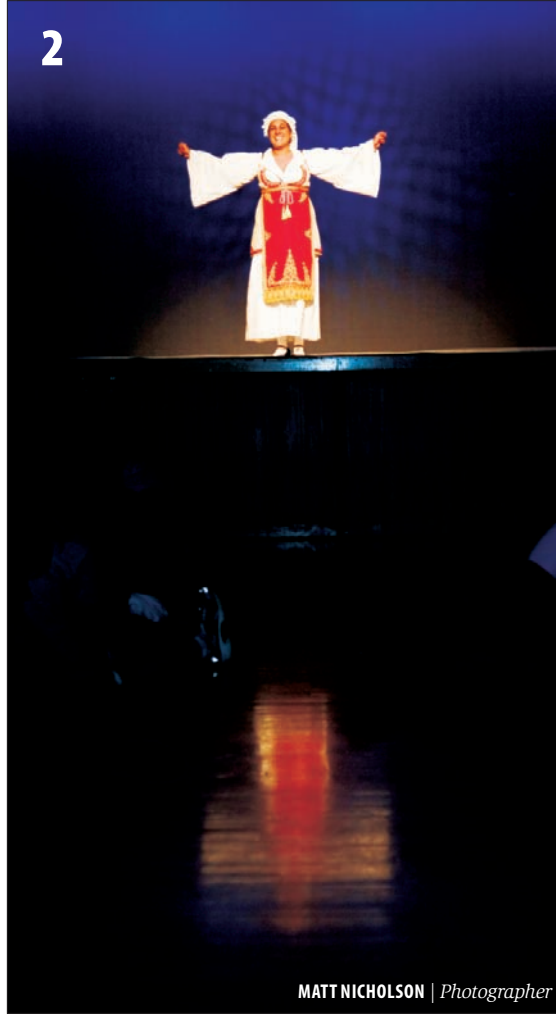


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CAMPUS PARKING

DPS to tow vehicles in Williams' Bakery lot

Starting Monday, the lot will close temporarily for a remodel

TREVOR DAVIS
News Reporter

The Department of Public Safety will tow all vehicles parked at the former Williams' Bakery site near the University's 13th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard entrance starting Monday morning around midnight, DPS announced Thursday.

DPS wants to close the gravel lot temporarily to enhance the lot and enforce parking rules.

"This place is a zoo," said Ken Boegli, DPS parking and transportation manager, pointing to vehicles lined along a fence at the site Thursday afternoon. Some vehicles were parked behind others, and vehicles in some rows weren't even with each other. Cars were parked in potholes.

"This lot isn't up to our standards right now," Boegli said. "In order to fix the lot, we have to get all these cars out."

DPS wants to add striping, signs, landscaping and lighting.

"We're not going to pave it at this point," Boegli said. "It doesn't mean we won't consider it in the future. We're not sure what the future of that site will be."

The University purchased the seven-acre site in February 2005 for about \$22.2 million as part of the University's plan to develop property along Franklin Boulevard. The site may be used for a new basketball arena to replace aging McArthur Court. Williams' Bakery moved from the 13th Avenue site near Bean and Hamilton residence halls to a new Springfield building last May.

Boegli said he fears students aren't safe when parking in the Williams' Bakery lot overnight. Lights in the parking lot don't work, and it is next to an abandoned building.

"Parking in a dark, deserted lot is not safe," Boegli said. "That's our primary concern right now."

Boegli estimated the lot could hold about 80 vehicles after remodel. A DPS

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1. MEMORIAL

Moment of silence held for Virginia Tech victims

TESS MCBRIDE
News Reporter

During the two minutes of silence held Thursday around noon for the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy, more than 150 heads hung low while many students and community members wiped the tears from their cheeks, reflecting on the loss of 33 people connected to them by the tie of higher education.

"I think it's important for all the students at U of O to show their support," said Madeline Wigen, a University student and the ASUO finance coordinator, who attended the memorial.

Similar memorials were held on campuses across the country Thursday and today, something Wigen said made her feel connected to students across the nation and at Virginia Tech.

