

# Legislature approves University's arena bonds

The UO's \$200 million bond request to build a new arena passed Friday, but now parking problems arise

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News Reporter

The University's \$200 million bond request won approval from the state legislature on Friday, leaving the University with only a few minor checkpoints before it can break ground on the project as early as this summer.

With the bond request out of the way, the University is now focusing its efforts on figuring out where to park the additional fans and clearing up land-use rules with city planners.

The bond request faced some opposition in both the House, where it passed 46-10 and the Senate, where it passed 22-8. The request was lumped with several other spending requests, which now go to Gov. Ted Kulongoski to sign.

Rep. Phil Barnhart, D-Eugene, spoke out against the project, which has drawn the ire of many residents in the Fairmount Neighborhood, where the arena is set to be built.

"We are being rushed to consider this very expensive project," Barnhart said. "This is a very, very large sum of money that the University is willing to saddle itself with."

It was the Legacy Fund, which will be established by Phil and Penny Knight's \$100 million donation, the creation of an Arena Bond Reserve Fund from \$1 ticket surcharges and the announcement of a lucrative advertising deal that seemed to assure most legislators that the athletic department will be able to shoulder the debt of the bonds.

Ten University students traveled to Salem on Thursday, some fighting to persuade the Joint Ways and Means Committee to kill the funding proposal before it could get to the full legislature.

Ultimately, it was the administration's message that prevailed.

"This will raise the visibility and reputation of the University as it tries to secure additional private funding for all kinds of projects," Oregon University System Chancellor George Pernsteiner told legislators. "There will be a positive effect in terms of the recruitment of students."

### Next steps

The University must get the green light from the State Board of Higher Education in order to actually sell the bonds it received from the legislature. But because the state board already gave the University permission to ask the legislature for the bonds, seeking the board's approval to sell them is more of a formality than a hurdle.

The University also must get approval from the Eugene City Council, which is required to authorize the destruction of the Villard Street Alley. The alley, which runs behind the former Williams' Bakery lot and 7-Eleven, will be built over when the arena is finished, said city planner Steve Ochs. The University still needs to acquire the lot where 7-Eleven currently sits and is expected to use eminent domain.

Parking will be the most significant challenge the University faces in the coming months.

The University doesn't need to find parking for all 12,500 to 13,000 fans that will attend games, only the incremental increase above

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# RAISING HOPE

The Frohnmayers' Fanconi Anemia Research Fund raised more than \$65,000, winning it one of four \$50,000 prizes nationally from America's Giving Challenge



JAROD OPPERMAN | Photographer

University President Dave Frohnmayer and his wife Lynn ended up with more than \$115,000 for the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, an organization they founded. The group raised \$65,000, qualifying them for a \$50,000 prize in the America's Giving Challenge fundraiser.

ERIC FLORIP  
News Editor

Going into the America's Giving Challenge charity fundraising competition, University President Dave Frohnmayer admits he didn't know what to expect.

The Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, a Eugene-based organization founded by Frohnmayer and his wife Lynn to research the disorder that has claimed the lives of two of his daughters, was up against more than 700 charities that included some much bigger names, he said.

But that didn't stop them from trying. "We, just like everyone else, talked to friends and got them interested," Frohnmayer said. "This is the kind of thing where you're almost reluctant to ask for help."

Their efforts paid off. Last week's final results confirmed the foundation, led by Portland resident Peggy Padden, secured donations from

nearly 3,000 different people. That earned it one of four \$50,000 prizes nationally. Combined with the more than \$65,000 the group raised during the competition — more than any other organization in the two-month contest — the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund ended up with more than \$115,000 altogether.

"We were thrilled," Frohnmayer said. "This has been a small group of very dedicated people whose families are affected by this awful disorder. And to see how the families could band together and widen the circle of friends ... was really very heartwarming."

### The struggle

Fanconi anemia is a genetic disorder that often leads to bone marrow failure or other complications. It is currently linked to at least 13 known genes. If both parents carry a defect in the same Fanconi anemia

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# Help is available for students filing taxes

### AT A GLANCE

#### What to bring

- Proof of identification
- Social Security card or an Income Tax Identification Number
- Wage and earning statements
- Interest statements from banks
- Last year's tax returns
- Bank routing numbers for direct deposit
- Tax forms, including W-7, W-2 and 1099

Source: IRS

Many students could have \$600 refunds in their pockets in May

TREVOR DAVIS  
News Reporter

Want some extra cash? File a tax return.

Students who made at least \$3,000 last year are eligible to receive a check worth up to \$600. President Bush recently announced the federal government would award stimulus payments in hopes that taxpayers spend the money to help jump-start the economy. The Internal Revenue Service plans to send the checks in May.

University law and business

students are helping students file their taxes from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays (except March 22 and 29) until April 12 in 455 Lillis. AARP volunteers are also helping taxpayers at 12 sites throughout Lane County, including a walk-in service at the Eugene Public Library (100 W. 10th Ave.) on Fridays and Saturdays until April 12 starting at 10 a.m.

Taxes can be a daunting task, said Amy Chu, who helped coordinate the campus Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, or VITA.

"They're scared they'll mess something up and get a penalty," Chu said. "We're here

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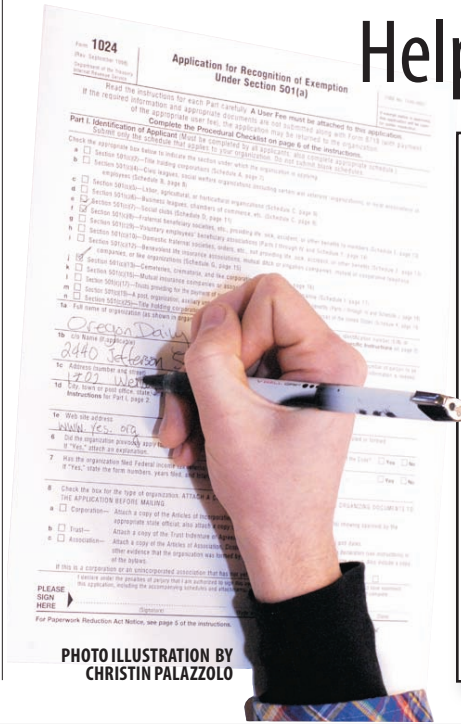


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IN MY OPINION | ELON GLUCKLICH

On the edge of responsibility and recklessness



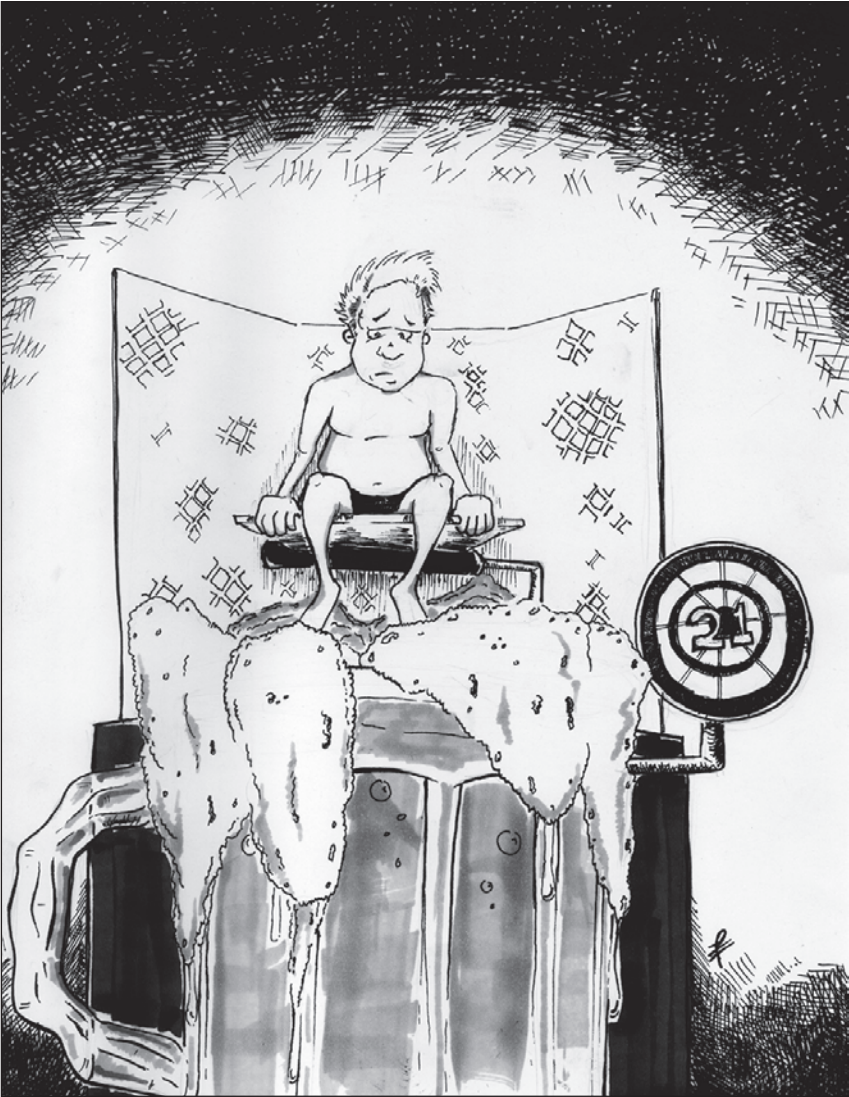
INSTANT GRATIFICATION

For most of you, tomorrow will more or less be an ordinary day. You'll wake up with a chip on your shoulder because it's Tuesday, and no one likes Tuesday. Meteorologists (weather.com) will tell you to expect random cloud scatter and a slight chance of rain. History buffs will celebrate the 160th anniversary of the ill-fated Second Republic of France. But it's no ordinary day for me. In fact, it's my birthday — and not just any birthday.

