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WEATHER



TODAY

Sunny 52°/30°



WEDNESDAY

Sunny 53°/32°



THURSDAY

Sunny 52°/33°

FACULTY

African Studies loses historian

Professor Laura Fair's departure for Michigan State University will leave the History Department without a historian of Africa

DESIREE AFLLEJE
FREELANCE REPORTER

African Studies will lose one of its leading members when the University's only professor of African history departs after spring term, leaving a big hole in the history curriculum for the world's second-largest and second-most populated continent.

Spring will be associate professor Laura Fair's last term before she makes

the move to Michigan State University, which recruited her to join their well-developed African Studies Center.

"We need another (historian of Africa) for sure, there's no question about it," assistant professor of International Studies Stephen Wooten said, who has played a significant role in expanding African Studies at the University.

The history department will not decide if they will hire another historian

of Africa until they meet in late winter or early spring term, but History Department Head John McCole said "there's a strong presumption" that another historian of Africa will be hired.

Another critical decision that the department must make is whether to



LAURA FAIR
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

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STUDENT FEES

How should the ASUO spend its \$800,000?

The Senate Appropriations Committee is seeking proposals from community members

BY JOBETTA HEDELMAN
NEWS REPORTER

On a campus like the University, it may be hard for students to feel that they leave a lasting impact on campus after graduation.

The Student Senate wants to change that by giving students the power to decide how to spend \$800,000. When the student government sets student incidental fees, the amount each student pays is based on projected enrollment. For several years, enrollment has been higher than projected, meaning that extra incidental fee money was collected but not spent. That money is now sitting in an account, building interest and waiting for right project.

Because the amount of over-realized funds has been building for long enough that many of the students who paid the fees have already graduated, the money cannot be refunded, so the Student Senate is asking students for proposals on how students want to spend the money. The Senate Appropriations Committee is taking proposals until week six of winter term. Early in spring term, the committee plans to host a town hall meeting where members of the University community can voice their opinions on the best proposals.

Students can download the proposal form from the Senate Web site (<http://asuo.uoregon.edu/senate.php>) or pick one up in the ASUO office in the EMU. All proposal forms must be

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TELL THE STUDENT SENATE HOW YOU WOULD SPEND \$800,000

- Anyone can submit proposals for how to spend \$800,000 of unexpected incidental fee money, but Student Senators would like to see the winning proposals come from students.
- Proposal forms can be downloaded on the ASUO Web site at <http://asuo.uoregon.edu/senate.php> or picked up in the ASUO office.
- All proposal forms must be returned to the ASUO office by Sunday, Feb. 18.
- In the next few weeks, senators will be speaking in classes and will be walking around campus distributing forms and answering questions.

NEW-AGE MEDICINE

As baby boomers age and retire, a new generation of physicians will be needed

BY TREVOR DAVIS
NEWS REPORTER

University senior Amanda White will likely have plenty of job offers that come with benefits and high pay after graduation.

The nationwide nursing shortage is expected to put health care students and professionals in high demand during the next decade and beyond.

White, who has wanted to become a nurse since she was 12 or 13, said nurses and doctors caring for hospitalized family members influenced her career choice when growing up.

"I saw how amazing one doctor or nurse can be," she said.

White said she wants to become a traveling nurse after she earns a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University and plans on

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BRENNA CHEYNEY | FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER

Laura Swanson (left) and Victoria Handel (right) are just two of the students studying pre-nursing at the University.

AT A GLANCE

- **What?** A shortage of nurses and health care professionals is expected to stretch the health care system nationwide during the next decade or so.
- **Why?** Retiring baby boomers will increase health care demand.
- **Why should I care?** The shortage will put nurses in high demand, and Oregon colleges will continue to expand their programs. Parents will also start to retire and will need complex health care needs.
- **More information:** Lane Community College, www.lanec.edu; and Oregon Health and Science University, www.ohsu.edu

