

ADMINISTRATION

Senate approves honorary degrees

ALLIE GRASGREEN
News Reporter

ISSUE: CAMPUS SECURITY

In his State of the University address, President Dave Frohnmayer noted it was his first meeting with the University Senate since the Virginia Tech shooting. He encouraged the Senate to be alert to odd student behavior and understand that they do not have to deal with a situation alone.

Frohnmayer also directly addressed the bomb threats and asked the Senate to watch for areas of improvement.

Sound bites

"When there is a situation which appears to be threatening ... we deal with it in the most serious and professional way possible."

— Dave Frohnmayer

ISSUE: HONORARY DEGREES

Professor Peter Gilkey proposed passing legislation that would allow the University to award honorary degrees to Japanese Americans who were forced out of the University and into internment camps during World War II, and as a result, never obtained a degree. Gilkey said between eight and 23 people would be eligible to receive honorary degrees.

The bill passed, with no votes against it.

ISSUE: ATHLETICS SCHEDULING

The University Senate struck down biology professor Nathan Tublitz's motions to modify two resolutions: required approval by three groups to schedule football games on weekdays, and game scheduling during dead week or finals week.

The Senate struck both down.

Sound bites

"What does it say when we make decisions that allow the potential financial benefit of the athletic department to go ahead of the academic progress of 15,000 students?"

— Nathan Tublitz

"Given the economic challenges that we have, it's something that brings in three times the number of revenue dollars... it's difficult of us to not give consideration to it." — Athletic Director Pat Kilkenny

ETHICS

University honors ethical journalists with Payne Awards

The journalism school awarded several journalists for practicing superior ethics under pressure

MANDEE PEARSON AND JILL AHO
Freelance Reporter and News Editor

From last August to last April, Josh Wolf lived in a cell in the Federal Corrections Institute in Dublin, Calif. Yesterday, he received an award from the University for his outstanding ethics.

Wolf was one of several journalists from across the nation honored Thursday with the 2007 Payne Awards for Ethics in Journalism. The award was created at the School of Journalism and Communication in 1999 to honor journalists who practice outstanding ethics under pressure. Though Wolf was absent, several winners were present, including journalists from The New York Times and

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MONEY FOR MOMS



LINDA GERSTENBERGER
News Reporter

Mother's Day was created to celebrate the moms, right?

Not entirely, says University history professor Matthew Dennis.

"Mother's Day was an instant holiday, invented by Anna Jarvis in a tribute to her own mother, and by the commercial florist industry," Dennis, editor of the "Encyclopedia of Holidays and Celebrations: A country-by-country guide," wrote in an e-mail.

The holiday was first observed nationwide in 1908 and became popular as Protestant denominations and Jarvis' organization Mother's Day International promoted it, he said.

"Still, it's impossible to conceive of Mother's Day as the huge, billion-dollar extravaganza it is today without the vigorous, systematic and sus-

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MOTHER'S DAY FACTS

Anna Jarvis, creator of Mother's Day, was never married and didn't have children of her own. She worked as a school teacher and a stenographer.

Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," attempted to start a Mother's Peace Day in June during the 1870s, when mother's all over would commit to the cause of world peace. In the 1980s Helen Caldicott tried to implement the idea to promote her anti-nuclear cause.

Coretta Scott King led a Mother's Day March in 1968 to draw attention to the plight of poor women and their children.

FACULTY

Language instructors lose battle with debt

The diverse romance languages department faces loss of faculty due to severe under-funding

ALLIE GRASGREEN
News Reporter

At a time when University students, faculty and staff are demanding more diversity on campus, one of the most racially diverse departments is facing serious obstacles.

With faculty members from 10 different countries, the Department of Romance Languages is already a department that exhibits characteristics that others are attempting to develop. But because of chronic under-funding and outstanding debt, the department is unable to renew the contracts of five "highly-qualified instructors" this fall.

It is a downward spiral in which the department has been stuck for several years, resulting in the continual loss of faculty, department head Barbara Altmann said. Cuts have been made in all three language programs — French, Italian and Spanish — although Spanish has faced the most severe loss because it is the biggest program.

Eighty percent of the department's budget is allocated to faculty salaries, so the most efficient, if not the most satisfactory, solution is to cut faculty, Altmann said.

The department has been overspending its budget for several years, and is finally in a position to pay it back to the College of Arts and Sciences. Thus, in addition to supporting the entire department on a limited budget, part of that budget is going toward debt repayment.

"We happen to be a very expensive department to run because our first priority is small classes," Altmann said. "It's one of the realities of teaching foreign language and culture."

Kelley Leon Howarth, instructor of

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POWWOW

The 39th annual Native American Student Union powwow will honor mothers and culture

TESS MCBRIDE
News Reporter

The Native American Student Union is holding their 39th Annual Powwow this Saturday, an event to honor mothers and provide an opportunity for Native American students to reconnect with their culture and share it with others.

"Powwows kinda connect me with the greater Indian community because there are people from all over the state," said

University senior Brandon Culbertson, a co-director of NASU and member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe.

Culbertson, who has attended powwows all his life, said the events are important in rebuilding cultural identity within native communities.

"My favorite part of powwows is when I see parents passing on traditions to little children because there is a history within the

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MATT NICHOLSON | Photographer

Dave Young, Jonas Moses and Carina Miller of the Native American Student Union set up a tent canopy for the group's upcoming 39th Annual Powwow. The powwow will begin at 1 p.m. with several types of traditional dancing to the beats of over half a dozen drummers, and will also feature a traditional salmon dinner at 5 p.m. Both the powwow and salmon dinner are free to everyone.

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IN MY OPINION | MATT PETRYNI

IS A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM BEST?

I'll admit it's incredibly tacky to hate on third parties these days. Attempting to do so, especially within my college-aged demographic, could be likened to the police using nightsticks on a hapless protester, recently wheel-chaired by a bad snowboarding accident. So, to avoid such imagery, let's be clear: I have nothing against third parties.

In fact, one could say I'm a strong supporter of third parties, or some alternative to the current two-party system, perhaps even fourth and fifth parties. But the only time we ever seem to talk about them is within the context of presidential elections. You either claim the moral high ground by voting your convictions, despite the third party candidate's hopelessness, or you begrudgingly choose the lesser of two evils.

Clearly, this is a game third parties cannot win. Even calling them third parties is problematic. Calling a them third implies that the other parties are somehow first and second, so that they're always behind.

Nomenclature aside, third parties face dozens of other challenges: ballot access laws that reinforce the two-party establishment; being banned from the candidate debates; a constitutional structure with little proportional representation, which inevitably leads to gerrymandering; the outdated electoral college; the funding disadvantages faced by every nascent venture; and on and on and on. The parliamentary system of Europe is so much more accommodating. It seems like our only option to get third party candidates elected to office is to have some kind of violent revolution to change the governmental structure.

Still, every four years, third parties end up burning away their meager cash simply doing the procedural task of getting on the ballot. After collecting the required signatures, they have pocket change with which to



ALL I REMEMBER IS...

promote their candidate, who then receives a whopping one percent or something of the vote, but only in the more open-minded states. Occasionally, an extremely charismatic candidate, or an unusually fed-up populace, will reward a third party with as much as 18 percent of the vote, as was the case in 1992, and maybe even pick up an electoral vote or two, as with the 1972 Republican convention (at which Libertarian Party candidate John Hospers and his running mate, Eugene resident Tonie Nathan, received an electoral vote from disenfranchised Nixon pledge Roger McBride). But for most of American history, it has been rare that a third party ever takes a significant foothold, with a few exceptions.

