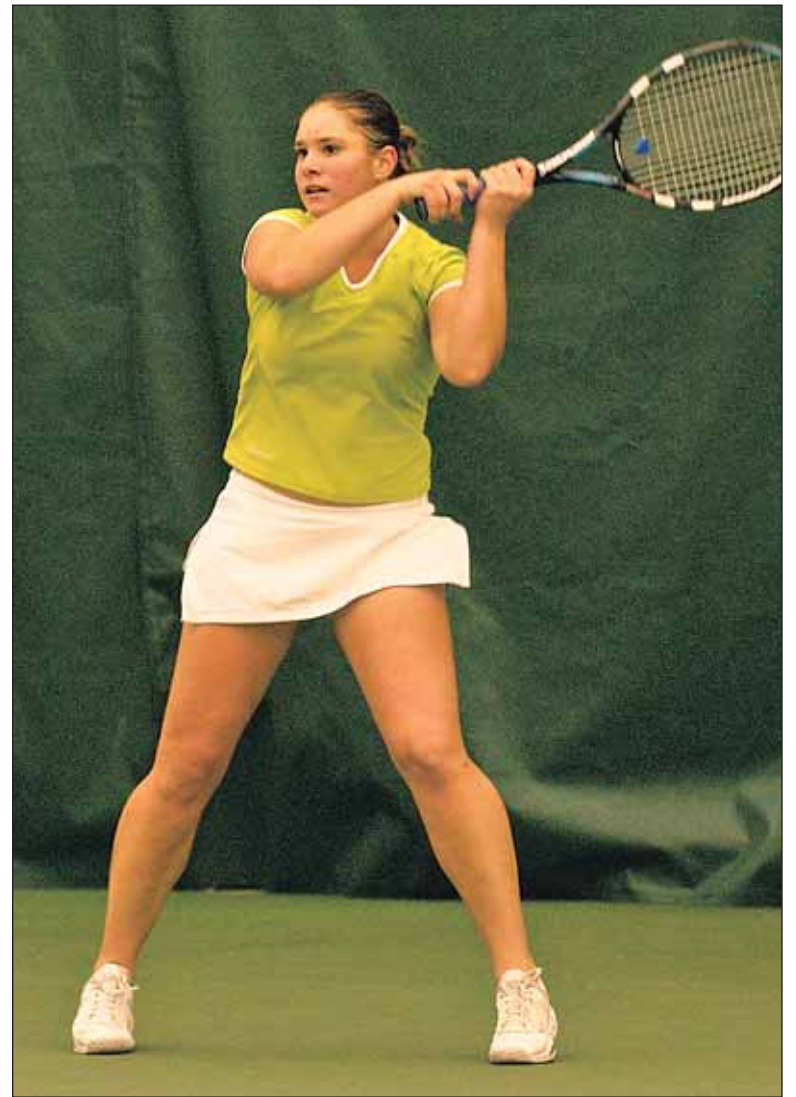
Senior Markus Schiller thinks the young Ducks just need to get more experience. Schiller was one of only two Ducks to win against Santa Barbara.

"Last weekend was tough," Schiller said. "Everybody lost the first set and I just told myself that I couldn't lose to Santa Barbara."

"As a senior, you've played more in those kinds of situations and you know how to deal better. If you lose a set, you know you can come back. If you're a freshman, you lose a set and you see everyone else down a set, it's kinda hard to keep that belief in yourself. I think that's key."

The men's team goes up against No. 63 Fresno State and No. 10 Washington at home this weekend, beginning with Washington today at 6 p.m.

This is only the second year since former Ducks' coach Chris Russell switched sides and took on an



ZANE RITT | PHOTO EDITOR

Oregon's Carmen Seremeta is 7-0 on the season at No. 3 singles. The freshman from Cupertino, Calif., led the team in wins last fall with a 10-2 record.

assistant coaching position with the Huskies.

"Chris recruited our juniors and seniors, so he obviously has an inner knowledge of some of the guys on our team," Kowalik said. "But that's not to say that we don't know how their guys play too. Because in college tennis, everyone plays everyone else so much that you get to know other players' playing styles."

Seeing Russell on the other end of the court when Oregon plays the Huskies is always a little hard for Spencer, a Eugene native.

"I've known the guy since I was in middle school, and I love the guy to death," Spencer said. "So it's definitely hard seeing him in purple, seeing his family in purple, and seeing his little kids run around in purple. Not a very pretty sight, I'll just put it that way."

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