2. FUNDRAISER

Ms. Greek contest raises \$5,100 for MADD

JILL KIMBALL
Freelance Reporter

It was an evening of fun and philanthropy. Hundreds of Greek students gathered on the floor of the EMU Ballroom on Wednesday night to raise money for the nonprofit group Mothers Against Drunk Driving and watch the annual Ms. Greek competition.

The competition began in 2003 as a philanthropic event to benefit MADD and the success of the event inspired sororities to hold the competition annually. The idea was successful. Ms. Greek has raised increasingly more money each year. In 2006, the event raised more than \$10,000 to donate to MADD.

3. MOVEMENT

University students take part in Day of Silence

COLETTE CROUSE
Freelance Reporter

More than 250 University students participating in the Day of Silence handed cards to their teachers and friends on Wednesday that said, "My deliberate silence echoes the silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices."

This event, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies was founded in 1996 by students at the University of Virginia. Since then, the event has become a large student-led action for making schools safer for people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

4. RALLY

Take Back the Night confronts sexual assault

TALIA SCHMIDT
Freelance Reporter

Thursday night in the amphitheater of the EMU, hundreds of students and community members gathered to speak out against sexual assault and domestic violence.

Various University and local organizations raised awareness by tabling along the amphitheater and passing out brochures. Among them were the Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team (SWAT), HIV Alliance, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Alliance, Lane County District Attorney Victim Services Program and the University Women's Center and the University Men's Center.

The audience of all ages came together at 6 p.m. to celebrate survivors and hear speakers present inspirational lectures.

5. OAXACA WEEK

Mexican woman makes significant move to U.S.

MIRANDA BROADBENT
Freelance Reporter

Reina Luz Santiago is the first person who's ever left her small town in the southeastern Mexican state of Oaxaca and traveled to a foreign country, she said, and her departure raised some objections from her brother.

With anthropology professor Lynn Stephen translating from Spanish, Santiago said, "He said to me, 'I'm a man and I'm older than you and I haven't left my home. How is it that you are leaving?'"

Her brother's reaction was typical in her community, a town made up largely of people of the Mixtec indigenous group. Women in her community marry young, have children and commit to a domestic life without other opportunities.

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COUNTY FUNDING

Protest planned for proposed public safety tax

JASON N. REED
News Reporter

Lane County residents and businesses are planning to protest a new income tax — one that has been proposed before but always voted down.

If the measure passes, Lane County will be the only county in Oregon with an income tax, but if it fails, the city will come up short on funds for public safety.

The Public Safety Income Tax

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EDITORIAL

University sets a sustainable example



CHRISTIN PALAZZOLO | Photo Editor

Dave Frohnmayer announced on Wednesday that the University would join the American University Presidents Climate Commitment to curb CO2 emissions.

University President Dave Frohnmayer took the first step Wednesday in curbing carbon emissions at the University. At an Earth Day celebration, Frohnmayer announced that the University will join the American University Presidents Climate Commitment, pledging to reduce and finally eliminate campus greenhouse gas emissions.

Frohnmayer's stance on the issue is heartening. Currently, the University is lagging behind where it should be in terms environmental sustainability. Not only will Frohnmayer's pledge make the campus more energy efficient and clean, it will also

benefit cost margins. The EMU, for example, would benefit from drastic reforms in energy consumption, and Campus Recycling needs new vans that do not spew bilious plumes of coal-black exhaust. They need to set an example, obviously.

Frohnmayer said that universities must be on the cutting edge of environmental reforms, and this is true. The reality is that we must make the technological reforms necessary to keep us moving into the future, otherwise we will be left behind. Environmental reforms are, at the most basic level, an investment in the future — both financially and socially.

Calls for environmental action can sound breathless, but there are tangible benefits to reform that can positively affect both University students and the world at large. Regardless of one's views on global warming, it is difficult to argue that changing the energy consumption policies of the University would not benefit the community as well as the state.