1,208

Number of new registered nurses needed annually statewide until 2014

1,097

Number of graduates who completed a registered nurse program in 2004-05

111

Difference between demand for nurses and supply for nurses statewide

57

Number of registered nurse program grads at Lane Community College in 2004-05

\$61,523

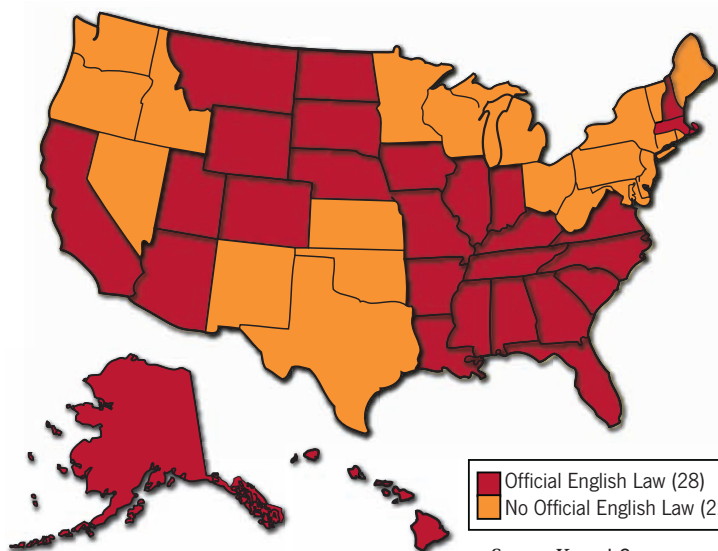
Average annual income for registered nurses statewide

Source: Oregon Employment Department

OREGON LEGISLATURE

English as Oregon's official language? It could happen

The Oregon legislature is considering a bill that would make the most common language spoken in the state the only official one



SHAWN KAHL | GRAPHIC DESIGNER

BY CALVIN HALL
NEWS REPORTER

Travel throughout Oregon, and it's possible to hear the 138 different languages that are spoken in the state, at least hypothetically, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

Despite the linguistic diversity, a new bill in the Oregon House aims to make the most commonly spoken language — English — the state's one official language.

The bill, introduced by state Rep. Donna Nelson, R-McMinnville, would also clarify that Oregon's state government, including agencies and groups such as the Oregon University System, are not to be required to provide services or information in languages other than English.

Josué Peña-Juárez, who works for Recruitment and Retention for the Multicultural Center, said making English an official language

is the wrong place to take any discussion about creating unity.

"If (the state) really wants to unify the people, I think they should talk more about spreading education, getting all Oregonians involved," Peña-Juárez said.

Government agencies currently aren't required to provide services or information in other languages other than English, but the bill helps affirm this, and it allows the agencies more control over whether or not

OREGON FACTS

Population (2000): 3,421,399

Language spoken at home, population 5 years and older:

- English only: 86.1 percent
- Languages other than English: 13.9 percent
- Spanish: 8.4 percent
- Other Indo-European languages: 2.7 percent
- Asian and Pacific Island languages: 2.5 percent

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IN MY OPINION | ELON GLUCKLICH

How to overcome the winter blues



INSTANT GRATIFICATION

Last Monday, Jan. 22, was Blue Monday — the most depressing day of the entire year according to many psychologists. Researchers point to several factors as playing key roles in making this particular Monday the bluest of all, most notably winter weather, failed New Year's resolutions and credit card debt.

Here at the University, we're fighting our own share of depressive elements: tolerance for that arrogant professor, a growing pile of schoolwork or a messy roommate are all pushed to the limit in the monotonous vacuum that is winter term.

But I'm staying positive this winter. After all, Valentine's Day is coming up, and I'm in love. Sure, the girl of my dreams lives 200 miles away, and she probably doesn't love me back, and she could easily be making out with a man much older and better looking than myself at this very moment. But true love conquers all, right?

That may not have been the best example. Tattered love life aside, there are plenty of things to keep me thinking positively. I'm an ambitious, glass-half-full journalism major, and my hard work has paid off with this gig at the Emerald. Finally, my dream of telling people what I think will be realized. Thousands of people — students, adults and transients alike — will open their Emeralds and read what I have to say. My voice will be heard.

But will anyone really care? How many of you can remember what yesterday's commentary was about? Will my words resonate with the same allure as a crisp, unsolved Sudoku,



GRAYCE BENTLEY | ILLUSTRATOR

just begging to be solved mere pages away?

What should I expect, though? This is college, not The New York Times. I've got to pay my dues just like everyone else. Work hard today and reap the benefits tomorrow. That's my philosophy, and it leads me to my next point of positivism: the future.

People often accuse younger generations of having lost touch with their values. They say that times have changed, and the "good ol' days" are gone for good. These people are old and bitter because they'll

be dead soon. I for one embrace the challenges facing our ever-changing world. As an aspiring journalist, I look forward to the duties of giving the people their news and keeping the political system open and honest. Maybe I'll uncover the next Watergate.