Some suggest this problem is fundamental to democracy. After all, there are generally only two ways to vote: either for it or against it, with two opposing ideologies at stake, and so two political parties to represent them. This might well be true.

Some, however, argue that there is a "conspiracy" against third parties — that the bourgeoisie establishment preserves its power through the laundry list of third party challenges. This is probably somewhat true. But whether or not "the Illuminati," or whoever, keeps us stuck with the lesser of two evils is a question difficult to answer. (And if they do, we're probably totally screwed anyway.)

But I can't help but think that the third parties are missing out on opportunities to start their own political dynasties when thousands of races go

uncontested nationwide. Even in the more active election of 2006, positions as powerful as a federal Senate seat went uncontested. And in these races, so-called third parties tend to find their most strength. Dick Lugar, a Republican from Indiana who faced no Democratic opposition, saw his Libertarian opponent rake in 12 percent of the vote, which, in a presidential election, would be a massive third-party success. This is, perhaps, a hint.

There are countless local races that are glossed over by the more glamorous, media-gripping presidential races. In my own hometown, two school board members and two state house seats went with literally no opposition (I mean, no one even filed). The resources spent on getting on the presidential ballot may have won one of these tiny races, or at least given the Illuminati-backed Demopublicans a run for their money. So why do they get off so easy?

The simple answer is that I don't know. Sometimes, third parties feel they get the most done by using their national spotlight to call attention to their platform, or to spoil the big parties into paying attention to the issues, otherwise forgotten about in the pro-choice, pro-life rat race.

But third party candidates that start in small races could also use their established local reputation to run for higher office, as did Bernie Sanders, an independent socialist from Vermont who, as of 2006, sports the Senatorial purple. There are also several Green Party mayors serving in small towns — Richmond, Calif., Boswell, Pa. and Cobleskill, N.Y. Yes, it may be hopeless to win the presidential contest, but if third party candidates began quietly targeting the local seats, it may just be possible that a third party could develop the loyal following needed to catapult them to the national capital.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Life is rough for everyone, not just minorities

As a graduate student at the University, I often find myself torn between two worlds; The looming reality of finding a job in the real world always hovers over my head, yet I am still engulfed in the microcosm that is the University campus. I have found that the University contains a fair amount of students who feel that they are treated differently because of the color of their skin, and because of this they feel highly disenfranchised and alone on this campus.

While I would never want to discredit the claims of others who feel that they have been mistreated or discriminated against, it seems that many times when these claims are brought forward in the Emerald, as seen in Diego Hernandez's letter to the editor ("Racism is still an issue, even if people ignore it," ODE May 8, 2007), the argument is brought down to the level of "I am brown, therefore you hate. You are white, therefore you are privileged and powerful and do not understand."

As a white student, I find this highly offensive. I personally, like many other students of all colors at this university, have struggled to get where I am today. Where some see a white, privileged woman, I know my personal truth — that I was only able to afford to come to college because I was awarded an opportunity scholarship for children of disadvantaged families. Because of my personal struggle, I know that others have struggled as well, and that many do so silently, like I have. To assume that because of the color of one's skin that they have not had to struggle is to conveniently ignore the plight of others. This, in turn, creates a situation that parallels the current University climate, pitting students of all walks of life against each other, instead of banding them together to move forward in the fight against racism and other injustices, which exist in this world and on this campus.

On NPR Monday, a young black man submitted an essay for the long-running series "This I Believe." In his essay, he described being made fun of in high school for participating in honors classes, wearing clothes that didn't hang off of his body, and because he preferred rock and techno to rap. What struck me about this young man was his mature wisdom in the face of oppression, as he proudly stated, "My skin color has done nothing to change my personality, and my personality has done nothing to change my skin color."

This young man has already realized that his self worth does not hang on the words of others. It does not matter if his actions are not in line with the "culturally perceived actions" of a black man; it is more important to be true to himself and respect himself than it is to play to the expectations of others. When I read the words of Diego Hernandez, I see deep hurt and sorrow, as this man, as well as others on this campus, feel that they need to first effectively "take down" the white man in order to build themselves up. Maybe they should take a lesson from this young man and others. In assuming that all white people are against you, in your life, that becomes your truth.

I, for one, choose to see that we are all in this together. We have all struggled in one form or another. Therefore, let this be the basis for our shared understanding, that life may be daunting at times, but if we all work together against the injustices of this world, we can make our campus a positive and safe place for everyone who wants to wear the green and gold.

Andrea Blaser is the publisher of the Oregon Commentator

HEALTH

Thin people may be fat on the inside, study says

MARIA CHENG
The Associated Press

LONDON — If it really is what's on the inside that counts, then a lot of thin people might be in trouble.

Some doctors now think that the internal fat surrounding vital organs like the heart, liver or pancreas — invisible to the naked eye — could be as dangerous as the more obvious external fat that bulges underneath the skin.

"Being thin doesn't automatically mean you're not fat," said Dr. Jimmy Bell, a professor of molecular imaging at Imperial College, London. Since 1994, Bell and his team have scanned nearly 800 people with MRI machines to create "fat maps" showing where people store fat.

According to the data, people who maintain their weight through diet rather than exercise are likely to have major deposits of internal fat, even if they are otherwise slim. "The whole concept of being fat needs to be redefined," said Bell, whose research is funded by Britain's Medical Research Council.

Without a clear warning signal — like a rounder middle — doctors worry that thin people may be lulled into falsely assuming that because they're not overweight, they're healthy.

"Just because someone is lean doesn't make them immune to diabetes or other risk factors for heart disease," said Dr. Louis Teichholz, chief of cardiology at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey, who was not involved in Bell's research.

Even people with normal Body Mass Index scores — a standard obesity measure that divides your weight by the square of your height — can have surprising levels of fat deposits inside.

Of the women scanned by Bell and his colleagues, as many as 45 percent of those with normal BMI scores (20 to 25) actually had excessive levels of internal fat. Among men, the percentage was nearly 60 percent.

Relating the news to what Bell calls "TOFIs" — people who are "thin outside, fat inside" — is rarely uneventful. "The thinner people are, the bigger the surprise," he said, adding the researchers even found TOFIs among people who are professional models.

According to Bell, people who are fat on the inside are essentially on the threshold of being obese. They eat too many fatty, sugary foods — and exercise too little to work it off — but they are not eating enough to actually be fat.

Scientists believe we naturally accumulate fat around the belly first, but at some point, the body may start storing it elsewhere.

Still, most experts believe that being of normal weight is an indicator of good health, and that BMI is a reliable measurement.

"BMI won't give you the exact indication of where fat is, but it's a useful clinical tool," said Dr. Toni Steer, a nutritionist at Britain's Medical Research Council.

Doctors are unsure about the exact dangers of internal fat, but some suspect it contributes to the risk of heart disease and diabetes. They theorize that internal fat disrupts the body's communication systems. The fat enveloping internal organs might be sending the body mistaken chemical signals to store fat inside organs like the liver or pancreas. This could ultimately lead to insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes, or heart disease.

Experts have long known that fat, active people can be healthier than their skinny, inactive counterparts. "Normal-weight persons who are sedentary and unfit are at much higher risk for mortality than obese persons who are active and fit," said Dr. Steven Blair, an obesity expert at the University of South Carolina.

For example, despite their ripples of fat, super-sized Sumo wrestlers probably have a better metabolic profile than some of their slim, sedentary spectators, Bell said. That's because the wrestlers' fat is primarily stored under the skin, not streaking throughout their vital organs and muscles.