Jewish tradition holds that, by the time you are 13, you're ready to be considered an adult. The United States Congress feels differently. In 1984 it passed the National Minimum Drinking Age Act, making it illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to buy or possess alcohol. In the quarter-century that has followed, not a single underage person has had a drink.

Sorry, thought I'd make sure you were still paying attention. It's just that, from midnight tonight until the day I die (or am declared criminally insane), I'll be able to walk to the authorized distributor of my choice and purchase "crunk"-inducing substances for my consumption. Yes, tomorrow is my 21st birthday. But to be honest, I'm more scared than excited.

Don't get me wrong; it'll be sweet having everyone buy me drinks for a night. But what about the next day, and the day after that, and every following day until the day I die? How can



PATRICK FINNEY | Illustration

you get something you've been denied so long, and expect to control your newfound freedom?

Addiction is everyone's favorite buzz

killer. Everyone has a vice, but substance abuse doesn't count as one. You don't hear people say, "My only vice is that I just can't resist top-notch heroin."

EDITORIAL

Solution to health care will be found in the middle

A proposed amendment to the State Constitution, Section 46 of Oregon House Joint House Resolution 100 begins, "The people of Oregon find that health care is an essential safeguard to human life and dignity and that access to health care is a fundamental right."

But the resolution was on life support after passing the House by a 31-29 vote, and officially died after the state Senate adjourned last week without debating it. If passed, HJR 100 would have been placed on the November ballot. If approved by voters, it would have guaranteed medical coverage for some 600,000 Oregonians.

The issue of whether government-mandated health care is an effective means of covering individuals has drawn heavy divisions across local, state and federal government. It comes as little surprise that when HJR 100 passed earlier this month, it did so with the support of Oregon's 31 Democrats in the House, and over the opposition of the House's 29 Republicans.

But those Republicans have raised valid concerns over the proposal. Among the unanswered questions are how much it would cost state taxpayers, and what kinds of benefits would be offered. For these reasons, and because of the

shortened schedule of legislators during this current "special session," the resolution never gained enough momentum to have a chance of making it through the Senate.

This is not the first time a Democrat-backed health care plan was passed through the House, only to be stonewalled there. Just last year, House Joint Resolution 18 suffered the same fate. This is merely indicative of the issue's polarizing nature.

State Democrats feel it is a fundamental right for Oregon's citizens to be entitled to basic health care programs. But Republicans argue it is only the government's responsibility to uphold basic rights and individual freedoms. Likely, the solution to what ails Oregon's uninsured families lies somewhere in the middle.

At the argument's heart are fundamental issues of American rights and liberties. Are we each entitled to health care? If so, how is such a policy best implemented? Hopefully this won't be the state's last attempt at passing health care reform legislation. The national political discussion suggests it won't be. But whatever happens in Washington D.C. next fall won't affect Oregonians any more than what Oregon legislators decide to do with the time and resources they have.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Keeping KWVA under EMU would save some student control

When KWVA was founded in 1994 by a group of University students, it was the intention of those students that the campus radio station would be under student ownership, control and management. The FCC license was issued to the ASUO. A board of directors with a student majority was established as KWVA's governing body. This board was responsible for hiring the student general manager and senior staff members. One of KWVA's core functions, after all, is to present programming from a student perspective.

However, in July 2006, KWVA ceased to be an ASUO program under student management, and instead became an EMU program under University management. The planning for this change started in May 2005, without the knowledge of most University students. KWVA officials, frustrated by the need to seek annual budget approval by the ASUO programs finance committee, concluded that the station could secure a more stable funding source if it were to become an EMU program.

Under its new status, KWVA's board of directors was dissolved and replaced by an advisory board that has no authority over the station's operation. The new general manager is no longer a student, but an officer of

administration employed by the University. This general manager no longer reports to a student board, but rather to the EMU's director of student activities, who is a University official. The station's senior staff members, many of who are students, are hired, trained and supervised by this non-student general manager. (The current KWVA general manager is enrolled in the law school, but the position itself is a full-time University administrator position.)

When the FCC first issued KWVA's broadcast license in 1994, it was issued based on the premise that the station would be under student management. The idea was that this would provide a hands-on learning experience for those students who served as the station's general manager and senior staff members. In Sept. 2007, KWVA filed a routine biannual ownership report (FCC Form 323-E) with the FCC. This form contained false and misleading information that seemed to paint a picture of KWVA as still being under student management. If this form had been filled out accurately to reflect the fact that the station is no longer governed by a student-controlled board of directors that appoints a student general manager, I believe it would have likely raised some red flags when FCC officials

Why? Because they're either in jail or dead. And while alcohol may lack the needle's self-destructive punch, it can send you to the same place if you don't keep your habit in check.

Alcoholism certainly has its tinges of regality. But booze is excess, and excess is ubiquitous in our society: Kids see commercials for alcohol long before understanding what it is; we watch films and fall in love with shot-pounding, flawed protagonists, because their pain seems real and we believe in it. Addiction is woven into our country's DNA.

And how easy they make it to nurture that addiction! I've never been in a liquor store; but I've driven for long enough to know I'm never more than a five-minute drive from the nearest outlet for my emotional shortcomings.

So I'm scared. Scared for the responsibility accompanying my individuality. Unless your parents were effective in sheltering you from an authentic childhood, you know some kids who have struggled to balance these two important character traits. And trying to maintain a friendship with someone who has lost control to excess can wear on anyone's heart.

Drinking illegally has brought me my fair share of ups and downs. But I guess this is no time to dwell on the negative. To cast the status of "minor" aside is a thrill in and of itself. So if, for some reason, circumstances bring you out to one of Eugene's nightspots on Tuesday, look for me. I'll doubtlessly be making the rounds for the first time. Come and say hi. Offer me a drink. I want to have a good time. It seems counter-intuitive, though, that the people who drink the most are usually having the least amount of fun.

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# Nader seeks presidency, spars with Barack Obama

Ralph Nader, who just announced he is running for president, defended himself from attacks

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Ralph Nader announced his fourth independent bid for the presidency Sunday morning and is already engaged in some verbal sparring with Democratic front-runner Sen. Barack Obama.

Nader, who almost single-handedly organized and spearheaded the consumer rights movement in the United States, has become something of a political outcast since his 2000 presidential bid where he won 97,000 votes in the state of Florida — and Al Gore lost the state, and thus the presidency by 537 votes.

Nader defended himself against accusations of having been a “spoiler” in that election during an appearance on Meet the Press.

“You know, I wish we’d have Al Gore on this program someday ... and ask him, ‘Why did you not become president in 2000?’” Nader, 73, said. “And I think what he’s going to tell you is he thought he did win Florida, but it was taken from him before, during and after the election from Tallahassee.”

Obama first commented on Nader’s run on Saturday. “He seems to have a pretty high opinion of his own work,” he said.

“Historically, he is a singular figure in American politics and has done as much as just about anybody on behalf of consumers,” Obama said. “So in many

ways he is a heroic figure, and I don’t mean to diminish him. But I do think there is a sense now that if somebody is not hewing to the Ralph Nader agenda, then you must be lacking in some way.”

Nader responded Sunday saying that Obama is “a person of substance” but his

**“He is a singular figure in American politics and has done as much as just about anybody on behalf of consumers.”**

**— Barack Obama, candidate**

“better instincts and his knowledge have been censored by himself.”

“He was pro-Palestinian when he was in Illinois before he ran for the state Senate” and while he was a state senator, Nader said of Obama. “Now he’s, he’s supporting the Israeli destruction of the tiny section called Gaza with a million and a half people.”

Sen. Hillary Clinton, who in June 2007 Nader said “doesn’t even have the minimal political fortitude of her husband,” appeared to have been informed by reporters of Nader’s announcement.

“Well, you know his being on the Green Party prevented Al Gore from being the greenest president we’ve ever had,” Clinton said. “And I think that’s really unfortunate.”

University student Andrew Plambeck, a College Democrat, was skeptical of the impact Nader can have this year regardless of whether Clinton or Obama is the Democratic nominee.

“I really don’t think he’s going to have much sway either way in this election,” Plambeck said.

He said Obama has “barricaded himself from Nader’s sway” by reaching out to “independent and leftist” elements in the party and making them feel a part of the Democrat’s big tent.

Plambeck said he thought Nader would run if Clinton was the nominee, but was surprised to see him throw himself into the fray while Obama has the lead.