Systematic changes in how the University consumes energy is commendable. It is important, as an institution of higher learning, that the University take the lead in developing efficient policies for the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senator Gulley is a clear example of everything wrong with democracy

Every time I remember that Nate Gulley holds a position of power in an institution of higher learning I get slightly nauseous. I'm still at a loss as to how Gulley can not only be cleared of unprofessionalism by the Senate but also deflect any criticism by claiming "institutional racism." Perhaps, Nate, you had grievances filed against you because you're loud and unbearable — kind of like the teenagers hanging around the Springfield bus station. Kudos to Senators Daniels and Mourfy for resigning from this three-ring circus. If anyone ever asks me what the potential problems of democracy are, I will simply point to a picture of Gulley and his sideways hat.

C.J. Ciaramella
University student

Bureaucracy of Senate marginalizes minority students, creates oppression

We are here today as a collective body to represent the voices that have been forcibly silenced by institutions of power such as the Student Senate and Program Finance Committee (PFC). The concerns and the incidents listed on our signs represent only a small number of the incidents in which students have specifically felt institutional oppression. We are not targeting individuals but rather the bureaucratic system that normalizes and prioritizes whiteness, heteronormativity, sexism, gender conformity, euro-centrism, dominant language (English), ableness, and classism, to name only a few.

Unions were created as a means to provide a safe spaces for students of various under represented communities on this campus. We, Student Organizations exist as a means to create community, empowerment, self-determination, and change. Student organizations are a crucial aspect of the University of Oregon because they act as a means to recruit and retain Students of Color, Womyn, and Queer Folks by filling pipelines and creating a critical mass that this campus so desperately needs. In order for these to become a reality Student leaders and representatives like Student Senate and PFC must be sensitive and respectful as well as understand the values of Student Organizations on campus. Student Senate and PFC's commitment to support and contribution to Student Organizations will not only ensure its survival, and vitalization, but also build and add on to the long and overdue Diversity Plan.

Our presence today is a means to address the oppressive actions directed towards student groups, unions and organizations within Student Senate and PFC. We acknowledge that it is not always easy to understand the system of oppression but in no way does this make it an excuse to dismiss the opportunity of conversation and

dialogue. If you are not willing to take time to do personal education work as a student body and representative of the University, you are refusing the opportunity to better serve the student body you represent.

Mai Vang & Josué Peña-Juárez
Representatives of the Multicultural Center and student unions

Bullying is a problem throughout the country, not just at Virginia Tech

NBC's decision to show photos of Virginia Tech gunman Cho Seung-Hu has been met with strong criticism. "I just hate that a lot of people not used to seeing that type of image had to see it," said one person. I say, "Acknowledge what you just saw, and take responsibility for it." In what is now becoming a familiar tale, we hear that Cho was picked on in school, pushed around and laughed at over his shyness and the strange way he talked when he was a schoolboy.

All of this hints at something I can certainly relate to. When I moved to California in the seventh grade from Canada, I was abused on a daily basis by my classmates for the first three months — because I was different. When I moved to Oregon around the start of junior high school, I received a similar form of treatment that I found to be equally painful. I had tried to fit in socially early on upon moving to Oregon. For my efforts I was quickly shunned.

Like most people, I was able to adapt to my environment over time. But the problem is that this kind of treatment is so widespread in the United States. Because of this, incidents like the ones we saw at Virginia Tech and Columbine are inevitable: Not everybody can take daily abuse and isolation from which there is no escape. We learn that in high school, after reading aloud in class, Cho was immediately laughed at by the whole classroom, and told to go back to China. Leaving aside the ignorance of their remark about China, that the students at Cho's high school would even be allowed to laugh at him as they did is a pathetic statement about their educators and the narrow-minded ways they were raised.

People who don't want to see Cho's picture on the news are probably the same people who'd rather think that this kind of treatment isn't common in the United States, or that somehow it's harmless. They are wrong on both counts, and such attitudes toward this kind of abuse only contributes to the problem. If the classmates of Cho were taught sensitivity training and raised in an institution where abusive treatment of others resulted in suspension or expulsion, there would probably be thirty-three more living souls in the US than there are today.