The good news is that internal fat can be easily burned off through exercise or even by improving your diet. "Even if you don't see it on your bathroom scale, caloric restriction and physical exercise have an aggressive effect on visceral fat," said Dr. Bob Ross, an obesity expert at Queen's University in Canada.

Because many factors contribute to heart disease, Teichholz says it's difficult to determine the precise danger of internal fat — though it certainly doesn't help.

"Obesity is a risk factor, but it's lower down on the totem pole of risk factors," he said, explaining that whether or not people smoke, their family histories and blood pressure and cholesterol rates are more important determinants than both external and internal fat.

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RACISM

Students gather to discuss racial slurs at tournament

SALEM, Ore. — A group of students from three schools met to discuss actions at a state basketball championship game, during which racial slurs and taunts were aimed at students from Portland.

About 35 students from North Eugene, Churchill and Portland's Roosevelt high schools held a day-long retreat closed to the media at Salem's Chemeketa Community College.

The retreat was called after Roosevelt High School students and staff members said they were subject to racial comments by unidentified fans and students from Churchill High School and North Eugene High School

at the Class 5A state championships at McArthur Court in March.

Two investigations, including one commissioned by the Oregon School Activities Association, backed the claims.

Eugene district Curriculum Coordinator Sam Tupou, who leads a program to help North Eugene and Churchill address diversity, said students from all sides apologized to each other.

Then they spent the rest of the day discussing racism and stereotypes.

"We're going to go back and spread the word," said Churchill junior Rachel Siamon. "That's how we're really going to get this started."

The OSAA earlier this week voted to create a committee to address discrimination and sportsmanship.

—The Associated Press

TRANSPORTATION



MATT NICHOLSON | Photographer

The Public Safety Advisory Group, made up of a mix of University administrators and students, met in the EMU Walnut Room Thursday afternoon to discuss issues such as campus parking and whether or not DPS jurisdiction should expand beyond campus boundaries.

Parking problems revisited by DPS

The Public Safety Advisory Group will help DPS figure out ways to solve the parking puzzle

TREVOR DAVIS
News Reporter

An advisory group for the Department of Public Safety met Thursday afternoon and discussed parking on campus, released statistics and explored the possibility of patrolling off-campus neighborhoods.

The Public Safety Advisory Group, which makes recommendations to DPS, met for the first time in two years last month and will meet again before the school year ends. The group is made up of administrators and students from various University departments.

In the past, the group advised DPS not to issue citations to students who report alcohol poisoning in residence halls to DPS, said ASUO Outreach Coordinator Mike Filippelli, chair of the group.

During the meeting, Filippelli asked DPS staff members for updates about parking at the University.

"Parking is a constantly moving, changing beast on campus as the University continues to grow and build," said Ken Boegli, DPS parking manager. "Every day when I come into work, I ask myself, 'Where can I find more spaces? How can I bring relief to

students and faculty?'"

Boegli said he is working with Lane Transit District to explore more commuting options.

The parking manager said he hears two different perspectives about campus parking.

"We're in a very complicated, complex environment where on the one hand you have incredible demand for parking, but, on the other hand, you have incredible demand for sustainability," Boegli said.

He said the lack of parking forces people to use alternative modes of transportation.

"You find a delicate balance," Boegli said. "A parking garage may send the message to the community to drive to campus."

Johnny Earl, a representative of the Service Employees International Union, suggested using the Autzen Stadium parking lot and shuttling students to campus.

Boegli said DPS might one day use the Autzen lot for student parking.

"We are looking at all kinds of out-of-the-box ways to use that," Boegli said. "It is our greatest under-utilized facility."

DPS doesn't enforce parking at Autzen Stadium

because the lot belongs to the Athletic Department, Boegli said.

Filippelli asked DPS why it closes parking spots with broken meters.

Eugene Police Department Sgt. Mark Montes said closing such parking spots prevents people from damaging meters and parking there.

DPS Operations Lt. Herb Horner released statistics to PSAG members.

In 2005, DPS saw a spike in Minor in Possession charges. DPS issued 1,519 in 2005, compared with 1,216 in 2004 and 160 in 2006.

"We had a lot of drinking going on at the campus," Horner said of 2005. "The citations overall were bumped up overall as a result of that." He also credited more aggressive patrolling during that year.

Horner said DPS saw a drop in referrals in 2006 because of understaffing. He said the numbers may have dropped because DPS doesn't always issue a citation and instead refers incidents to University Housing.

Horner said DPS has received more complaints from the West and South University neighborhoods in recent years. He said DPS doesn't patrol off-campus.

DPS Interim Director Richard Turkiewicz said off-campus issues affect students.

"We're talking about things that occur adjacent to our campus that are affecting our

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

What: Provides Department of Public Safety and the University administration with regular input on public safety and emergency preparedness issues and their effect on the campus community.

Who: PSAG is made up of appointed members and non-voting members from various University groups and departments.

Why: The group offers advice to DPS and evaluates DPS policies.

Source: PSAG Charter and Bylaws

students' well-being," he said, pointing to the recent death of Brian Reams and an Emerald article about Hilyard Street safety. Reams, who was trying to cross Hilyard Street on foot, died after a car struck him in March.

"All I'm trying to say is that we're not living in a bubble," Turkiewicz said. "There's no bubble on the UO campus."

Ilona Koleszar with ASUO Legal Services said there could be liability issues if DPS patrolled off campus.

Laura Blake Jones with the Office of Student Life said the University should focus on prevention efforts off campus and should patrol on the University campus.

Turkiewicz said on-campus enforcement allows for student learning.

"What we're trying to do is modify behavior as an educational goal," he said.

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Erb Memorial Union Board Members make general policy decisions and long range plans for the EMU. Stipend

ASUO Student Senate - Seat #2 - PFC
The Student Senate is responsible for allocating incidental fees and representing the collective interest of students. PFC Senate Seat 3 shall also serve on the Programs Finance Committee. Stipend

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The Student Senate is responsible for allocating incidental fees and representing the collective interest of students. Academic Senate Seat 10 shall serve on at least two student/faculty committees per term of office. Applicants must be a Journalism/Education major. Stipend

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Debt: The department will focus on functioning with the low budget

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Romance Languages, said the budget is worse now than it has ever been. Currently in her fifth year of instruction at the University, Howarth is frustrated with the department's inability to retain faculty because it's just not affordable.

"It's not a new issue," she said. "Anyone teaching in humanities feels the budget crisis very pointedly."

Howarth said the University needs to find a way to allocate more money to the department because it exemplifies the environment the University has been pushing for in recent years with efforts such as the Diversity Plan.

"This is a great opportunity for the University to back up their commitment to diversity with funding and they're not choosing to do that," Howarth said.

Harinder Hennesy, senior instructor of Italian, is

originally from Turkey. She said it is the responsibility of all citizens to support programs such as the romance languages because the outcome is worth it.

"It's just wonderful because our goal is to basically extend the horizons of our students by exposing them to different cultures and languages, and understand that there is not just one way of looking at things," Hennesy said.

The department is resorting to different approaches to mitigate the low budget's impact. They include more summer courses and revised survey course formats. Altmann assured that every resource students need is still available. She said the department is maximizing its remaining personnel and has successfully maintained the program's integrity. Also, the number of students in the program has not been reduced.

"Nothing has been done

suddenly or abruptly," Altmann said. "It's all been really measured out. It could have really fractured the department but it made us come together and work as a group."