Although with corporate influence in government at an all-time high, and twenty-four hour news networks keeping us updated any time a Congressman sneezes, the market for scandals and scandal coverage seems cornered. This is all assuming, of course, that the terrorists haven't killed freedom by then. And global warming hasn't depleted the ozone layer. And globalization, combined with a massive influx of illegal immigrants, hasn't triggered a working class revolt leading to class warfare and full-blown revolution, which by then will be pointless without an ozone layer or freedom.

But I digress. It's my birthday next month. Birthdays are chock-full of positive feelings. I'll be turning 20 years old — the big two-zero, all of my fingers and all of my toes. But what does that mean? My driver's test was a long time ago, and the glamour of democracy, cigarettes and porn has worn thin. I can go to Iraq or Afghanistan, but I can't buy a beer. Now that I think about it, being 20 is going to suck.

I hope we've all learned something here. Times might be tough, but staying positive can go a long way toward putting a skip back in your step. Whether it's lost love, feelings of insignificance, concern for the future, or the woes being a minor during wartime, just keep looking on the sunny side. While you're doing that, I'll be looking into prescription antidepressants.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

As a former employee of the University of Oregon's Office of Environmental Health and Safety, I know firsthand how the computer harvest operation is handled. In fact, I have physically moved an enormous amount of computers, monitors, printers, peripherals and other various electronic items. While the University diligently works to ensure that viable computer equipment is "recycled" throughout various departments, in practice, most of the so-called "e-waste" that eventually falls within the jurisdiction of EHS is far from "broken" or "obsolete."

A couple of years ago, one would be hard pressed to find a flat-screen monitor in any of the University's computer labs. As the technology became cheaper, however, more and more departments saw a need to upgrade their systems. As a result, there has been an overwhelming surplus of the older CRT-based monitors. Many of these monitors are less than two years old and are in perfect working order. Unfortunately, University departments lack a reason to allocate these

screens from the University's electronic recycling system. Technology is becoming ever more integrated with education, creating an impetus for academia to constantly upgrade to the newest and best equipment. This means that departments are hard-pressed to justify "taking a step back" and requesting these older screens. Due to this desire to upgrade, there are pallets upon pallets of working CRT monitors (which could be reused in some alternative capacity) stored at EHS' warehouse, waiting to be demanufactured.

But CRT monitors are only one example of this non-existent cycle. Oftentimes working computers, printers and other peripherals are left sitting in hallways, under stairwells, and even in dumpsters. This equipment essentially falls through the cracks; no one wants it, and no department wants to deal with its removal. More seriously, though, is the fact that University faculty and graduate students are often the perpetrators of this abandonment. These individuals are supposedly beholden to the rules governing

this "recycling" system. Consequently, anything that could be considered slightly out-dated, such as Apple G4 Power Macs or older HP Laser Printers, are quite commonly found within EHS' warehouse.

The comments made by University officials in the Emerald's article entitled, "UO's Computer Wasteland," are simply a bureaucratic version of the truth surrounding the computer recycling system. While some of the equipment that enters this "hardware pool" will end up within other departments, much of it will simply slip off the page. At any given moment, thousands of dollars of working and viable electronic equipment is sitting in an unheated warehouse waiting to be demanufactured. Not only is the current system of computer disposal antithetical to the University's mantra of reduce, reuse, and recycle, it is also a clear and discouraging example of fiscal irresponsibility at the administrative level.

Dan Snyder is a student majoring in political science

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Debunking of genetic link is misinformed

As a graduate student in biology, I take serious issue with Will Brundage's guest commentary ("No evidence for genetic psychological disease," ODE, Jan. 26). Biologists have found that virtually every trait has both genetic and environmental components. Mr. Brundage states that "no one has offered up concrete evidence" of a genetic predisposition toward mental disorders. My ten-second Google

search brought up numerous studies by the National Institute of Mental Health that clearly show a genetic component to mental illness. For example, you are much more likely to be schizophrenic if a member of your family (even one you don't have contact with) has this disease. If one identical twin is affected by bipolar disorder, there is a much higher than average chance that the other will be as well. Of course, genetics are not the sole determinant of any trait, and environment and life circumstances plays a crucial role as well (otherwise 100 percent of identical twins

would share their mental illnesses because they have the same DNA). But, to suggest that there is no hard evidence for a well-supported area of research is misleading and irresponsible. What is unclear to me is why the Emerald would print a guest commentary from someone with no discernible credentials on this topic and who offers up absolutely no facts to support his claims. To me, that is most irresponsible of all.