“That says to me that it may not be about the cause but more about him trying to get back into the public eye after being dormant for a few years,” he said.

Student Jesse Hough, co-director of the Survival Center and former co-director of OSPIRG, which Nader helped found, said he agrees with Nader on many issues.

“I don’t know if it’s helpful for the cause or for the people he’s trying to help,” Hough said of another Nader run.

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# University of Manchester links obesity to several types of cancer

A study involving more than 280,000 people concluded obesity may increase risk of cancers

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News Reporter

As obesity rates in the U.S. and the rest of the world continue to rise, so does the risk of certain types of cancer, according to a new study.

The large metastudy, conducted at the University of Manchester in England, examined data from more than 140 studies conducted worldwide that involved more than 280,000 people altogether. It concluded that obesity may increase the risk of a dozen various cancers.

In men, an average weight gain of 33 pounds increased the risk of esophageal cancer in men by 52 percent, thyroid cancer by 33 percent, and both colon and kidney cancers by 24 percent, according to the study.

In women, an average gain of 29 pounds was shown to increase the risk of uterus and gall bladder cancer by almost 60 percent, esophageal cancer by 51 percent and kidney cancer by 34 percent.

“There have been other studies that have suggested that obesity has been linked with different types of cancer, but it often takes a huge number of cases in order to show the statistical significance,” said Ben Douglas, medical director at the University Health Center. “That’s where studies like this are really helpful.”

The study doesn’t actually prove that being obese in itself causes these cancers, but there is a definite link,

said Douglas.

“Obesity has a significant factor on hormone levels tied to different kinds of cancer,” Douglas said.

For example, overweight women have higher hormone levels in the breasts and the ovaries, which puts them at higher risk for cancer in these areas.

**“There’s a lot of research that just the fact of being overweight is promoting cancer.”**

**— Sarah Wally, American Institute for Cancer Research**

Sarah Wally, a registered dietitian at the American Institute for Cancer Research, said obese people are not only at a higher risk, but that lean people are automatically less prone to cancer.

“People who are leaner typically tend to be more physically active,” Wally said. “They also have a different dietary pattern: more plant-based foods and whole grains, less high-fat cheeses or fatty meats.”

Most people have a false perception of excess fat, Wally said. The fat doesn’t just “sit there”; it actively secretes proteins called pseudocho-

line. These proteins produce low-grade inflammation that may make people more susceptible to cancer. Overweight people can also develop insulin resistance, which causes higher levels of insulin to circulate in the body and can stimulate cancer development.

Douglas said the risk of esophageal cancer among obese people may be so high due to climbing rates of acid reflux.

This study may be of particular concern in Oregon. According to a state Department of Human Services report, cancer is the leading cause of death in Oregon, whereas in the United States, heart disease takes the lead. The report also stated that 59.7 percent of adult Oregonians were obese or overweight in 2005.

“There’s a lot of research that just the fact of being overweight is promoting cancer,” said Wally.

The good news is, college students whose metabolisms have just begun to slow down have the choice to prevent their risk now.

“You don’t want to have that negative outlook that everything causes cancer,” Wally said. “There are a lot of choices you can make in your life to prevent causing cancer. For example, people tend to gain about a pound a year once they reach adulthood, and when you’re 18 you think, ‘Oh, it’s just a couple pounds,’ but it builds. It really is never too early to start exercising, eating right and getting rid of that fat.”

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## Bonds: University considering construction of an underground parking lot for additional arena traffic

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what 9,087-seat McArthur Court currently draws.

A report by David Evans and Associates, expected to be released in March, will show how much parking the University needs to meet city code.

University President Dave

Frohnmyer said spectators will be encouraged to park off campus and take EmX to the arena.

The University already owns a lot adjacent to the Williams’ Bakery site that could create roughly 400 parking spaces. That site was purchased with funds from the sale of the Westmoreland

Housing Complex.

It’s also close to finalizing a deal for property owned by Oregon Department of Transportation east of the Williams’ Bakery site that could be used for more parking.

Even with the property the University already owns, documents submitted to

city indicate the University is seriously considering a 500-spot parking structure, possibly underground.

Satre Associates, Eugene landscape architects, submitted documents to city planners for a pre-development conference Feb. 28 that will guide University

administrators on how to meet zoning laws.

But Frances Dyke, vice president for finance and administration, told The Register-Guard that the University is only considering an underground garage and hasn’t made a final decision.

It’s unclear how the

University will fund the parking structure, as parking is not a part of the \$200 million budget.

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# Anemia: People with Fanconi anemia are living longer, but often develop leukemia as a result

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gene, each of their children holds a 25 percent chance of inheriting Fanconi anemia. But for Dave and Lynn Frohn-mayer, the odds were much worse than that.

Three of their five chil-dren inherited the disease, which included all three daughters. Two of them, Kirsten and Katie, have since died from Fanconi anemia-related complica-tions. The third, Amy, a ju-nior at Stanford University, still carries the disease.

“She’s currently stable, but obviously we watch her — she and we watch her like a hawk in terms of looking for any scientific signs,” Dave Frohnmayer said.

When the family was first diagnosed in 1983, Frohnmayer said they didn’t know what to do. Little was known about the disorder, and most treat-ments available carried a high risk of potentially fatal complications.

“You feel isolated, alone, overwhelmed, don’t know where to turn,” Frohnmayer said. “It was really an orphan disease then.”

With local scientists and doc-tors struggling to find answers just as his family was, the

Frohnmayers decided to take matters into their own hands. They jointly founded the Fan-coni Anemia Research Fund in 1989. The organization has since spent more than \$10 mil-lion on research for the disease, he said.

“You have basically two choices when you face a challenge like this: You can either be a victim your-self, or you can try to fight back with all of the re-sources at your disposal,” Frohnmayer said.

### The research

Since the founding of the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund nearly 20 years ago, scientists have made huge gains in learning more about the disease, said Mary El-len Eiler, the organization’s executive director.

Each of the 13 genes cur-rently linked to the disorder has been researched and cloned. In 2002, one of those genes was also directly linked to breast cancer, Eiler said.

“For a rare disease, it’s become a disease that has a lot of importance,” she said. “It turns out that we affect millions.”

Researchers have been able to key in on certain parts of the disorder to de-

velop better treatments, Eiler said. While most Fan-coni anemia patients even-tually need bone marrow transplants to stay alive, 20 years ago an exact match from a relative was needed

ciation of Fanconi anemia and cancer has always been very important scientific form of inquiry, and now it’s become even more prominent.”

Until those discoveries are made, Eiler said the Fanconi

“You have basically two choices when you face a challenge like this: You can either be a victim yourself, or you can try to fight back with all of the resources at your disposal.”

— Dave Frohnmayer,  
University president

for any chance of survival. Today, that’s no longer the case — relative transplants now offer a 100 percent suc-cess rate, and mismatched donors give the patient about a 65 to 70 percent sur-vival rate, Eiler said.

But as Fanconi anemia pa-tients have been able to live longer in recent years, new complications have presented themselves as a result, Eiler said. People with the disor-der often develop leukemia as a result of the disorder, or various forms of cancer be-cause their cells are not able to regenerate and repair as a healthy person’s would.

“Those are puzzles that need to be unlocked if the cancer problem is going to be addressed more completely,” Frohnmayer said. “The asso-

Anemia Research Fund is working to unite both the vic-tims of the disorder and the researchers. The organiza-tion hosts camps for families affected by the disease, and annual scientific symposiums allow researchers to discuss their findings face-to-face, she said.

“It’s so rare, it really helps for them to be able to talk to other Fanconi anemia researchers,” Eiler said.

### Finding support

For a disease that only af-fects an estimated 300 to 350 people nationwide — and only a handful in Oregon — Frohn-mayer said he’s been amazed at the support he’s found both before and during this year’s fundraising competition.

And that’s exactly what

the goal of the event was, said Christie Emden, vice president of communications with Parade magazine, which sponsored the event jointly with The Case Foundation. By keeping track of individual donors instead of total funds raised, charities were inspired to raise larger donor bases and get more people involved, she said.

This year’s inaugural America’s Giving Challenge raised a total of \$1.2 mil-lion for the groups involved, and plans are in the works to do it again next year, Emden said.

“We’re delighted with the response,” she said. “We’re very pleased. We consider it a very big success.”

Padden, who entered the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund in the competition, said she was shocked at the amount of donations the group secured. And they en-tered late — the contest began on Dec. 13, but Padden didn’t start the effort until January, giving her less than a month before the competition ended Jan. 31.

“All along I thought, ‘If somebody else doesn’t do this, I am definitely going to,’” she said.

Padden has also been af-fected by Fanconi anemia, losing one of her three sons to the disease. Another still has the condition, she said.

Though Padden initiated the effort, she gave credit to the people who came through for her during the fundraiser.

“It was phenomenal team-work and incredible generos-ity,” she said. “I started it, but everybody else kept it going.”

Frohnmayer said he was very gratified for the sup-port his own organization saw and hopes to build off that success to facilitate further research.