Mark Grant
University class of '85

GUEST COMMENTARY

Students should choose independent candidates

This election season, let's do something different: Don't allow one slate to take every position in the ASUO. Although there are a few slates out there, each one of them shows the same characteristics as in previous elections.

Slates are undemocratic. Instead of encouraging voters to focus on the platforms, experience and qualifications of the individual candidates running, the "heads" of each slate would hand UO students a piece of paper, have them assume each name listed will act the same once in the ASUO, and then vote them all into office. The impact of this is that elections turn from a popularity contest into a full-out race for Prom Queen. When candidates are put on a slate simply so an executive ticket can get votes from an individual's respective "group," the winner is decided by who can get to the major voting demographics first, not who is the most qualified candidate. Also, when you vote an entire slate into office, you are not ensuring the best representation of all students. Instead, what you get is one ideal, one mindset — something the UO should not strive for.

Slates also discourage independent candidates, who are generally more passionate and qualified, from running. When facing a slate headed by an executive ticket that brings in more donations than an ASPAC or Student Senate candidate can alone, the thought of running a successful campaign seems, and in most cases is proven, impossible. The trend of "slate politics" in ASUO elections is detrimental to the very goals the Elections Board espouses.

Related to my last point, slates (in contrast to independent candidates) are historically inefficient and unqualified. The high turnover rates in the Senate in the past few years are a testament to the unfortunate consequences of voting in slates. This past school year saw lower turnover than the two years previous, due in part to a push last spring to vote for independent candidates.

Lastly, and probably not most importantly, slate politics make the ASUO look crony-ish and kind of a joke. The impression is given that when everyone goes in together, they will only be loyal to each other. Again, this is not necessarily the case every time, but the possibility of this happening is increased with the use of slates.

So this week, don't take a piece of paper and vote down it because it's easy or even because you support the executive ticket running. Oppose slates — vote independent candidates.

Amy Higdon is a University student

CORRECTION

The Emerald incorrectly ran the following photo alongside a story in Thursday's Emerald about Sara Hamilton's removal from the Student Senate ("Allegations, resignations, removal rock Senate," ODE April 19). These students were not at Wednesday's Senate meeting in regards to Hamilton's removal. The students attended the meeting to voice their concerns about possible institutional racism on the Student Senate.

The Emerald regrets the error.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate allocates more than \$16,000 from surplus

JOBETTA HEDELMAN
News Reporter

The Student Senate allocated more than \$16,000 from surplus funds at Wednesday's marathon meeting. Before starting the meeting, the Senate observed a moment of silence for the victims at Virginia Tech.

Senators heard surplus requests from several student groups for various events and cultural nights and allocated \$16,277.

The Native American Student Union requested \$8,000 to fund its annual pow-wow, to be held May 12. Although Senators expressed concern there was not enough fundraising, the group explained they received donations of food and supplies that could not really be quantified.

Senators also approved a \$2,000 request from the Survival Center to fund an upcoming event for the "Food Not Bombs" program.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Alliance requested \$600 to help fund the transgender week of celebration, which starts Monday.

Other groups to receive surplus money included the Student Association for Women in

Architecture, which received \$177 for an upcoming "meet and greet," the Hong Kong Student Association, which received \$450 for its culture night to be held April 22, and the Student Bar Association, which was given \$5,000 for an upcoming graduation barbecue.

In other Senate news, ASUO President Jared Axelrod said he is unsure if and when he will fill the vacancy left by Sara Hamilton's removal from the Senate. Hamilton served in EMU Board Senate Seat 6, which is up for re-election this year. Her term would have ended May 24.

Although the ASUO Constitution says appointments must be made within 30 days of a vacancy (meaning the seat must be filled by May 18), the long process of appointing someone new means the person filling the vacancy would be a temporary hire, Axelrod said.

The winner of the election may be appointed temporarily, officially ending the term on May 24 and starting again in the same position on May 25, he said.