Julie Stewart
Graduate student, Center for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

U.S. SENATE

Wyden introducing new health care plan

PORTLAND — Sen. Ron Wyden said Monday that he has been meeting with Democrats, Republicans and the White House as he tries to gather steam for his health care reform proposal before presidential campaigns take control of Washington.

Health care is one of the top issues facing Congress this session, with a number of competing proposals and a push by President Bush in his State of the Union address for health tax reform.

Wyden, a Democrat, said he thinks the focus on health care makes it a prime time for his sweeping proposal.

"I think there is an opportunity for a historic bipartisan health reform effort," Wyden said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Wyden said he has gotten initial support from members of both parties and hopes the effort will be well under way by September when the presidential campaign will be at full tilt.

His ambitious proposal, dubbed the Healthy Americans Act, would provide health care coverage for all Americans that is equal to what members of Congress get.

It would abolish the current system, where most people get insurance through their employer. Instead, employers would "cash out" their existing health plans by paying the amount saved directly to workers as increased wages. Workers then would be required to buy health insurance from a pool of private plans.

The proposal would make insurance mandatory for everyone, except for those covered through Medicare or the military.

After two years, companies would no longer have to pay the higher wages. Instead, the companies would pay into an insurance pool, based on annual revenues and number of workers.

The plan would not cost more than what the country already spends on health insurance, according to Wyden. One analysis by the Lewin Group, a Virginia-based health care consulting firm, estimates it would save nearly \$1.4 trillion in total national health care spending over the next decade.

MIDDLE EAST

Bush: U.S. will respond to Iran

WASHINGTON — Deeply distrustful of Iran, President Bush said Monday "we will respond firmly" if Tehran escalates its military actions in

Iraq and threatens American forces or Iraqi citizens.

Bush's warning was the latest move in a bitter and more public standoff between the United States and Iran. The White House expressed skepticism about Iran's plans to greatly expand its economic and military ties with Iraq. The United States has accused Iran of supporting terrorism in Iraq and supplying weapons to kill American forces.

"If Iran escalates its military actions in Iraq to the detriment of our troops and — or innocent Iraqi people, we will respond firmly," Bush said in an interview with National Public Radio.

The president's comments reinforced earlier statements from the White House.

"If Iran wants to quit playing a destructive role in the affairs of Iraq and wants to play a constructive role, we would certainly welcome that," National Security Council spokesman Gordon Johndroe said. But, he said, "We've seen little evidence to date (of constructive activities) and frankly all we have seen is evidence to the contrary."

WAR

Iraqis say 200 insurgents killed

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi officials said Monday that U.S.-backed Iraqi troops had targeted a messianic cult called "Soldiers of Heaven" in a weekend battle that left 200 fighters dead, including the group's leader, near the Shiite holy city of Najaf. A military commander said hundreds of gunmen planned to disguise themselves as pilgrims and kill clerics on the holiest day of the Shiite calendar.

The Iraqi government spokesman, Ali al-Dabbagh, said the raid on Sunday in date-palm orchards on the city's outskirts was aimed against the fringe Shiite cult that some Iraqi officials said had links to Saddam Hussein loyalists and foreign fighters. Officials said the group, which included families, was hoping the violence it planned would force the return of the "hidden imam," a 9th-century Shiite saint who Shiites believe will come again to bring peace and justice to the world.

U.S. and British jets played a major role in the fighting, dropping 500-pound bombs on the militants' positions, but President Bush said the battle was an indication that Iraqis were beginning to take control.

"My first reaction on this report from the battlefield is that the Iraqis are beginning to show me something," Bush told NPR.

The fighting began Sunday and ended Monday. U.S. officials said an American military helicopter crashed during the battle, killing two soldiers on board, but gave no further details. Maj. Gen. Othman al-Ghannemi, the Iraqi commander in charge of the Najaf region, said the aircraft was shot down. It was the second U.S. military helicopter to crash in eight days.

DEFENSE

Nuclear regulators question plan

WASHINGTON — Making nuclear power plants crash-proof to an airliner attack by terrorists is impracticable and it's up to the military to avert such an assault, the government said Monday.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in a revised security policy, directed nuclear plant operators to focus on preventing radiation from escaping in case of such an attack and to improve evacuation plans to protect public health and safety.

"The active protection against airborne threats is addressed by other federal organizations, including the military," the NRC said in a statement.

The agency rejected calls by some nuclear watchdog groups that the government establish firm no-fly zones near reactors or that plant operators build "lattice-like" barriers to protect reactors, or be required to have anti-aircraft weapons on site to shoot down an incoming plane.