“I think it’s a great boost because it heightens the visibility of the fund, and it broadens our reach of donors,” he said. “It’s ba-sically been a really grass-roots effort anyway with a tremendous effort in the state of Oregon — our ma-jor donor base is in Oregon. But increasingly, families outside of Oregon have stepped up.”

And while huge gains have been made, there’s plenty more to be done, Frohnmayer said. From a relatively un-known disease in the early 1980s, Fanconi anemia has since become a more visible disorder that has broad im-plications in other parts of science and medicine.

But Frohnmayer said he hopes it’s only the be-ginning of what leads to more practical applications later on.

“Our bets are still on sci-ence, and the problem is we still need therapies,” he said. “There’s a lot of ba-sic science that’s very in-teresting, but it might be a generation away from doing something.”

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## Sigma Chi raises thousands for cancer charity

The fraternity’s ‘Derby Days’ raised more than \$15,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation

LAUREN FOX  
Freelance Reporter

Thursday night, members of the Greek system packed into Gerlinger Hall for a dance competition to conclude a week of fundraising that brought in more than \$15,000 for Sigma Chi fraternity’s annual “Derby Days” fundraiser. Derby Days is a four-day competition to see which sorority can raise the most money for Sigma Chi’s philanthropy, the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, said Scott Wolfe, the fraternity’s derby master. In the past, the money used to go toward the Children’s Miracle Network, but this year Sigma Chi decided to switch to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

“We had a lot of family deaths in the fraternity through cancer, so we decided to change (the charity) to something closer to the heart,” Wolfe said.

The foundation is one of the largest non-profit cancer research associations in the country and relies entirely on donations to support its leading scientists, who include 2007 Nobel Prize Winner Mario Capecchi, according to the organization’s Web site.

The Huntsman Cancer Institute “houses and manages the largest, most comprehensive genetics database in the world, and more cancer genes have been identified by HCI scientists than at any other cancer research institute,” the Web site says.

Derby Days began Monday and concluded with Thursday’s dance competition. Sororities were awarded points for putting on various events and for earning money for the charity, Wolfe said.

On Monday evening, sorority members decorated Sigma Chi with posters that

represented themes chosen by the sororities.

“They pretty much just messed up our house completely,” Wolfe said, laughing.

Tuesday night, fraternity members acted, rapped and performed short skits for sorority members, Wolfe said. Fraternity members then auctioned themselves off to provide services such as extra performances and housework for the sororities.

Wolfe said the most popular piece (and the one that brought in the most money) was a tribute to the “evolution of dance” put on by 30 members of the fraternity. The women of Kappa Delta paid \$800 for the privilege of having the men come to a function wearing their costumes from the skit.

Each day during the competition, Sigma Chi set up coin drives outside The Duck Store and sold T-shirts to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. At Thursday’s competition, the

sororities choreographed their own dances that featured members of Sigma Chi.

The dances represented a wide range of genres, from Gamma Phi Beta’s swing dance routine to “Hey Big Spender” to Pi Beta Phi’s gangster twist to a medley that included “Singing in the Rain.” Performances also included hip hop by Chi Omega and Delta Gamma, Kappa Delta’s adorable revive of 1920s-style “flappers,” and Alpha Chi Omega’s performance of a piece titled “High School Drama,” which drew laughter from the crowd.

Kappa Kappa Gamma won the competition, having received the most overall points.

Overall, Sigma Chi raised \$15,242, far surpassing its original goal of \$10,000. Wolfe said the amount is the largest Sigma Chi has ever raised and said he thinks it “may be the largest amount a Greek house has earned in a while.”

### INTERNATIONAL

Raul Castro replaces brother Fidel as Cuba’s president

HAVANA — Cuba’s parliament named Raul Castro president on Sunday, ending nearly 50 years of rule by his brother Fidel but leaving the island’s communist system unshaken.

In a surprise move, officials bypassed younger candidates to name a 77-year-old revolutionary leader, Jose Ramon Machado, to Cuba’s No. 2 spot — apparently assuring the old guard that no significant political changes will be made soon.

The retirement of the ailing

81-year-old president caps a career in which he frustrated efforts by 10 U.S. presidents to oust him.

Raul Castro, 76, stressed that his brother remains “commander in chief” even if he is not president and proposed to consult with Fidel on all major decisions of state — a motion approved by acclamation.

Though the succession was not likely to bring a major shift in the communist government policies that have put Cuba at odds with the United States, many Cubans were hoping it would open the door to modest economic reforms that might improve their daily lives.

Raul Castro indicated at least one change is being contemplated: the revaluation of the Cuban peso, the national currency most people use to pay for government services such as utilities, public transportation and the small amount charged for their monthly food ration.

Cubans complain that government salaries averaging a little more than \$19 a month do not cover basic necessities — something Raul Castro acknowledged in a major speech last year. But he said any change would have to be gradual to “prevent traumatic and incongruent effects.”

In his first speech as president, Raul Castro suggested

that the Communist Party as a whole would take over the role long held by Fidel, who formally remains its leader. The new president said the nation’s sole legal party “is the directing and superior force of society and the state.”

“This conviction has particular importance when the founding and forging generation of the revolution is disappearing,” he added.

The U.S. has said the change from one Castro to another would not be significant, calling it a “transfer of authority and power from dictator to dictator light.”

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Your thumb on the beat of entertainment

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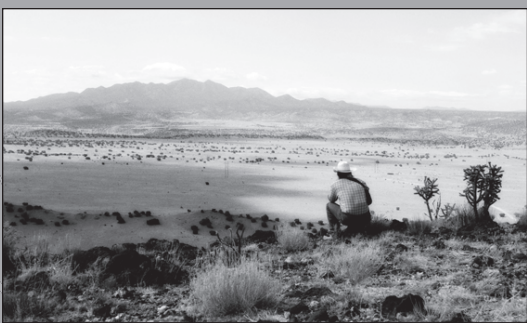
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Hollywood's greatest gathered to honor their own at the Kodak Theatre for the 80th annual Academy Awards last night, and the night was full of glitz, glamour and Oscar-sized surprises. The Emerald breaks down some of the biggest awards of the night.

## BEST MOTION PICTURE OF THE YEAR



### "No Country for Old Men"

The contenders for best picture this year left entertainment predictors and fans alike puzzled as to which film would lead. Blockbusters "Atonement," "Juno," "Michael Clayton," "No Country for Old Men" and "There Will Be Blood," each vied for the biggest award of the evening. But the thrilling suspense story "No Country," an adaptation from Cormac McCarthy's 2005 novel, prevailed over much-hyped "Blood" in a somewhat unexpected victory and left "Atonement" with only best original score. "No Country," which also earned Javier Bardem best supporting actor, captured a chilling plot of a circle of people who become connected over a heroin drug deal, a hefty sack of money and the desert.

## PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

### Daniel Day-Lewis in "There Will Be Blood"

The audience waited in anticipation for the award for best actor nearly all night, until Daniel Day-Lewis finally rushed to the stage for his brutal, heartless performance as Daniel Plainview, a self-proclaimed oil man who allows greed to get the best of him, in "There Will Be Blood."

Day-Lewis, who won his only other Oscar in 1990 for his leading role in "My Left Foot: The Story of Christy Brown" despite two more recent nominations, starred as a gluttonous big wheel in "Blood," making his clean-shaven, real-life persona on stage seem remarkable.



## PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

### Marion Cotillard in "La Vie En Rose"

As usual, the academy favored performers who embodied the roles of real people, awarding the golden statuette to French newcomer Marion Cotillard for her role in "La Vie En Rose."

This was Cotillard's first Academy Award nomination and win.

The academy honored her over fellow nominees Cate Blanchett, Julie Christie, Laura Linney and fan-favorite Ellen Page.

Cotillard looked stunning on stage in a white, mermaid-inspired Jean Paul Gaultier gown, and in her acceptance speech she proclaimed, "Thank you life, thank you love... there are some angels in this town."



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**Top box office (for Feb. 22 to 24):**

1. "Vantage Point" — \$24 million
2. "Jumper" — \$12.7 million
3. "The Spiderwick Chronicles" — \$12.6 million
4. "Step Up 2 the Streets" — \$9.8 million
5. "Fool's Gold" — \$6.3 million

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# Awards: Popular newcomer won award for original screenplay

## PULSE PICKS: BEST DRESSED



Cameron Diaz looked beach babe turned chic in her slim-fitting, light pink John Galliano gown.



Jennifer Garner wooed the audience with her silk taffeta Oscar de la Renta black gown. Her hair, in a low, loose updo completed her stunning look, which she credited to Hollywood "It" stylist Rachel Zoe.

## PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE



### Javier Bardem in "No Country for Old Men"

The buzz has been on Javier Bardem ever since his fiercely horrific role as Anton Chigurh in award-nominated "No Country for Old Men," where his gross haircut further conveys how psychotic he really is. Bardem won the golden statue over Casey Affleck, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Hal Holbrook and Tom Wilkinson. During his acceptance speech, Bardem spoke to his mother in Spanish, before walking away with his first Oscar. The Spaniard has also been nominated for his 2000 role in "Before Night Falls."

## PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE



### Tilda Swinton in "Michael Clayton"

The categories for actresses have historically been tough to call, and this year's race for Best Actress In A Supporting Role was no different; while Cate Blanchett and Amy Ryan were clear favorites among critics, Tilda Swinton ultimately came out on top. The "Michael Clayton" actress has never been nominated before this year. Besides Blanchett (who was also nominated for Best Actress in a Leading Role) Ryan, the other nominees were Ruby Dee and Saoirse Ronan.

## ACHIEVEMENT IN ART DIRECTION

### "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"

This year's nominated films for artistic achievement presented the academy with a particularly grueling challenge as it had to choose one of five brilliantly creative films. From "American Gangster" to "Atonement" to "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," each film traveled through a world enriched with culture. For set direction and art direction, Francesca Lo Schiavo and Dante Ferretti, respectively, came out as winners for their work in the visually dazzling "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

## ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTING

### Joel and Ethan Coen for "No Country"

Though this year's stage presence cannot match that of Martin Scorsese's much-awaited Oscar snag last year, it took the audience by surprise when the Coen brothers, Joel and Ethan, received the achievement in directing for "No Country for Old Men" over the comparably gruesome film "There Will Be Blood." The two struck a stylistically pleasing balance of serene countryside shots and high-tension chase scenes in the film.

The brothers, who have been making movies since childhood, won an Academy Award for their screenplay "Fargo" in 1996.



## ADAPTED SCREENPLAY "No Country for Old Men"

"No Country for Old Men" continued its winning streak last night when Joel and Ethan Coen won the award for Best Writing (Adapted Screenplay).

The Coen brothers were previously nominated for their writing on "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" in 2000, and they won Best Writing (Original Screenplay) for "Fargo" in 1996.

The other nominated films this year were "Away From Her," "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly," "Atonement" and "There Will Be Blood." During their acceptance speech, Ethan Coen went against the night's norm and kept his thanks short with a simple, "Thank you very much."

## ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY



### Diablo Cody for "Juno"

Newcomer phenom Diablo Cody won the screenwriting award for her witty and touching script for "Juno," a surprisingly successful film about teenage pregnancy.

The former stripper had never been nominated previously and has repeatedly been recognized for her work on "Juno."

Cody and her baby movie beat "Lars and the Real Girl," "Michael Clayton," "Ratatouille" and "The Savages" for the award, but the race wasn't even close — Cody was by far the favorite going into the night.

  
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## 'Vantage Point' fails to find a point in its repetitive plot device

KEVIN GLENN  
PULSE REPORTER

"Vantage Point" has no point. It is a technique without a purpose and it feels as if it is rambling along rather than coming to any actual conclusion.

The premise is riveting enough. The president of the United States travels to Spain to sign an anti-terrorism treaty in a massive celebration during which he is assassinated. Unsurprisingly, the viewer is treated to numerous opinions about the War on Terror, all of which seem obvious and overtly ridiculous.

The big trick of the movie is that the 30 minutes of time

between the president's departure for the event and his assassination are repeated from different perspectives for the majority of the movie. Whenever this happens, the film is reversed, a clock is reset on the screen and the action starts again from a different person's perspective. The first time this happened the audience was excited to see what new things it would learn from this different perspective. By the third time it happened, there was a noticeable groan. And by the sixth, yes, sixth time it happened, there was incredulous laughter from all around the theater.

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Cody Cooper warms up with his microphone as he gets ready for his comedy show on Thursday at Diablo's Downtown Lounge.

## Comedians bring their Fists of Rage to Eugene

A Springfield comedian will make a homecoming this weekend at Diablo's Downtown Lounge

TIFFANY REAGAN  
PULSE REPORTER

It took comedian Cody Cooper two years to tell his first joke at an open mic.

"I just kept thinking, 'I'm going to try it. I'm going to do it. It's going to happen this Saturday,'" he said.

During the open mic, he was so nervous he forgot half the joke.

"I was holding the mic, and my hand was whipping the cord like a tail. It was going all over the place," he said, laughing.

"But the more you do it, the better you get and the more comfortable you are interacting with the audience."

Two years later, Cooper is the 27-year-old brain behind the Fists of Rage Comedy Tour.

The Springfield-grown comedian will have a homecoming show, alongside tour mates Kyle Harbert and Don Frost, this Thursday at Diablo's Downtown Lounge.

The tour's title was originally just a name that the comedians threw around, but Cooper said he realized how appropriate "Fists of Rage" really is.

He said that all three performers have anger-related material in their routines, whether it's passive anger or something more direct.

"I think a lot of comedy comes from the dysfunctional

and angry," he said. "A lot of that can really develop one's personality."

Cooper's act includes material about "Care Bears," "Dora the Explorer" and Asian horror films, stemming from the fact that he was the kid everyone picked on, he said.

"If you were ever picked on in school, you will love my show because I get revenge for everybody," he said.

The Fists of Rage Comedy Tour is a completely uncensored show filled with ridiculous topics.

Cooper said their material is not adapted from comedy albums or in other shows.

"You're going to see something true, not something that's watered down or TV-clean," he said.

"We're not doing it for shock value. It's just complete honesty."

Comedy is Cooper's passion. He has been writing jokes for more than six years.

"I have had a job every day since I was 14 years old. The 'American dream' is to get married and buy a house and have a job," he said. "I did all that by the time I was 25, and it sucks because it's like 'What am I going to do now?'"

Cooper said this generation is going to get to the point where our extracurricular activities become our passion.

"We're going to be stable

in one area then we're going to pursue something more rewarding on the side," he said.

"And hopefully, eventually, that rewarding part will overtake the stable part."

Cooper hopes the latter will happen for him, and his comedy will become a full-fledged career.

"I have some opportunities coming up where I'm going to be doing bigger things and getting more exposure. Sky's the limit," he said.

One of those opportunities will happen in Portland next weekend at the locally organized Bridgetown Comedy Festival.

The three-day festival, beginning March 6, will feature more than 40 comedians and raise funds for the Oregon Red Cross.

"Just yesterday, it was announced that Patton Oswalt is going to be performing on March 8. To think that I'm going to be sharing the stage with one of my idols is amazing," he said.

Shows will be running all night so the audience can leave one performance and walk across the street to another.

Cooper said students should attend because the festival was specifically designed and planned around finals week.

"We've also specifically tailored every show to be more important than anything else you could possibly be doing."

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## Vantage: The film's actions scenes, which involved car races on European streets, felt tired and overused

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This repetitious technique isn't necessarily bad. It's been used for more than 50 years since the Japanese film "Rashomon" invented it, and more recently has been used effectively in "Run Lola Run." The problem is with how it is used, and here the movie fails.

Each perspective reveals new details about the assassination and includes plenty of great surprises, but these are negated by the overwhelming amount of repetition in each version. At least 10 minutes of every perspective is practically identical to the others, meaning the viewer has to see the same 10 minutes of film six times.

And in a 90-minute film this becomes unbearable.

The movie is directed by first-timer Pete Travis, and maybe this is the problem, but it seems more the fault of an editor who refused to cut out the unnecessary parts.

The performances themselves are satisfactory. Sigourney Weaver is fantastic but wasted in a ridiculously short role as a cable news producer. And Dennis Quaid and Forest Whitaker are both very good but unmemorable. The only poor performance of the whole movie is Matthew Fox, whose role as a Secret Service agent is almost laughably bad.

The action scenes were also fairly impressive, yet

somewhat ludicrous. It's enjoyable to see tiny cars streaking through European streets, but this kind of action has been overused in the past few years. It's even less entertaining to see people get slammed by these cars and then get up and run even faster. There is a complete lack of reality in these chase scenes, and after a while it becomes frustrating.

It is a film of impressive moments, both of acting and action, scattered throughout a repetitive and increasingly ridiculous landscape. Hopefully this interesting technique will be used again soon by a better movie.

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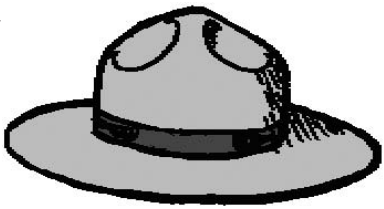
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## ASUO spring elections could be postponed one week

A ballot measure about committee structure was rejected by Constitution Court on Thursday

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ASUO spring elections could be postponed if the Constitution Court does not approve a proposed ballot measure by the end of this week, according to Vice President Chii-San SunOwen.

The court rejected the measure for a third time last Thursday. The measure would change the structure of committees that allocate student fees.

Student government leaders want the measure to be voted on in a special election so the two senate seats and two at-large committee seats it would create could be placed on the spring ballot.

The filing deadline for candidates is 11 days away and there may not be enough time to recruit candidates for the extra seats.

"We can't really have people running for seats that

don't exist," SunOwen said.

She said ASUO President Emily McLain is working on another petition to submit to the court by Monday evening.

SunOwen said there are three options for what to do now: hope the court approves the measure quickly and immediately hold a special election, postpone the spring election by a week or include the ballot measure in the spring election.

At last Wednesday's Student Senate meeting, Senate Vice President Patrick Boye said he and others working on the reforms would rather not have the new seats filled with political appointees.

"We'd rather give students the opportunity to vote for those positions," he said.