Axelrod said he has to talk to his staff before making any decisions.

Contact the campus and federal politics reporter at jhedelman@dailyemerald.com

Taxes: 'We Said No' is holding a protest Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon on the Ferry Street Bridge

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(Ordinance 2-07) will impose a 1.1 percent tax on personal, non-resident and business income, and will be dedicated to public safety only. Ordinance 2-07's predecessor, ballot measure 20-114, was to impose a 2 percent income tax and lost in November 2006, 51 to 49 percent.

County Board of Commissioners on Feb. 21 enacted the ordinance by a 3-2 vote, circumventing any public vote by Lane County residents.

That action was undertaken when the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2002, which provided Lane County with \$27,334,274.65 in funding for public government, expired. On Sept. 30, 2006, the SRS authorization ended.

Unless Lane County receives a four-year extension, meant to phase out existing payments, the income tax will be directed at replacing these funds for Lane County.

"The tax was resuscitated because the needs are still present. We have a public safety system that is still woefully inadequate and criminals have a get out jail free card when the DA doesn't have the resources to prosecute," Bobby Green, north Eugene commissioner and supporter of the tax measure, said in an e-mail. "Even with the loss of SRS, Lane County still have a financial structural deficit."

The political action committee We Said No gathered nearly 1,000 signatures more than the necessary 5,577 to place the income tax's future in the hand of the public on the May 15 ballot. The group is holding a rally Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon on the Ferry Street Bridge to protest the tax and to support the recall of Commissioner Green.

"Their job is to balance the budget and public safety should be on the top of their list. All they really do is keep

coming back saying 'we need more money, we need more money,'" said Bob Hooker, a director of We Said No.

Public safety includes programs to protect people from criminal activity, mental health and crime victim services, alcohol and drug treatment, the sheriff, youth services and district attorney departments

Commissioner Peter Sorenson, one of the two dissenting votes, feels one of the problems of the measure is the lack of taxing based on income.

"Ernie Kent, Dave Frohnmayer and Peter Sorenson are all going to pay the same amount, and that is fundamentally unfair," Commissioner Sorenson said. "We should balance the budget with the money we have and not go out and ask the residents of the county for more money."

Contact the city, state politics reporter at jreed@dailyemerald.com

SHOOTING

Former classmates say Va. Tech gunman was bullied

BLACKSBURG, Va.— Long before he boiled over, Virginia Tech gunman Cho Seung-Hui was pushed around in suburban Washington because of his shyness and the strange, mumbly way he talked, former classmates from grade school say.

Chris Davids, a Virginia Tech senior who graduated from Westfield High School in Chantilly, Va., with Cho in 2003, recalled that the South

Korean immigrant almost never opened his mouth and would ignore attempts to strike up a conversation.

Once, in English class, the teacher had the students read aloud, and when it was Cho's turn, he just looked down in silence, Davids recalled. Finally, after the teacher threatened him with an F for participation, Cho started to read in a strange, deep voice that sounded "like he had something in his mouth," Davids said.

"As soon as he started reading, the whole class

started laughing and pointing and saying, 'Go back to China,'" Davids said.

Cho shot 32 people to death and committed suicide Monday in the deadliest one-man shooting rampage in U.S. history. The high school classmates' accounts add to the psychological portrait that is beginning to take shape, and could shed light on the video rant Cho mailed to NBC in the middle of his rampage at Virginia Tech.

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Origin of the B-Boy/ B-Girl
Chris Gorney
7:30-8:30
352 GRX

Sunday
April 22nd

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10:00-11:30
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Intermediate Modern
Sarah Ebert
5:00-6:00
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Breakdancing
Chris Gorney
6:00-7:30
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Thursday
April 26th

Intermediate Modern
Technique
Michele Miller
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April 23rd

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10:00-11:30
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Parking: Lot remodeling will use permit revenue



CHRISTIN PALAZZOLO | Photo Editor

As of Monday morning at midnight DPS will be closing the Williams' Bakery parking lot in an effort to remodel. All vehicles will be towed at that time.