The NRC, in a summary of the mostly secret security plan, said such proposals were examined, but that it was concluded the "active protection" against an airborne threat rests with organizations such as the military or the Federal Aviation Administration.

HORSE RACING

Barbaro euthanized after complications

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was euthanized Monday after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that prompted an outpouring of support across the country.

A series of ailments — including laminitis in the left rear hoof, an abscess in the right rear hoof, as well as new laminitis in both front feet — proved too much for the gallant colt. The horse was put down at 10:30 a.m.

"Certainly, grief is the price we all pay for love," said co-owner Gretchen Jackson at a

news conference.

Barbaro battled in his ICU stall for eight months. The 4-year-old colt underwent several procedures and was fitted with fiberglass casts. He spent time in a sling to ease pressure on his legs, had pins inserted and was fitted at the end with an external brace. These were all extraordinary measures for a horse with such injuries.

"Clearly, this was a difficult decision to make," chief surgeon Dr. Dean Richardson said. "It hinged on what we said all along, whether or not we thought his quality of life was acceptable. The probable outcome was just so poor."

TERROR

Suicide bomber kills 3 in Israeli town

EILAT, Israel — A Palestinian suicide bomber killed three Israelis at a bakery Monday in the first such attack inside the country in nine months, and the two radical groups that claimed to have sent him said they were trying to end weeks of Palestinian infighting by taking aim at Israel instead.

The bombing was praised by the Palestinians' governing Hamas movement as legitimate resistance — a position that was sure to hurt efforts to end a crippling economic boycott imposed by the international community.

The attack also jeopardized a two-month truce in the Gaza Strip. Israeli security chiefs met late Monday to discuss a response. "This is a grave incident, it's an escalation and we shall treat it as such," said Defense Minister Amir Peretz.

It was the first suicide bombing in this Red Sea resort of 50,000 at Israel's southern tip near the Jordanian and Egyptian borders. The town is a popular getaway for Israelis because it has been insulated from Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Shattered glass, body parts and blood-splattered pastries were strewn on the sidewalk outside the bakery. Two of the victims were the owners of the bakery.

SCANDAL

Ari Fleischer recalls CIA conversation

WASHINGTON — Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer testified Monday he first heard that a prominent war critic's wife worked at the CIA from vice presidential aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. He said he thought the information might help deflect critical questions from reporters.

Fleischer said Libby told him about Valerie Plame's job at the CIA over a lunch in the White House mess on July

7, 2003. But Libby has told investigators he thought he first learned about Plame on July 10 from NBC reporter Tim Russert.

Four other government witnesses also have said they discussed Plame with Libby before July 10, and the discrepancy between those accounts and what Libby told the FBI and a grand jury are a major component of the perjury and obstruction of justice charges against Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff.

Libby now says his memoir failed him when he spoke to Russert.

The appearance of Fleischer, President Bush's chief spokesman from 2001 through mid-2003, slightly swelled the crowd of trial onlookers, including veteran reporters eager to see a White House press secretary questioned under oath.

CRIME

Convicted child abuser gets prison

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A man prosecutors say is one of the nation's most prolific child molesters was sentenced Monday to 152 years in prison for abusing two 12-year-old boys.

Dean Arthur Schwartzmiller, 65, leaned on a cane and said nothing in his defense as he was sentenced for child molestation and possession of child pornography.

When Schwartzmiller was arrested in June 2005, investigators found a memoir describing abuse, binders full of child pornography and 1,500 notebook pages with headings including "blond boys," "no, but yes boys," and "best of the best, 13 and under."

Schwartzmiller, who had at least three molestation convictions and a dozen arrests over three decades, molested hundreds of boys, prosecutor Steve Fein said.

Schwartzmiller acted as his own attorney during his October trial, telling the jury that he

was innocent and maligned by a society that doesn't accept men who love boys. He also testified that his memoir and notebook entries were fiction.

SPACE

Hubble telescope camera damaged

BALTIMORE — Two thirds of the observation ability on the popular Hubble Space Telescope's main camera have been permanently lost following power supply problems, NASA announced Monday.

The Advanced Camera for Surveys shut down again over the weekend, the third outage in less than a year for the instrument. The telescope entered a protective "safe mode" Saturday morning and an initial investigation has determined that its backup power supply failed, NASA said.

Observations are expected to resume this week using the Hubble's other instruments. One of the three cameras on the ACS, the solar blind channel, is expected to be returned to operation, possibly by the middle of February.