That careful consideration may partially account for the unity within the Department of Romance Languages, illustrated in a letter sent to the Emerald following an April 25 story highlighting Spanish Instructor Jesús Sepúlveda. Ten instructors, including Sepúlveda, signed a letter explaining their regret over the instructor losses, and the fact that chronic under-funding — of the department and University — bears the burden of blame.

"Everyone in our department really wholeheartedly supports what Barbara Altmann is doing in the current situation," Howarth said. "There is a great sense of unity in our department and

ROMANCE LANGUAGE LOSS

The Department of Romance Languages will be unable to renew five instructor contracts this fall as a result of chronic under-funding.

Eighty percent of the department's budget pays faculty salaries, so the department has been forced to cut instructors over the years in order to preserve more funds.

While the University's highly-publicized mission to increase diversity on campus is in full swing, the departing instructors are leaving one of the most diverse departments on campus.

amongst the faculty."

Altmann is optimistic that within three or four years the department will have its debt repaid and begin rehiring, but there is no guarantee that the departing instructors will be able to return.

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Mother's Day: Homemade gifts for mom are also a good, inexpensive idea

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tained promotion of the commercial florists," Dennis said. As evidence he cites the trade magazine "Florist's Review."

"For the success of the day we are to credit ourselves, the members of the trade who know a good thing when we see it and who are sufficiently progressive to push it along," according to a 1913 article.

Dennis explains that the industry created the new holiday to produce a demand that hadn't existed before for its products.

"And of course they covered their tracks, presenting the holiday to the public as a traditional sentimental occasion, and representing their own role as simply filling a consumer need, not generating one," he said.

Mother's Day set the precedent for the other "made-up holidays," that commerce has created in the 20th century, he said.

Laurie Brooks-Headley, florist and co-owner of Eugene's Flower Home on East 13th Avenue has heard the tales of florists inventing holidays, but doesn't believe them.

"I hear it and I've seen little stories in florist's magazines and well, wouldn't that be great if that were true and we could," Brooks-Headley said.

If it were really up to the florists, holidays like Valentine's Day — the biggest day of the year for the industry — would be in the middle of July when flowers are the easiest and least expensive to get, she said.

The week leading up to Mother's Day

is the highest volume week of the year for her shop, while Valentine's Day is their biggest single day.

"With Mother's Day we can spread it out over a whole week. Usually we have one or two trucks delivering, but this week we'll have four or five running around," she said.

University students Casey Wilson and Christopher Tennis both plan to send flowers to their mothers in West Linn this week. They hope to order them on the Internet or by phone.

For students with smaller budgets, both of them agreed that the little things can be just as meaningful.

"We're all college students here so I'd imagine most of us are on a tight budget and realistically most moms are probably just happy to hear from their kids," Wilson said.

This is the case for English associate professor Liz Bohls, mother of a 7-year-old son and a 10-year-old daughter.

"The nicest things are the little poems they write or pictures they draw," Bohls said. "There are a lot of nice things I can go out and buy for myself so it's the quality family time that is nice."

Homemade gifts aren't just a solution for elementary school kids either.

"I have a pot that I made in ceramics class to give to her," University student Rebecca Wolfe said.

University student Ruby Sprengle also has something homemade for her mom, though it wasn't made by her.

"I have a really cool vase for her that I found at the Lonely Pots sale at the Craft Center for \$5," Sprengle said.

Sprengle also plans to make a card

rather than buy one.

Card-making is a common trend for students around this time of year, Darlene Mancuso, store merchandiser at the University Bookstore said.

"I've had students make their own by buying art supplies downstairs," she said. "People are pretty creative here. They also find blank cards to put their own words in."

This year the bookstore received 2,500-3,000 cards from different card vendors. The cards that sold the fastest were those for grandmothers, Mancuso said.

"There are a lot of gender-specific cards out there; one's for mothers, daughters, sisters and grandmothers. We sold through the grandmother ones first," she said.

And cards aren't the only thing offered by the bookstore for students still in need of gifts.

"We choose our products by price," Diane Wirth, sportswear buyer for the Bookstore, said.

"We keep the students in mind," she said, which led the Bookstore to offer \$15 "Oregon Mom" sweatshirts and T-shirts for the holiday.

However, not all University students are looking for just the mom specific merchandise when they do their Mother's Day shopping.

"My mom called me and said, 'All I really want is an Oregon decal for the car,'" University student Kenny Damon said. "I told her, 'Thanks mom, way to stick with my budget.'"

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CUSTOMS

Man who bought fake Rolex won't face stiff fine

PORTLAND — Mike Korpi wanted some trinkets for his children and grandchildren from his trip to China, so he spent \$14.40 for eight junky knockoff Rolex watches.

Customs agents had no problem with the one on his wrist, but had issues with the other seven they found in his bag, and seized them.

Korpi says he understood the confiscation and thought it was the end of the matter.

For months the U.S. Department of Homeland Security tried reaching Korpi through letters to his former wife. They tried calling him. Korpi says he thought they were trying to return the watches.

Wrong. They wanted to fine him \$55,300 for bringing in counterfeit goods.

"I about hit the floor," he told The Oregonian newspaper.

"I said, 'You gotta be joking.' I figured someone had missed a decimal point."

Wrong again. Rolex is a protected trademark. He said the fine was based on the value of the suggested retail price of genuine Rolexes.

Korpi, 55, a Forest Grove race car mechanic, said he figured that if the government garnished his wages he would be paying until he is 67.

But, wrong again. Late Wednesday, after the story appeared on the Willamette Week Web site and then in The Oregonian, Korpi got a brief letter from the customs agency saying the fine was canceled and the case closed.

Korpi, who has been to China four times in recent years to visit his girlfriend, a tattoo artist, said he hadn't slept in five days and was looking forward to some rest.

Before the letter arrived, Peter Heuser, who runs an intellectual property rights firm in Portland, said he had never

heard of such a bite for eight watches and said the fine seemed more fit for someone trafficking such goods. He predicted, though, that the fine might drop once Korpi met with customs officials.

Korpi said the watches were junk. The crystal fell off one in his bag and the one he

wore broke three weeks later. He said he left it at a bar.

"These are cheap junk from a dollar store-type deal. They are so obviously fake," he said "You couldn't have gotten five or 10 bucks for them on the street."

—The Associated Press

RELATIONSHIPS

U.S. divorce rate falls to lowest level since 1970s, experts say

DAVID CRARY

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — By the numbers, divorce just isn't what it used to be.

Despite the common notion that America remains plagued by a divorce epidemic, the national per capita divorce rate has declined steadily since its peak in 1981 and is now at its lowest level since 1970.

Yet Americans aren't necessarily making better choices about their long-term relationships. Even those who study marriage and work to make it more successful can't decide whether the trend is grounds for celebration or cynicism.

Some experts say relationships are as unstable as ever — and divorces are down primarily because more couples live together without marrying. Other researchers have documented what they call "the divorce divide," contending that divorce rates are indeed falling substantively among college-educated couples but not among less-affluent, less-educated couples.

"Families with two earners with good jobs have seen an improvement in their standard of living, which leads to less tension at home and lower probability of divorce," said Andrew Cherlin, a professor of public policy at Johns Hopkins University.

America's divorce rate began climbing in the late 1960s and skyrocketed during the '70s and early '80s, as virtually every state adopted no-fault divorce laws. The rate peaked at 5.3 divorces per 1,000 people in 1981.

But since then it's dropped by one-third, to 3.6. That's the lowest rate since 1970.