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officer counted 118 cars in the lot one day this week.

After the parking lot remodel, cars with valid permits will be allowed to park from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for staff, students, faculty and visitors.

In one row of eight vehicles Thursday, seven didn't have a University parking permit sticker.

"I understand there's an incredible strain for parking at the University," Boegli said. "We do want to provide some relief."

University freshman Mike Marley, who parked in the lot overnight, said he isn't too worried about the closure because not many people use it, but said the closure could make it harder to find a parking spot.

"When I went to get a parking permit, I had to wait two-and-a-half months on a waiting list," Marley said. "There definitely needs to be more free parking here."

DPS doesn't know when the parking lot remodel will be complete, but Boegli said he'd like to have the lot ready within a month. He added DPS will be working with Facilities Services and the Planning Department.

Costs are unknown, but money from parking permits will pay for the parking lot remodel, Boegli said.

"Those who use alternative modes of transportation will not be paying for this," Boegli said. "This is self-sustainable. Those who pay for the service, get the service."


Environmental Health and Safety has evaluated the lot, including three gas pumps at the rear, said Director Kay Coots.

She said she doesn't have any concerns with the parking lot. "We'll continue to ensure environmental compliance," Coots said.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Ducks welcome Hayward lights for Oregon Invitational

Throwers Ryan Brandel and Brian Richotte are aiming high, as is distance running star Galen Rupp

STEFANIE LOH
Sports Reporter

After a week away, the Oregon athletes return home this weekend, and will kick off the Oregon Invitational with a distance carnival under the brand new Friday night lights at Hayward Field.

The Oregon Invitational marks the official unveiling of Hayward Field's recently installed permanent lighting system.

"The University has put so much effort and time in getting these lights to work," Oregon Director of Track and Field Vin Lananna said. "I do think it's going to be a great thing for the athletes to compete and be under the lights. Hopefully the wind will be light, and we'll be able to get some good performances."

The two-day event will feature more than 1,000 athletes from 42 collegiate teams, and will include top-caliber competition such as the University of Wisconsin, this year's NCAA men's cross country runners-up.

Ryan Brandel and Brian Richotte, Oregon's leading javelin and hammer throwers, are heading into this weekend after a productive outing at last week's Mt. SAC relays in Walnut, Calif.

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(Left) Junior Galen Rupp (right) hopes to lead the pack again when he takes on some of the nation's best distance specialist in the Oregon Invitational this weekend. Rupp won the 5,000m in the Pepsi Invitational in 14:00.27 earlier this month. (Right) Oregon sprinter Kavina Hall has been one of the Ducks' top sprinters this spring. Hall holds Oregon's best times in the 200 meters of 24.82 seconds and 400 meters of 54.81 seconds.



BRENNA CHEVNEY | Photographer

The stars will be out under the lights for the women, including Rebekah Noble, Rachel Yurkovich and Britney Henry

JEFFREY DRANSFELDT
Sports Reporter

The Oregon women's track and field team is finding itself with a new feature in its own home meet. With a new set of lights set to be introduced Friday night, the two-day Oregon Invitational takes place Friday and Saturday at Hayward Field.

Friday kicks off the events with the distance carnival. Along with a variety of field events, the Eugene track and field faithful will see Oregon's track athletes compete under a new permanent lighting system. Action is tentatively set to start at 5:20 p.m., and then Saturday's events run from around 2 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

"As a team, we're getting close to Pac-10s and reaching our goals in Pac-10s so this meet is pretty important," sprinter Kavina Hall said. "It's like a lead-in to it. We just want to come out and try to get some more regional qualifiers as well as get some good performances."

Already, the Oregon women have 11 qualifying marks and have earned the qualifying mark for the 4x400 meter relay.

Oregon is expected to have its big-name athletes out in action. Rebekah Noble is planning to run the 800 and 4x400 Saturday. Rachel

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LACROSSE

Conference title at stake in Denver showdown



Jana Bradley and Oregon will battle No. 17 Denver on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Denver, Colo. with a chance to secure the first regular-season conference title in program history. The Ducks are 0-3 against the Pioneers all-time.