SunOwen agreed. "If it goes anywhere past next week, we'll probably push the elections back," she said.

The primary elections are scheduled for the first week of spring term, with a general election to follow during week two. If postponed, a special election during week one could mean three weeks of elections in a row.

The court rejected the measure this time mainly

for grammatical errors and mistakes that, according to the opinion, were minor. "However, due to the number of mistakes and the serious nature of some ... the Court feels it has no choice but to again reject the proposed ballot measure," the opinion read.

Some errors were as small as missing commas and conjunctions. As the justices pointed out, some errors were already in the ASUO Constitution.

The opinion states that one section "is poorly structured and contains too many ands. While the Court notes that this mistake is not one made wholly by the Petitioner but was partially copied from the current version of the ASUO Constitution, this does not mean said mistake should be perpetuated," the justices wrote.

The court first rejected the proposed ballot measure on Jan. 15 because the petition submitted sought to amend the wrong article of the constitution.

On Feb. 8 the court rejected the measure again, in part because the measure did not contain a provision detailing how it would be put into effect.

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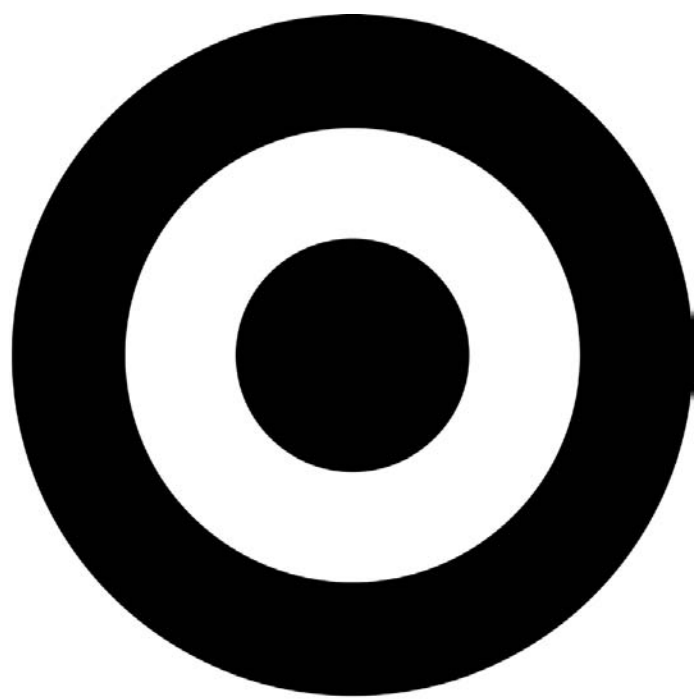
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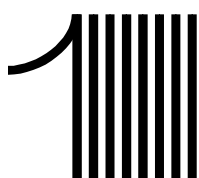


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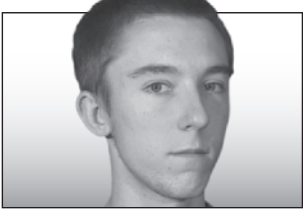
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IN MY OPINION | JACOB MAY



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When is  
‘consistent’  
spelled with  
two A’s?

Those watching the Oregon men’s basketball team must have a high pain threshold these days.

Watching the Ducks on television in their past two games has been almost unbearable because of their inconsistency and ineptitude in the second half, as double-digit leads seemingly evaporate in an instant.

The careless ball-handling, the missed opportunities, the inability to keep teams off the offensive glass, the questionable fouls — all of it creates a strain on the eyes for those who hope to see the Ducks reach the NCAA Tournament for a second-consecutive season.

And given the way the Ducks failed down the stretch in recent games, they will fail to enter the tournament unless they can pull out a miraculous win streak to either get to 20 wins or win the Pacific-10 Conference Tournament.

Neither scenario seems very bright given the circumstances lately.

As well as Oregon has played during stretches in games, they can’t put anything together consistently and that’s doomed them against the better teams in the conference.

While everyone shares blame for the losses, senior Maarty Leunen remains the only Duck that doesn’t make me shake my head in the team’s recent losses.

His performance Saturday — 6-of-10 shooting, 4-of-5 from three-point range, 11 rebounds and 17 points — made his stat line certainly seem to stand above any of his teammates’.

Aside from the performance against Stanford, where no one for Oregon could muster much of an offensive performance, Leunen has been remarkably consistent for a team that likes to flaunt its potential in front of fans on a routine performance.

How’s this for consistency? Leunen has scored double-digits in points in 24 of Oregon’s 27 games. He’s shot 56 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arc.

And while his teammates have tried to give all their effort on occasion, Leunen’s the only one that gives it all throughout the entirety

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MEN’S BASKETBALL



75-65

11

Rebounds for Oregon’s Maarty Leunen. The next highest number on the team was three.

19

Turnovers for Oregon. Three players were tied with four.

15

Steals for UCLA. Russel Westbrook led the Bruins with five.

9-of-18

The Ducks shot 50 percent from the three-point line. The Bruins were 2-of-8.

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Malik Hairston scored 16 points on 6-of-9 shooting but fouled out towards the end of the game in the Ducks’ 75-65 loss to UCLA Saturday.

Oregon blows an 11-point second-half lead against UCLA in a 75-65 loss; NCAA Tournament hopes fade

BETH HARRIS  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — UCLA escaped a potentially damaging loss by going back to basics. With the Bruins’ offense languishing, they turned it up on defense.

Russell Westbrook scored 16 points and helped rally No. 6 UCLA from an 11-point second-half deficit to a 75-65 victory over Oregon on Saturday.

The Bruins (24-3 overall, 12-2 Pacific-10 Conference) extended their lead in the Pac-10 to 1.5 games over No. 9 Stanford, which plays California on Sunday.

UCLA was facing a defeat that could have

jeopardized its hopes of a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament before Westbrook helped ignite the 38-17 game-ending run.

“If they knock us off on our home floor that really propels them to an NCAA Tournament bid,” Bruins coach Ben Howland said. “We understand that’s how they looked at it. They were geared up and ready to play us.”

Kevin Love, dogged by double teams, added 15 points and 11 rebounds for his 16th double-double for the Bruins, while Darren Collison had 17 points and Josh Shipp 10.

“We were pretty concerned,” Love said.

“We had to have a sense of urgency and we needed to keep fighting.”

Maarty Leunen had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Oregon (15-12, 6-9), which has lost eight of 11, including Thursday’s game at USC after leading by 13 points. Malik Hairston added 16 points and Tajuan Porter had 15.

“We just gave one away,” Leunen said. “We had momentum pretty much the whole game until the last 10 minutes and they made their run. Like UCLA does, they just turn up their defense a notch and you just got to match that. That’s why they’ve

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

No more trouble Bruin for women



DAVE MARTINEZ | Photographer

Kaela Chapdelaine scored a career-high 25 points and made all six of her three-pointers in Oregon’s win over UCLA. Chapdelaine was the major spark in the Ducks’ second-half comeback.

Kaela Chapdelaine had 25 points, six rebounds and six assists as the Ducks avenge a loss in California

BYRN JANSSON  
Senior Copy Chief

Just as it seemed that Oregon was headed to yet another disappointing loss in a season full of them, Kaela Chapdelaine stepped up and put the Ducks on her back, carrying them to a 66-55 win over UCLA Saturday in front of 2,515 at McArthur Court.

The Ducks’ lone senior scored 17 of her career-high 25 points in the last 13 minutes of the game, including nine in a 4 1/2-minute stretch that saw Oregon go from four behind to nine ahead.

Chapdelaine also made all six of her three-point attempts and added six rebounds and six assists.

“Being loose and having fun” was the key, Chapdelaine said. “I only have two games left here, including this one, and I’m just trying to make the most of my time.”

The last time Oregon and UCLA played, the two

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TRACK AND FIELD

Distance medley relay team sets school record in Boston

The Oregon men’s distance medley relay team just missed the NCAA automatic qualifying standard Sunday at the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships in Boston. The four-some of Mike McGrath, Chad Barlow, Andrew Wheating and A.J. Acosta finished in nine minutes, 34.06 seconds, a shade off of the 9:34.00 standard. They finished second overall, just behind Wisconsin’s 9:33.29 and in front of Oregon Track Club Elite’s 9:39.43.

Oregon led from the opening gun, only getting passed by Wisconsin in the final 400 meters.

“It is really tough to lead that event from start to finish but each person ran a very competitive race,” said Oregon assistant coach Andy Powell in a media release.

The time bettered the group’s

old school record of 9:36.21 from earlier this season and is the third best collegiate time in the country this year.

The event was classified as an exhibition, meaning the top finishers don’t move on to the World Indoor Championships in Valencia, Spain.