What's fueling that decline? According to 20 scholars, marriage-promotion experts and divorce lawyers consulted by The Associated Press, a lot of things.

The number of couples who live together without marrying has increased tenfold since 1960; the marriage rate has dropped by nearly 30 percent in past 25 years; and Americans are waiting about five years longer to marry than they did in 1970.

Adding such factors together, Patrick Fagan of the conservative Heritage Foundation sees a bad situation.

"Cohabitation is very fragile, and when unmarried parents split, for the child it might as well be a divorce," Fagan said. "Among those who are marrying there's increased stability, but overall the children of the nation are getting a rawer and rawer deal from their parents."

Other experts, however, are heartened by what they view as the increased determination of many couples to make marriage work.

Among them is Bill Chausee of Child and Family Services of New Hampshire, which offers marriage-strengthening programs in a state where divorces dropped more than 25 percent between 2000 and 2005.

"People don't see marriage problems as some sort of stigma any more," said Chausee. "They're really interested in learning how to stay married; a lot of them are realizing they need more skill."

Some states have made concerted efforts to combat divorce with publicly funded marriage education campaigns, although their effectiveness remains in question. In Oklahoma, 100,000 people have attended workshops since a marriage initiative began in 2001, but the latest divorce figures showed no drop, and the campaign's backers no long stress their original goal of cutting divorce by one-third by 2010.

Wayne and Carol Sutton are among the couples who've gone to Oklahoma's marriage workshops; they attended a half-dozen sessions earlier this year in their hometown of Tulsa.

"This was a way to gain some insight," said Wayne Sutton, a longtime petroleum engineer whose wife also works in the energy industry. "They tell you to regenerate the closeness you had when you got married."

Sutton, 51, and his wife, 46, married in 1995 and have a 9-year-old son.

"We're like any marriage," he said. "We've had rocky periods and Cloud Nine periods. ... We decided a long time ago were not going to desert each other; we were going to stay together no matter what."

The Bush administration believes such programs have merit — its Healthy Marriage initiative has disbursed more than \$200 million nationwide in the past five years. Bill Coffin, the Department of Health and Human Services' special assistant for marriage education, is convinced the programs are a factor in the declining divorce rate.

"The word is getting out that marriage doesn't have to be a crap shoot — it's not the luck of the draw," Coffin said. "It's how you deal with the inevitable conflict and anger in marriage."

He subscribes to the theory that better-educated, wealthier couples have better odds of

success in marriage.

"What we're doing is making sure the poor have access to some help and support," Coffin said. "So many people never heard of marriage education before."

One of the researchers whose studies detected the "divorce divide" is University of Maryland sociologist Steve Martin. Comparing marriages from early 1970s to those of the early '90s, Martin found that the rate of breakups within 10 years of marriage dropped by one-third among college-educated women while remaining stable among less-educated women.

"Overall, marriages will become more stable only if the lower two-thirds of the population starts behaving like the top third," Martin said. "There's a lot of debate — is that possible? Can marriage training or other programs give all couples the sort of relationship skills that people imagine college graduates have?"

Stephanie Coontz, who teaches history and family studies at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., says divorces are dropping in the college-educated sector because many spouses "are learning how to negotiate marriages based on less rigid gender roles than in the past."

"College-educated wives are more likely to work than less-educated wives, and a recent study found that unlike the past, a wife's work now tends to stabilize marriage," she said.

Glenn Stanton, a family policy expert with the conservative ministry Focus on the Family, suggested one factor behind the declining divorce rate was simply a societal revulsion toward the high rates of recent decades.

"In the past 30 years, we've had more divorce than any culture has ever had," he said. "A lot of young adults now are coming out of the family upheaval of the '70s, and they are cohabiting out of fear. They don't want to mess up the nice clean carpet of marriage — they saw their parents do that."

The per capita divorce rate is different from another method of calculation — the percentage of marriages that will eventually end in divorce or separation. Many experts discount the popular notion that one of two U.S. marriages end in divorce, and suggest the breakup rate, which is hard to calculate, has stabilized recently at between 40 percent and 45 percent.

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Powwow: Tribes from Mexico, Oregon, Montana and other states will be attending

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U.S. — the history of assimilation and loss of identity as a cause of national policy," Culbertson said.

Passing on tradition by honoring mothers is the theme of this year's powwow, which will begin at 1 p.m. at McArthur Court, break at 5 p.m. for a traditional salmon dinner at the Many Nations Longhouse on campus, then start up again at 7 p.m. and last until people tire of dancing, Culbertson said.

Viertra Linn, a University senior and co-director of NASU, said it's mothers who "give life to the community," and it's important to recognize them.

The word powwow is thought to come from the Algonkian-speaking Narragansett Indians who lived in what is now the northeastern part of the country. Professor Troy Johnson of California State University, Long Beach said the word doesn't mean dance or celebration, but rather a teacher, vision, or a council or gathering.

"When the English met with Indian leaders they would 'powwow together,' or in Indian society one might visit a 'powwow' because of his or her healing powers," professor Johnson's Web site on powwows reads.

This year's powwow will also pay respect to the University's late professor Proudfoot, an associate professor of international studies and a member of the Seneca Nation of Indians, who died last October.

Proudfoot played a significant role in creating the Many Nations Longhouse on campus, a building intended to serve as a community gathering point for tribal members and the location of this year's salmon dinner.

"We really encourage people to attend at least one powwow in their lives," said Linn, whose favorite part of a

ANNUAL POWWOW

Details: The Native American Student Union is holding their 39th annual powwow, which will honor mothers and the late professor Proudfoot. The event will include traditional and fancy dancing, drummers and vendors.

When: The powwow's first grand entry will begin at 1 p.m. this Saturday at McArthur Court, followed by a traditional salmon dinner at the Many Nations Longhouse at 5 p.m. The second grand entry for the powwow will begin at 7 p.m. back at McArthur Court and will last until people tire of dancing.

Price: Free, but the dinner is on a first-come first-served, except elders, who will eat first.

powwow is watching the grass dancers, whose movements resemble stomping out grass and sowing seeds.

There will be several types of dancing and the social powwow in addition to 12 drums with six to 10 drummers on each. The drummers are coming from Yakima, Wash. for the event, Linn said.

"The dancing will range from traditional for both men and women and fancy dancing," Culbertson said, describing the men's fancy dance as fast-paced with the objective of keeping up with the beat of the drum.

The women "wanted something more fast-paced and exciting, so they used the shawls to demonstrate butterflies" by spreading them out like wings, he said.

The event will begin with a grand entry where the flag ceremony is held and the native veterans are honored, Linn said. Tribes from Oregon, Montana and other states will be in attendance, as well as tribes from Mexico, she said.

Vendors will be walking around selling crafts and goods and this will be an opportunity to learn about native traditions and have a good time, the co-directors said.



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Members of the Native American Student Union will hold their 39th Annual Powwow this Saturday at Mac Court. The powwow, which will begin at 1 p.m., is an event to honor mothers, provide an opportunity for Native American students to reconnect with their culture, and to share their culture with others.

From left: Brandon Culbertson, Rachel Cushman, Patrick Decelles, Jonas Moses, Biertra Lynn, Antonio Lynn, Carina Miller, Dave Young.

"We are really excited to have the opportunity to share our culture and customs," Culbertson said.

There is no fee for the

powwow at McArthur Court or the dinner at the Many Nations Longhouse, which Culbertson said will be first-come

first-served, except for the elders who will eat first.