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The Ducks can earn their first MPSF title with a first-ever win over the University of Denver

DAN JONES
Freelance Reporter

If Oregon beats No. 17 Denver on Saturday, the Ducks will win their first ever regular season conference title.

That could be a tough task.

The Ducks (11-5, 4-0 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) are already a conference win ahead of Denver (13-2, 3-0 MPSF) and can wrap up an undefeated MPSF regular season with a victory against the Pioneers in Denver, Colo. Saturday.

But Denver, which still has to play conference opponent California to conclude its three-match home stand and regular season, possesses a 3-0 all-time record against the Ducks. The Pioneers appear just as good as when they finished 15-5 in 2006, which means the Ducks have their work cut out for them.

The Pioneers have averaged 15.87 goals per-game this season, making them the nation's second-best scoring team. Denver's 238 goals are more than any other squad has netted since from two-time defending national champion Northwestern. The Pioneers haven't lost to a conference opponent since Stanford defeated them in last year's MPSF Tournament Final, and their only two losses this season came against No. 3 Duke and John Hopkins, which is currently ranked fourteenth, according to the latest Inside Lacrosse DI Women's Media Poll.

Suffice to say, Denver senior Kristie Leggio has made her share of contributions. Leggio, the 2006 MPSF Player of the Year, is the fourth-highest scorer in the nation as of April 15 and is averaging 5.53 points per game. Leggio has made 50 goals and 33 assists for 83 points through 15 matches this year. Another vicious scorer, Ali Flury, has taken little time making her presence known. The freshman has recorded 47 goals and 11

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assists this season.

Three proven Oregon scorers are fast approaching 30-goal seasons and at least two could likely reach that mark against Denver. Senior Brooke Dieringer leads the team with 29 goals, while redshirt sophomore Ilsa van den Berg has 28 and junior Kate Fleming has 26.

Despite a winless record against the Pioneers, Oregon has come close. The Ducks lost 14-13 during the regular season and 14-6 in the MPSF Tournament Semifinals last year.

The game against Denver, which will help determine the seeding for the MPSF Tournament scheduled for May 4-6 in Davis, Calif., will be

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FOOTBALL

Weight of expectations won't negatively affect the game of rushing leader Stewart



MATT NICHOLSON | Photographer

Junior running back Jonathan Stewart was an offensive leader for the Ducks last season, gaining more than 1,000 yards of total offense and 10 touchdowns.

The Washington native is expected to play a big role in Oregon's spread offense

DOUG BONHAM
Sports Copy Editor

When your coach says that he doesn't need to see you play because he knows how good you are, that certainly sets a precedent.

"I don't need to see them," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said after last Saturday's scrimmage. "Both Jonathan (Stewart) and Jeremiah (Johnson) have proven they can play at this level."

Living up to expectations is always a heavy burden to bear. And Stewart, the Ducks' junior running back, has to live up to the expectations that come with being

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Women: Invitational attracts more than 1,000 athletes from 42 schools

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Yurkovich is throwing the javelin on Friday.

Thrower Britney Henry is coming off two weekends of performances that has her optimistic going into this weekend. Last weekend, Henry improved her season best in the women's hammer by nearly two feet. She placed sixth overall and third among collegians with her best throw of 218-2.

Although USC's Eva Orban led the field with her throw of 218-2, Henry took confidence in her consistency.

"I've been very happy with that," Henry said. "It's one thing coming into this year that I really wanted to work on and it's working out really well so I'm excited."

Promising freshman Nicole Blood has secured regional qualifying times in the 1,500 and 5,000. Blood trailed teammate Noble by just seven seconds in finishing second in the 1,500 in 4 minutes, 29.05 seconds. Then, Blood

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returned later that afternoon and won the 5,000 going away in 16:39.89.

The Oregon athletes are going to have plenty of competition this weekend with more than 1,000 athletes from 42 college teams expected to participate.