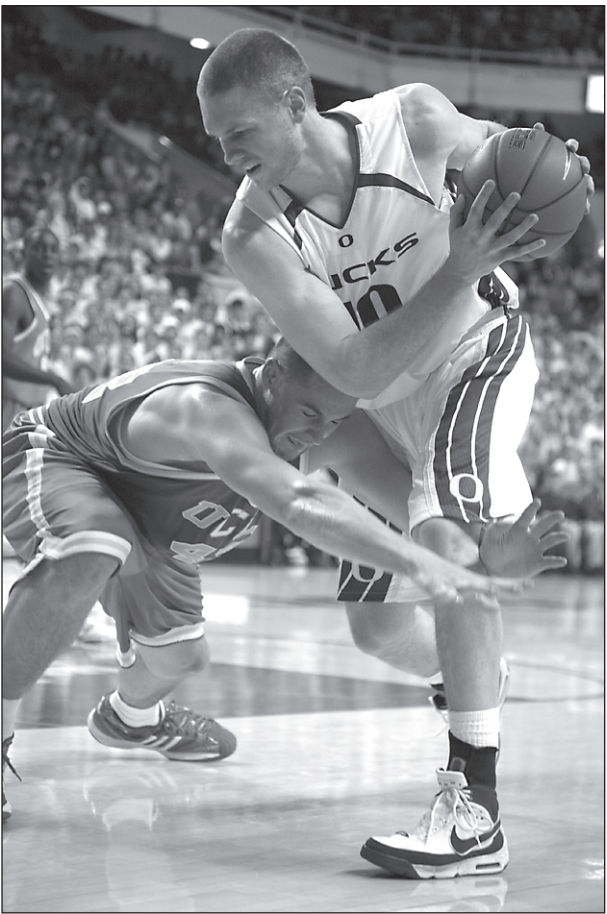
The other Duck runner in Boston was freshman Matthew Centrowitz, who ran the 3,000m. He finished 12th of 16 runners in 8:13.19, a personal best. His old best, from high school, was 8:20.09.

Former Oregon pole vaulter Tommy Skipper couldn’t clear his opening height in the pole vault. Becky Holliday, the school record holder in the women’s pole vault, was sixth at 14 feet 5 1/4 inches.

The Ducks’ next meet is the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championships next weekend in Seattle. The men were third at the meet last year, while the women placed seventh.

—Byrn Jansson





CHRISTIN PALAZZOLO|Photo Editor

Maarty Leunen led the Ducks with 17 points against UCLA on Saturday and also grabbed 11 rebounds. Leunen has scored more than 10 points in 24 of Oregon's 27 games.

## May: Leunen's willingness to make adjustments should be picked up by his teammates

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of the game. He's the only one that doesn't make mind-boggling mistakes in the final minutes while trying desperately to score much-needed points.

He'll distribute it when needed and he'll take the shot if need be.

If a coach has to praise only one of his starting seniors for making the right decisions and being aggressive, maybe he should give up trying to instruct them beyond one simple rule: Follow that guy's lead.

Against Washington State, the Ducks tried to break through the Cougars' defense by pump-faking nearly every jump shot they took and then trying to

drive the ball.

In case you didn't see the game, it didn't work out so well. The Cougars' defense anticipated nearly every fake and held their ground for the ensuing drive by an Oregon ball-handler.

Leunen was the only one who recognized it and made the adjustment. Rather than faking the shot, he simply released the ball upon touching and was 4-of-7 from three-point range.

Oregon coach Ernie Kent credited Leunen's aggressiveness after the game, praising Leunen for recognizing the defense and converting his shots.

Leunen was the only Duck to make a three-pointer. The rest simply continued to pump-fake and drive, without positive results.

If a coach has to praise only one of his starting seniors for making the right decisions and being aggressive, maybe he should give up trying to instruct them beyond one simple rule: Follow that guy's lead.

Maybe then we'd start seeing consistency from Oregon.

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### SOFTBALL

# Ducks win four, lose two in Classic

Oregon beat No. 8 Oklahoma 1-0 in the Cathedral City Classic

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Senior Sports Reporter

The Oregon softball team pounded Pacific 10-0 Sunday in the finale of the Cathedral City Classic Sunday in Palm Springs, Calif.

Oregon won four of the six games. The Ducks beat Long Island (2-1), No. 8 Oklahoma (1-0), Michigan State (3-1) and Pacific, but lost to No. 10 Baylor (8-4) and No. 2 Northwestern (6-0).

Sunday's win was coach Kathy Arendsen's 192nd in her sixth year in Eugene. It tied her with Teresa Wilson for the most in school history.

Pitcher Alicia Cook gave up two hits in five innings, striking out six.

Oregon (9-7) jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first inning with all the runs coming with two outs. The Ducks scored a run in the fourth inning and added three more in the top of the sixth inning.

Joanna Gail went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Ashley Kivett was 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Oregon travels next week to San Diego for the San Diego Classic. Following that five-game stretch, Oregon holds its home opener at Howe Field on March 5 at 2:30 p.m.

Pitcher Brittany Rumfelt threw a complete game in Oregon's 2-1 win against Long Island.

The Ducks went ahead, 1-0, on a home run by Lovena Chaput in the second inning. Long Island tied it in the third, but Monique Fuiava's sixth-inning double led to the go-ahead run. After her hit, Fuiava was pinch-ran for by Shelley Deadmond, who scored two batters later on a grounder by Gail.

Northwestern showed why it is No. 2 in the nation with Wildcats ace pitcher Lauren Delaney throwing her second career no-hitter in a 6-0 win.



MATT NICHOLSON|Senior Photographer

Outfielder Neena Bryant made a deep catch in Oregon's 1-0 upset of No. 8 Oklahoma.

Delaney went up against Oregon's Melissa Rice, who pitched 5 1/3 innings while striking out four and walking three. Rumfelt came on in relief and pitched 1 2/3 innings and had one strikeout.

Oregon had two batters reach base via walks, Sari-Jane Jenkins and Neena Bryant.

The Ducks played three ranked opponents during the trip and earned a win against No. 8 Oklahoma behind a home run from Monique Fuiava. After Fuiava's fourth-inning shot cleared the wall, Gail nearly matched the freshman's feat but the left fielder jumped and made the catch.

Oklahoma looked to tie the game in the sixth inning on a deep shot by second baseman Traci Dickenson, but Bryant went back to the wall and caught the ball.

The Sooners had two runners on base in the seventh inning via walks, but Cook struck out Dickenson to end the game.

In Oregon's 3-1 win against Michigan State, Rumfelt pitched six scoreless innings. She allowed two strikeouts and five hits without allowing a walk. Cook earned the save in relief.

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## Women: Ellie Manou and Nicole Canepa grabbed a combined 18 rebounds

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teams were 4-3 in the Pacific-10 Conference, battling for fourth place. Since that game, which UCLA won 63-59 on the strength of a 14-point second-half comeback, the Ducks had lost eight of nine, including Thursday to USC.

"The weekend in L.A. was a tough one," Chapdelaine said. "We came really close on the road... so this weekend we wanted to prove we can win these games."

Both teams came out of the gate slowly in this one, combining for six points in the first four minutes of the game. The Ducks didn't hit a field goal until a Chapdelaine three-pointer with 15:32 left in the first half, and finished the half shooting only 29.4 percent from the floor.

Despite the poor shooting, Oregon led at halftime, 30-23, thanks in large part to eight

offensive rebounds that led to nine second-chance points.

Ellie Manou and Nicole Canepa did most of the work on the glass. Manou finished with 12 points and eight rebounds, while Canepa had seven points and 10 rebounds.

"You can see their growth," Oregon coach Bev Smith said. "You can see their defensive toughness finally coming through, their defensive boarding finally coming through. Great game by those two."

UCLA made a run to open the second half, outscoring the Ducks 13-2 to open a 36-32 lead, its largest of the game.

"We knew they would go on a run, but we didn't panic," Smith said. "We knew that if we looked after the ball, moved the ball... we would be able to get some scores. We just had to get defensive intensity."

Chapdelaine broke the Bruin

run with a three-pointer, sparking a 10-0 Oregon run that would effectively put the game out of reach. UCLA would never get closer than five points the rest of the way.

Lindsey Pluimer led the Bruins with 15 points.

UCLA tried a full-court press with about seven minutes left in an effort to get back in the game, but the Ducks were able to break it easily.

"We were waiting for it," Smith said. "We've worked on that. Both our posts and our guards were very aggressive against it."

Oregon finished with only 13 turnovers, its third-lowest total of the season, compared with the season-high 29 they had at Pauley Pavilion.

Taylor Lilley, the Ducks' leading scorer this season, shot 4-for-17 overall, 3-for-13 on three-pointers, but hit a three-pointer

that capped the 10-0 run that gave the Ducks a 47-39 lead. Lilley finished the game with 11 points and five rebounds.

"We were not going to let this one get away from us," Lilley said. "We were able to stay poised... and made plays when we needed to."

Oregon is 12-16 overall, 6-11 in the Pacific-10 Conference. UCLA is 14-13, 9-7 in the Pac-10.

With just next Saturday's Civil War left in the regular season, the Ducks are trying to build some momentum heading into the Pac-10 Tournament.

"We've still got work to do," Chapdelaine said. "We're gaining momentum, feeling good about the way we're playing and going into the postseason feeling good about ourselves."

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## Men: UCLA's defensive adjustments helped stop Ducks, start its offense

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been to two Final Fours."