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PARLIAMENT

Bush looks to Britain's Brown for continued support of Iraq war

WASHINGTON — President Bush expressed optimism Thursday about the future of British policy toward Iraq under Gordon Brown, the apparent successor to Prime Minister Tony Blair, declaring that Brown "understands the consequences of failure."

Bush said that in discussions with Brown, he found him "to be easy to talk to, a good thinker."

Speaking with reporters, Bush said he will miss Blair, his close ally in the Iraq war, who announced Thursday his decision to step down on June 27. Brown, Britain's treasury chief, is the apparent successor, but Bush was careful to point out that the final decision was yet to be made.

A month ago, Brown met with Bush

for the first time without Blair being present. The two spoke for a half hour after Bush dropped in on a meeting between Brown and U.S. National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley. Brown was in Washington for meetings at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

"I have found him to be an open and engaging person," Bush said.

DRUGS

Oregon state troopers report seizing 171 pounds of marijuana

PENDLETON, Ore. — During a traffic stop, a drug dog caught a whiff, and when the trooper opened the trunk, there were a dozen, heavily wrapped bales of marijuana weighing in total 171 pounds, the Oregon State Police said.

The police said in a press release the trooper arrested Ramon Giron

Pimentel, 50, of Toppenish, Wash., on drug and other charges.

The trooper stopped the car on Interstate 84 near Pendleton on Tuesday for following another vehicle too closely and changing lanes improperly, the police said.

The police said troopers have twice seized larger amounts of marijuana at traffic stops: 323 pounds in April 2005 on Interstate 5 near Salem and 200 pounds in June 2005 on Interstate 5 north of Medford.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Gonzales parries questions about U.S. attorney firings

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales confidently deflected House Democrats' demands Thursday for details in the firings of U.S. attorneys, appearing ever more likely to survive accusations that the dismissals were

politically motivated.

Republican lawmakers rushed to Gonzales' defense as the attorney general denied anew that the firings last year were improper.

The mostly muted five-hour hearing in front of the House Judiciary Committee was a sharp contrast to Gonzales' sometimes testy appearance three weeks ago when Senate Republicans questioned his competence to run the Justice Department. One senator at that session joined a small GOP chorus saying he should step down.

"I will work as hard as I can, working with this committee and working with DOJ employees, to reassure the American people that this department is focused on doing its job," Gonzales said Thursday.

That didn't satisfy exasperated Democrats who accused Gonzales of being evasive.

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Payne: Two North Carolina papers also won an award for explanation of 100-year-old incident

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former journalists from the Santa Barbara News-Press.

The award is typically given in three categories: Collegiate Media, Individual and News Organization. This year, there was no selection in the Collegiate Media category, but several journalists shared awards in the other categories. The judges also awarded two special citations this year. University President Dave Frohnmayer, who was present to congratulate the winners, said he is proud the journalism school gives these special ethics awards.

"These are richly deserved awards," Frohnmayer said. "They set an example for young, budding journalists."

The New York Times and The Los Angeles Times received the News Organization award. Both contributed to a story that disclosed information to the public about a U.S. government project designed to access the financial records database of a banking company last year. The two papers share the award for alerting the public when pressured by the government not to publish the information and teaming up to explain the decision. Eric Lichtblau, a reporter for The New York Times, was present to accept the award on behalf of the papers.

In accepting the award, Lichtblau said, "This is a really historic time we're going through, in the tension between the government and the fourth estate."

Naming some of the Bush administration's threats,

including using the Espionage Act against journalists, Lichtblau said, "All that has a real chilling effect on doing good reporting in Washington."

The awards in the individual category went to nine journalists who were the first to resign from the Santa Barbara News-Press when they felt the publisher was interfering with news coverage. The decision is honorable because they were willing to lose their jobs to uphold their ethical values.

Despite the fact that 10 months after leaving the News-Press, former City Editor Jane Hulse is still out of work and it took former Managing Editor George Foulsham two and a half months to find a job with the LA Daily News, Foulsham said, "I don't think anybody in that group would say they made the wrong decision."

Both former News-Press employees said their former editor, Jerry Roberts, who left with them, emphasized the Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics in the newsroom.

"It's more than just an issue that comes up in a big way, a grand way, it comes up everyday," Hulse said.

A special individual citation was given to Josh Wolf, an independent blogger.

Wolf served more than eight months in jail when he chose not to surrender his videotape of an anarchist demonstration in San Francisco to a federal grand jury. Wolf was willing to stand up for his first amendment rights, the judges

THE AWARDS

What: The Payne Awards for Ethics in Journalism are the only University-based award dedicated especially to journalistic ethics, said University President Dave Frohnmayer.

Background: Founded in 1999 by Ancil Payne, the awards focus on integrity in reporting and to reward organizations for ensuring the public's trust in the media.

decided, and in doing so exhibited strong ethical values and tremendous bravery.

A second special individual citation was awarded to two North Carolina papers, The Charlotte Observer and Raleigh's The News & Observer, for their explanation of their involvement in a white supremacy campaign that involved a race riot and coup more than 100 years ago. Both papers published an in-depth explanation of their connection and are honored for their follow-up of an incident that may have been long forgotten.

The Payne Awards are meant to honor journalists who maintain integrity while under pressure and reward actions that instigate trust in the media. Ancil Payne, who died in 2004, established the awards in 1999 at the journalism school. Payne is known for his contribution to ethical journalism as CEO of the King Broadcasting Company. The judges for the award include various professional journalists from across the nation and University faculty members including professor Tom Bivins and Dean Tim Gleason.

WAR FUNDING

House rejects nine-month withdrawal plan for troops

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House defeated legislation Thursday to require the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq within nine months, then pivoted to a fresh challenge of President Bush's handling of the unpopular war.

The vote on the nine-month withdrawal measure was 255-171.

On a day of complex maneuvering, Democrats said they would approve legislation funding the war on an installment plan and Bush said he would veto it. But the president, under pressure from lawmakers in both parties, coupled his threat with an offer to compromise on a spending bill that sets standards for the Iraqi government.

"Time's running out, because the longer we wait the more strain we're going to put on the military," said Bush, who previously had insisted on what he termed a "clean" war funding bill.

Despite Bush's ability to sustain his vetoes in the House — as demonstrated last week — critics of the war insisted on challenging him anew.

GUANTANAMO

U.S. files conspiracy charge against Gitmo detainee

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The United States filed charges of conspiracy and providing support for terrorism Thursday against a Guantanamo detainee accused of being a driver and bodyguard for Osama bin Laden.

Salim Ahmed Hamdan is the third Guantanamo detainee to be charged under a new set of rules signed last year by President Bush after the Supreme Court rejected the previous system.

Hamdan, who is from Yemen, has been detained at Guantanamo since May 2002. It was his legal challenge that forced the Bush administration and Congress to draft new rules for the military trials, known as commissions, for the men held at the Guantanamo Bay detention center in eastern Cuba.

In the charging documents, the military said Hamdan conspired with bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders in the bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998, the attack on the USS Cole in 2000, and the terrorist attacks in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

In addition to working as

bin Laden's driver and bodyguard, the U.S. said Hamdan transported and delivered weapons to al-Qaida and its associates and trained at terrorist camps.

—The Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS

Committee hosts luncheon for University students

The International Career Network Committee will host an alumni networking luncheon Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. The event is free to all students with lunch included.

The luncheon is designed for students to network with alumni and community members who have worked abroad, have internationally focused occupations, or were international students and are now working in the United States.

Community members will be available to share stories and advice with students, provide encouragement and give ideas.