Looking ahead, Oregon is

likely to send distance groups to the Penn Relays from April 26-28. Oregon is also going to send about 30 athletes to the California Collegiate Challenge at the University of California from April 27-28.

Oregon then returns home for the Oregon Twilight on Saturday, May 5 before beginning the championship portion of the season with the Pacific-10 Conference Championship Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13 at Stanford University.

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Men: Rupp 'ready to run' and put up a nationally competitive 5,000m time

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Last weekend, Brandel secured Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Week honors with a 238-0 javelin throw that bumped him up to second on the collegiate national qualifying list and won him third place in Oregon history.

"I feel real good right now," Brandel said. "I feel real healthy, especially coming off last week. I'm just

looking forward to each meet... keep going, keep training, up until Pac-10s and regionals."

Richotte's 215-3 hammer throw last weekend gave him the twelfth-best mark in the nation, and seventh place in the Oregon record books. But despite his success, Richotte says he's just getting started.

"Right now, I'm kind of taking (this weekend's) meet as a qualifying round,"

Richotte said. "I think I'm working on a lot of technical things that are going to improve me for later in the season. I think right now, it's all about getting better."

"Obviously I'd like to see it marked a little further, but I know that it's only April, and the real season is in May and June."

Distance prodigy Galen Rupp is another Duck who's

raring to go.

"I'm excited. This is going to be the first chance this year that I've really had the opportunity — and (the first time) they've just let me loose — to go after a good time," Rupp said.

Rupp, a junior, will compete in the 5,000m race on Friday. His season best is currently 14:00.27, but he's hoping for a substantial improvement this weekend.

"I'm definitely ready to run in the 13:20s," Rupp said. "Especially looking at what other guys have done, guys that I've been close to (time-wise) in the past. They're running in the low 13:20s right now and there's no reason I shouldn't be running those times."

"My goal is to just get in there and compete, and the times will take care of itself."

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Stewart: Kelly calls Stewart 'exciting' and looks forward to using him and Johnson in two-back sets

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the No. 2 recruit in the nation when he joined Oregon.

Stewart has quite a bit on his shoulders this season. Though he played much of last season with nagging injuries, he led the Ducks with 981 rushing yards, 10 touchdowns and ended up with over 1,000 total yards. He is expected to increase those numbers this season in new offensive coordinator Chip Kelly's spread scheme, and Kelly looks forward to utilizing an athlete of Stewart's caliber.

"Exciting" was the word that first came to mind for Kelly in describing Stewart. "I think he's one of — if not the — top running back in

the country. It's even more exciting when you meet him; the type of player he is and the work ethic that he displays, his demeanor, his approach to practice. Everything that you're looking for in a football player."

Senior offensive tackle Jeff Schwartz agrees. He's blocked for Stewart the past two seasons, and enjoys working in front of a runner of his talent.

"He gets into the very small openings that we create," Schwartz said. "You know once you get the initial block and you get your defender a little off balance he's going to make that break."

Stewart has looked impressive in practices and scrimmages this spring, combining his speed and power into a package that is very hard for defenses to stop. Even within the Ducks' entertaining spectacle of an offense, Stewart's explosive runs are the star attraction — the crowds

surrounding the practice field, including his teammates on the sideline, all watch in awe of his moves and ability to shake tacklers loose.

Kelly has hoped to utilize Stewart and fellow junior Jeremiah Johnson on the field at the same time next fall. "We haven't put a specific package in for just those two guys," Kelly said, "But obviously those are two of the better players here. Because they both are big enough to block, they're both big enough to run, they're both big enough to pick up in protection there's a lot of different things you can do."

As for Stewart, he's just happy to be back out on the field in pads and running the ball.

"I'm real excited," Stewart said. "Everybody's excited to get another chance and play again."

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Lacrosse: Dieringer's Georgetown hat trick makes NCAA record books

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Junior attacker Jana Bradley was named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Player of the Week after scoring two hat tricks last weekend... Dieringer will be in next year's

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