Getting swept in Los Angeles kept the Ducks in the bottom half of the Pac-10 standings and puts them on the NCAA tourney bubble.

"We lost big opportunities this weekend," said Leunen, whose mood was as dark as the Ducks' new all-black uniforms in which only numbers and not names were visible.

The Ducks were in control for virtually the entire first half and into the second before UCLA stepped up its defense, which in turn sparked its offense.

"Anytime we're down, we got to be patient," Collison said. "We can't get rattled. Our defense won the game. Our offense wasn't doing so well."

The Bruins were a different team the first 20 minutes. They played lethargic defense, got outrebounded and didn't have a single player score in double figures. Leunen's 3-pointer in the closing seconds put Oregon ahead 34-31 at the break.

"We had an excellent game plan," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said. "We executed it for the first 30 minutes.

Unfortunately, a basketball game is 40 minutes. We played one of our best games against one of the top teams in the country, but our poise has got to be a lot better in the stretch."

Love had the ball stolen by Bryce Taylor on UCLA's first possession of the second half. Westbrook missed two easy layups that had the crowd groaning and went down in a heap on the second one. He rolled over on the court, but soon got up and jogged on the sideline before returning.

The Ducks outscored the Bruins 14-6, including two 3-pointers by Leunen,

to lead 48-37.

But momentum swung UCLA's way and stayed there in the game-closing run. Hairston, Taylor and Joewan Catron picked up their third fouls during UCLA's spurt.

The Bruins' offensive outburst coincided with more aggressive defense. Collison stole the ball and sent a long pass to Westbrook, who dunked for UCLA's first lead, 54-53, since the game's opening minutes.

"You can't really take charges on him because he's going to go vertical and dunk on you," Love said.

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lific and will fill the world with your works this  
year. Who you align yourself with is the single  
most contributing factor to what you experi-  
ence through the next 10 weeks. So stand  
with the big winners. Travel in June is thrilling.  
Career goals are met in September. Your heart  
is full of love in the new year. Sagittarius and  
Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are:  
39, 20, 15, 17 and 28.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It's not always  
so comfortable to be reminded of your good  
qualities. Receiving compliments with grace  
takes practice, and you'll get several chances  
to hone the social skill this afternoon.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're like time -  
you wait for no man. You're too busy march-  
ing forward and forging opportunities where  
there previously were none. Your colleagues  
benefit from the trail you blaze. March on!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your opinions (and  
you have many of them now) can help others  
— but only certain very receptive people. Give  
when it's asked of you, and if it's not asked,  
hold back until people are ready to listen.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). To have discern-  
ing tastes is to understand what puts the "lux" in  
"luxury." There is happiness in seeking  
what is beautiful to the nose, tasty on the lips  
and delicate to the touch.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Got pets? If not, to-  
day's compassionate stars could prompt you to  
open your home to someone from another  
species. If you're already a pet owner, the crit-  
ters will rule your schedule now.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If the task set  
before you is one you've repeated dozens of  
times before, your boredom factor hits a new

high. So change it up. A Sagittarius has fabu-  
lous ideas to contribute.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You usually live  
by the rule, "If you can't say something nice,  
don't say anything at all." However, today,  
what your friends really want from you is the  
truth without the pretty gloss.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The omens urge  
you to follow the music of your gypsy soul,  
especially if it moves you to cross a border or  
two. When you do, you put yourself in the path  
of romance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No more  
fussing over meaningless details -- people's  
feelings are what you put first. And when you  
do, suddenly, anything that was confusing or  
tedious is effortless.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Show a sup-  
portive someone your recent work or share an  
idea you've been mulling over lately. You'll be  
validated if you needed to be (and really, who  
doesn't?).

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's time to get  
tough on yourself and knock down an obstacle  
invented by you. This kind of obstacle is the  
hardest to knock down, but it won't hurt when  
you crash into it since it is only an illusion.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Put off a decision  
until you're feeling more sure of it. Chances  
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- Juicy fruits
- Target of many a boxing blow
- Sophomore's grade
- Old Testament prophet
- "It's no \_\_\_!"
- Good sign on a highway
- Reverse of NNW
- Dollar or Budget competitor
- Like the season before Easter
- Floated gently in the air
- 26 7 on a grandfather clock
- Prefix with potent
- Use a rasp on
- Comment on, as in a margin
- Expected

- Org. for the humane treatment of pets
- Bobby of the N.H.L.
- Alcoholics Anonymous has 12 of them
- Once around a track
- Catnip and fennel
- Safe box opener
- White \_\_\_ (termites)
- Cousin of a Keogh, briefly
- Arizona's Petrified Forest dates from this period
- Optimistic
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- 54 "\_\_\_ luck?"
- Heavy hammer
- Bear witness
- Consequently
- 59 Fr. holy woman

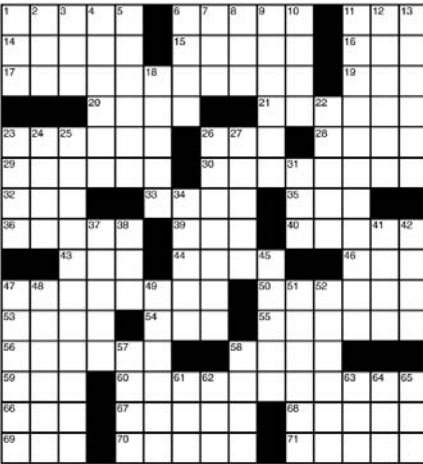
- Good sign on a candy box
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- Scores in the end zone, for short
- Velocity
- Appears

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- Western tribe
- "\_\_\_ in Black," Will Smith film
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- Layers
- Acted rudely while in a line, maybe
- Academics' degrees
- High's opposite
- Grp. that entertains the troops
- Magician in Arthurian legend
- Hot Japanese drink
- Good sign on a car trunk
- Concurrence
- Ineffectual one, slangily
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- Bankrolls
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- Good sign at a motel

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- "That feels goooood!"
- "Above the fruited \_\_\_"
- Kind of porridge
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- Boast
- Fill the stomach of

- Dish often served with 10-Down
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# Checks: Volunteers on campus and through AARP offer to help students file their taxes electronically

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Beta Alpha Psi started the campus VITA program in the 1990s, and the program primes student volunteers for professional jobs. The roughly 20 volunteers are accounting and School of Law Pro Bono students who are trained through the IRS.

"We have a lot of people who are learning to be tax lawyers or who are trying out being a tax accountant," Chu said.

Students who earned less than \$40,000 last year are eligible to receive help through VITA, Chu said.

AARP started its program, which is aimed at low- to moderate-income families, for senior citizens, but volunteers will help just about anyone.

"We do taxes for families, students, young people," said Mary Koebrich, Oregon's AARP perspective volunteer coordinator. "Our locations are geared for basically anybody who shows up."

Koebrich said AARP provides a free service for a complicated process.

"A lot of these people have gone to paid services in the past — I won't mention any names — but they charge them \$200 for what we can do for free," Koebrich said. "This same money is going back to the taxpayers so that they can spend it."

About 80 volunteers in Lane County are involved in the AARP program, Koebrich said. Most are retired accountants or teachers; some are licensed professionals.

New counselors spend 40 hours training to learn tax laws, Koebrich said. Every volunteer spends three days learning about new laws and programs, and all are tested through the IRS.

Volunteers on campus and through AARP help taxpayers file their taxes electronically to speed the process.

"If you fill everything out on paper and send it to the IRS, someone there has to punch it all into a computer," Koebrich said.

The IRS estimates the stimulus package will add somewhere between 20 to 25 million new tax filers this year. These people likely didn't file their taxes

during last tax season because they didn't make enough money. The IRS considers Social Security retirement, survivor and disability benefits as income toward the \$3,000 income requirement to be eligible for the stimulus package.

More filers are expected in Lane County, Koebrich said.

Taxpayers seeking help should arrive early and prepared.

The library's walk-in service, which is open on Fridays and Saturdays, accepts the first 50 people who reserve a spot for the same day, said Pam Roberts, an adult services librarian.

She said she recommends taxpayers come to the library on Fridays because most people don't work on Saturday, and more service is demanded on that day.

Tax help at the library doesn't start until 10 a.m., but taxpayers are showing up around 8:30 a.m. to reserve a spot, Roberts said.

"Get there early," Roberts said. "There's high demand."

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## SHOOTING

### Northern Illinois University recovering from shooting

DEKALB, Ill. — The outpouring of aid and sympathy after a deadly shooting at Northern Illinois University should remind those struggling with the tragedy that they are not islands and not alone, the school's president said at a memorial service Sunday.

In honor of the five students killed in the Feb. 14 shooting in a crowded lecture hall, five bouquets of red and white flowers were placed on the stage of the Convocation Center, where the memorial was held. Outside the arena, school officials had posted a banner reading, "Forward, together forward."

"This past week, I have seen despair and I have seen hope," NIU President John G. Peters said near the start of the service. "I have seen deep sorrow of the five victims' families, but I have seen your courage and I have seen your strength."

Classes are to resume Monday for the first time since the shooting, in which NIU graduate Steve Kazmierczak opened fire in a classroom, killing five people and injuring 17 before committing suicide.

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