The luncheon will take place in Living Learning Center room 101. Interested students can register online at <http://uocareer.uoregon.edu/events/icnc-networking.aspx>.

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

One month later, Kilkenny still adjusting to new job

Though it has been a very busy transition for both the 'tireless worker' and his staff, all parties are happy with the progress

JACOB MAY
Sports Reporter

After familiarizing himself with professors, students, athletes, donors, the entire Athletic Department and important community members, Oregon Athletic Director Pat Kilkenny had a busy first month on the job.

And that's not even considering the time Kilkenny's spent working on his personal project — the new basketball arena. Only about five

percent of his time has been devoted to those plans, he said.

Still, the transition between him and former Athletic Director Bill Moos has been a smooth one, those who work in the department say.

"He's been going at day and night, 24 hours, seven days a week. He's a tireless worker," Senior Associate Athletic Director Gary Gray said. "I'm jealous of his energy sometimes."

When he was first announced

as athletic director, Kilkenny said he would need a lot of help being brought up to speed on the types of issues he'd have to deal with on a daily basis. He said he'd rely on his senior staff for guidance on things he's not familiar with.

Although he continues to learn the various aspects of running an athletic department, Kilkenny's knowledge of the business world has eased his transition.

"He'll bring you in, ask how we did the budget before, he'll think like a businessman and throw some information in that we may have not thought about," Senior Associate

Athletic Director Renee Baumgartner said. "Pat brings such a unique perspective from being a successful businessman and he can bring insight into a \$41 million business that others may not have."

Part of Kilkenny's business-like approach was bringing in a consultant to help him reorganize his senior staff, attempting to utilize their skills in hopes of creating a more efficient work place. Some have new jobs, while others like Gray, who is in charge of the compliance issues, will continue to assume their normal duties. Kilkenny said he needed to surround himself with intelligent

people but wants to make sure they're in positions to succeed.

In terms of financing the arena, Kilkenny rehired former Senior Associate Athletic Director Jim Bartko from Cal to oversee the fundraising efforts. Bartko will officially start on Monday.

"There's going to be some significant focus in some areas that I think there wasn't as much focus in the past," Kilkenny said. "I'll probably be more hands in the areas that relate to going from self-supporting to self-sustaining to building a new arena."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Let the games begin: Track postseason starts at Pac-10 Championships at Stanford

Half of the men's team going to the Pac-10s are from the Ducks' young distance running group

STEFANIE LOH
Sports Reporter

Poised to perform during crunch time, the Oregon men's track and field athletes are hitting their peaks as the Ducks kick off the postseason with the Pacific-10 Conference Championships in Palo Alto, Calif. this weekend.

Oregon will field 28 athletes in the men's events, half of which are distance runners.

Junior standout Galen Rupp headlines the Ducks' distance contingent, and could possibly run both the 5,000m and 10,000m.

"We haven't made the decision of whether (Rupp) will double, but certainly it's in the realm of possibility," Oregon Director of Track and Field Vin Lananna said. "We will be heavily laden on the men's side with distance runners. Which is completely opposite from last year."

"Last year we had four, five, maybe six distance runners. This year 14 of the 28 are competing in 800m and above. And many of them are young, so we'll see how that all plays out."

Freshman Andrew Wheating is one of the young runners who will be competing in his first Conference championship meet.

Wheating is coming off a good weekend at the Oregon

Twilight, where he ran a season-best 1:50.17 in the 800m, which met regional qualifying standards.

"I was sitting at the back of the pack for the first lap, and coach was screaming 'wake up,' and I just kicked it in," Wheating said. "I was probably the fastest guy running the last 80 meters. It was my kick. I've always just got it at the end of every race."

Months of training have served their purpose, and Wheating says he's now feeling better than ever.

"I feel incredible. I can't believe I'm in as good of shape as I feel because we're running some seriously hard workouts here, and I think six or seven months ago, I'd probably be collapsing in my bed and wouldn't be able to get up in the morning," he said. "But right now I feel phenomenal. I feel like I can run any time the coach throws at me."

The sprinters are also hoping to score points for the Ducks.

Junior Marcus Dillon had a rough day on the track last week when he came within .04 of qualifying for regionals in the 200m race. Dillon ran a 21.23 season-best, but was not satisfied with the result.

"It's probably partly because it was cold and there

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MATT NICHOLSON | Photographer

Oregon freshman Andrew Wheating is one of 14 Oregon distance runners who will be competing in the Pacific-10 Conference Championships this weekend in Palo Alto, Calif.

Oregon's strong field athletes hope to improve on the Ducks' fifth-place conference finish last year

JEFFREY DRANSFELD
Sports Reporter

Emily Enders is looking forward to the Pacific-10 Conference Championships this weekend, not only for another chance to don an Oregon uniform, but also to showcase her pole vaulting skills honed over four years in Eugene.

"I'm really, really, really excited to compete," Enders said. "This year's taken a slow start and right now I feel great physically and so I'm ready to get out there and compete."

Enders, a senior from Snohomish, Wash., achieved her season-best of 12-foot, 9 1/2 inches at the Pepsi Team Invitational and tied it at the Oregon Twilight.

Enders and her teammates travel

to Stanford this weekend for the Pacific-10 Conference Championships.

"It's coming down to the end of my season and my track career, and so I'm trying to make the most out of these last three meets and enjoy it

to the fullest," Enders said.

Enders is the veteran of a promising core of pole vaulters, including freshman Eniko Eros and sophomore Tara Rhein, who've both earned their regional qualifying marks.

"I feel like I'm the mother of the team this year, which I enjoy," Enders said. "I like being a mentor and guiding the good new athletes."

This being close to Mother's Day, is there any significance?

"I didn't think about that, but maybe," Enders said, laughing. "I should tell them to give me cards."

The Oregon women's team earned fifth place in last year's championships and with the development of the team's veterans and infusion of young talent, the Ducks expressed confidence in the team's potential.

"There's kind of this intensity in the air all around the team this year, and I think we really have the potential to outdo ourselves and I'm really excited to see how the team does," Enders said.

Track and Field Director Vin Lananna also expects big things.

"We made great progress last year," he said. "We moved from the

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Two-week tournament break provides needed rest for Ducks ahead of NCAA challenge

No. 41 Oregon faces Brigham Young in the first round, and will have Dieskova healthy and possibly Hirt returning for doubles

STEFANIE LOH
Sports Reporter

The 41st-ranked Oregon women's tennis team takes on Brigham Young today in Palo Alto, Calif. in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The two-week break that the Ducks have had since the Pacific-10 Conference championships has done the battered team good, and Oregon might have sophomore Claudia Hirt back in the lineup today.

Hirt spent the last month recovering from an ankle injury sustained in practice. But she started practicing with the team again last week, and Oregon coach Paul Reber says she'll be a last-minute decision

for the match today.

"We'll have to wait and see. I don't want to put her out there if it's going to be risking further injury or make it worse," Reber said. "I don't want to make her play if she's not ready to go — and she knows this — so it's really her call as to whether she's going to play or not."

As of Tuesday, Hirt said she was feeling good with the racquet, but had limited mobility.

"I'm hitting pretty well, but I'm a little bit scared with running now," Hirt said. "I'm scared of hurting myself again, so it's hard for me to say how close to good I am right now. And even when I'm hitting, there's definitely some soreness that keeps

coming back."

If Hirt plays, Reber says she will most likely play doubles with Carmen Seremeta. That means that sophomore walk-on Tina Snodgrass will be slotted into the lineup at No. 6 singles.

On the upside, senior Dominika Dieskova — who struggled with shoulder problems in the second half of the season — comes off the two-week hiatus feeling healthier than she has in a while.

"I feel good. I'm finally healthy and ready to play, and I'm just going to enjoy the last couple of matches of my Oregon career," she said. "I can serve 100 percent again; I've been hitting my backhand. Nothing bothers me."

"I actually forgot how that feels, so it's good to be back."

Oregon last played Brigham Young in 2006 and lost 6-1 to the Cougars. Strangely enough, most of the women remember that match as a close defeat, and agree that even though the three-seed Ducks are the underdog against the second-seeded Cougars, Oregon is in for a close match.

"I think our chances are very good. The big question now is whether Claudia is going to be back," Reber said. "Like they said in the selection show, we're a team moving in the wrong direction: we've lost six of the last seven matches."

"And the Cougars certainly have more momentum from winning their conference tournament and getting into the NCAA tournament than we do. But I think

we'll be fine."

An Oregon victory over the Cougars and a Stanford win over Sacramento State could set up a showdown between the Ducks and the defending national champions.

Oregon has historically performed poorly against the Cardinal, but the team has adopted the stance that the national tournament is a clean slate, and anything can happen.

"In the last couple of years, if we got one point against (the Cardinal) it was, like, good, right?" Dieskova said. "But we're the underdogs, we've got nothing to lose. And all the matches I've played against girls from Stanford this year have been very close, so I'll just have to take care of the important points and see if it goes my way."

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Kilkenny: Basketball arena plans expected within the next month as Bartko's return sparks action

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His business background has made him a quick learner as well.

"His learning curve is extremely short," Baumgartner said. "He's really picked up on a lot of different variables that you may not expect an outside business person coming into an Athletic Department."

Of course, because Kilkenny was a former donor, he came to Oregon already familiar with some of his current staff. Although he didn't have a working relationship with the senior associate athletic directors, his previous interactions with them has made the transition more comfortable for everyone.

"I get a lot of feedback, which is very helpful. I don't think there's any trepidation about letting me know when there's an issue," Kilkenny said. "In my prior life, everyone told me what I wanted to hear. You can't be very productive (doing that). Here, they're telling me (what I need to do)."

But for the most part, Kilkenny lets his staff handle the things they're supposed to do.

"His management style is: Take care of it and if you need me I'm here," Baumgartner said. "That's very unique."

"He's very straightforward, and I really like that you know where you stand."

Kilkenny's approach contrasts Moos', who expected to have everybody agree to an idea before anything got done.

"Bill was a different type of manager; he had a great business perspective as well, but Pat has given us job responsibilities and you're ultimately responsible in those areas," Baumgartner said. "With Bill, it was more like, 'Here's your responsibilities but I want you to really make sure everybody's happy before you make that decision.' Pat's perspective is, 'Make the decision and if you need some insight from others, great. Go ahead.'"

It's not all strictly business, though. Many of Oregon's professors voiced their complaints, feeling the University hiring a businessman and donor would stress too much importance on athletics and further the perceived divide between athletics and academics, a point that

was exacerbated once the football schedule announced having the Civil War game the Saturday before finals week.

Kilkenny said he attended a University Senate meeting on Wednesday related to the football schedule and hopes he let the Senate know he'll do a better job communicating in the future.

"I'm optimistic that I'm building some trust," Kilkenny said. "I think we stubbed our toe a bit but it was a good lesson for me to learn early on."

Kilkenny's said he's spent about 25 percent of his time developing the trust with the academic side.

"People seem to be willing to give me a chance and that's all I want," he said.

As for the arena, once Bartko comes to Eugene to take control of the project, Kilkenny believes he'll have a better understanding of how it'll take shape.

"I think we'll have a plan within the next 30 days, but that doesn't mean we're going to have an answer," Kilkenny said.

But aside from the arena, Kilkenny's objective is to generate more funds for the department. He said the department made \$41 million this past year and spent \$41 million. He hopes to create a business model that will allow Oregon to become self-sustaining as time goes on, and the arena plays a big part in those plans.

When discussing the direction of the Athletic Department, Baumgartner stole a line she heard from a donor recently.

"We're entering the golden era of Oregon Athletics," she said. "I think we are definitely going to see a lot of new and exciting things transpire here."

Things may need to happen soon though. Kilkenny signed a contract through June 2009 and hopes to break ground for the new arena before his term is over.

"Two years is going to go by very quickly," Baumgartner said. "I don't want time to run out before we get this arena built."

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Women: Lananna and Noble still haven't said which events the sophomore will run this weekend

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bottom to the middle of the Pac-10 and now it's time to stabilize that and then take a real big assault and getting us up in the top three contending positions, and I feel like we're poised to be able to do that. We'll need this year to be able to lay that foundation."

Rebekah Noble and Lananna remained coy Tuesday about what events she's going to be doing this weekend, specifically whether she'll double up and run the 800 meters and 1,500 or just do one of the two.

Thrower Britney Henry is following up

her performance last weekend with her final appearance at the Pac-10 Championships.

Henry equaled her Oregon school record in the Twilight with a throw of 221-07, but tweaked her back during the competition. She says her back is a little tight, but she is receiving massages and will be fine for this weekend.

"Last weekend I had a pretty stellar performance against some very great girls," Henry said. "It's kind of a prelude to Pac-10s."

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Ducks take extra innings win from Stanford, 5-4

Despite giving up 12 hits and three runs in the first inning, the No. 20 Ducks were able to come back and win against No. 16 Stanford Thursday night, 5-4. After taking the game to extra innings, left fielder Lovena Chaput's RBI double scored right fielder Neena Bryant for the game-winning run that pitcher Alicia Cook was able to hold on to for the complete-game win.

The win marks a pair of doubles for Oregon — the second time this season

they've won two Pacific-10 Conference games in a row, and the second straight year they've taken the season series from Stanford. Thursday night's win puts them at 2-1 over the Cardinal this year.

Stanford came out to a quick 3-0 start in the first, and Oregon made it 4-3 after two. Sari-Jane Jenkins scored beating out a play at the plate, knotting the scoreboard for good until extra innings.

Oregon finishes its regular season with two games against Cal, today at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Berkeley, Calif.

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Men: Though the sprinters are young, Dillon feels they 'step up when it's time for a big meet'

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was no competition," he said. "From what I hear, everyone was like 20m behind me. If I'd had somebody with me, I probably would have been pushed a little further."

"Feeling, knowing someone's next to you makes you push yourself. But hell, when you lead and there ain't nobody behind you and you can't see no one or hear no one, you are just running through the air pretty much."

Dillon believes that he tends to "do big things at big meets" and is hoping for a breakthrough in the 200m and both the 4x100m and 4x400m relays this weekend.

"We're gonna do well on both (relays). Got the freshman Chad Barlow and the 47 he run (in the open 400m) last week. Hopefully he can take it to the relay," Dillon said. "We

just have to bring 45s and 46s and we should be solid.

"We're a young group competing against juniors and seniors, and we all tend to step up when it's time for a big meet."

While they did not compete in either relay, the Oregon men's sprint corps won four events at the Oregon Twilight last week.

Dillon and Barlow won the 200m and 400m, respectively, junior Phil Alexander took the 100m in 10.50, and sophomore hurdler Jared Huske finished the 110m hurdles in 14.19.

Freshman decathlete Ashton Eaton also gave the Ducks a head-start in the Pac-10 championships by finishing second (7,123 points) in the Multi-Events Championship last weekend.

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