The outlook is not good for the other two, said Dave Leckrone, a senior scientist on the Hubble Space Telescope project at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

"We're not optimistic at all that those will be restored," Leckrone said.

— The Associated Press

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University of Oregon
Erb Memorial Union (EMU Lobby)

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ATHLETICS

Negotiations over student tickets begin

Negotiations between the Athletic Department and the student group charged with purchasing student tickets for next year's football and men's basketball games began last Friday.

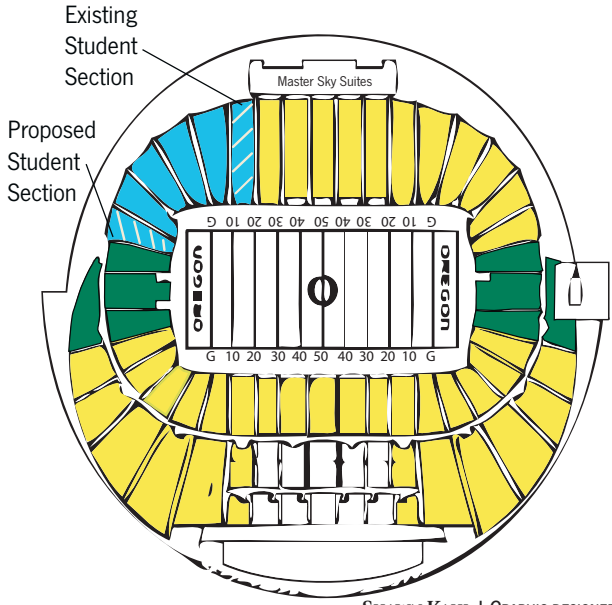
The Athletic Department Finance Committee has decided to purchase fewer student tickets to football games next year, which may result in a shift in student seating areas.

The addition of a game to next year's line-up and the low student turn-out at some games has prompted the group to seek ways to reduce costs.

Student Sen. Kyle McKenzie said the ADFC proposed cutting 1,000 student tickets to games occurring before fall term begins. Another idea is to reduce the number of tickets to games that don't attract as many students.

McKenzie said for the University of Arizona game, 5,384 student tickets were distributed, but only 3,392 tickets were collected at the gate. That translates to \$41,840.

"That's a big loss of student money," McKenzie said.



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McKenzie said Steve McBride, the Athletic Department representative, "didn't seem too thrilled" with the idea of reducing student tickets to select games and expressed concern about the department's ability to sell those seats.

McKenzie said McBride countered with a suggestion that the student section be moved over, closer to the goal post. McKenzie said he didn't like the idea of students being pushed into the corner.

Sen. Natalie Kenzie agreed.

"We need to cut tickets," she said. "But those are also worse seats."

McKenzie expressed concern about student reaction to the loss of seats.

"I'm worried about that," she said. "But there's not much we can do. We're doing the best we can."

McBride was not available for comment Monday.

The ADFC will have its regular meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the EMU Century Room A.

— Jill Aho

OREGON LEGISLATURE

Cyclists ask for more space on Oregon roads

BY AARON CLARK
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM — Jim Bombardier said he was doing everything right: He had reflectors, a helmet and he was cycling on the shoulder of Highway 30, marveling at the beauty of Oregon's pastoral farmland.

Then an SUV slammed into him.

The 58-year-old cyclist, a self-employed computer specialist and inventor, is still in rehab six months after the accident, but he's hopeful that a new bill requiring motorists to give bicycle riders a three-foot safety buffer when passing them from behind may help others avoid his pain.

"If it's enforced and people take it conscientiously, it will save lives," Bombardier said.

The Senate Judiciary committee considered the bill on Monday that bike advocates say would increase safety for cyclists, educate the public about their driving responsibilities and help stem tensions between the two groups.

But not everyone thinks the bill is a good idea and almost everyone agrees that it needs work.

"This puts all the onus on the car motor vehicle driver to make sure that the separation is there when there is nothing on the bicyclist," Sen. Jeff Kruse, R-Roseburg, said. "It's totally one-sided," he said.

The bill would also let motorists cross the no-pass median line to maintain the safety buffer while overtaking a cyclist.

But cyclists said that motorists often don't realize that they need extra space to maneuver around pot holes, trash and other debris — not to mention the strong winds generated by passing vehicles.

"I think for a lot of motorists, what they don't understand is that being miserly with the distance is really dangerous," said Ray Thomas, a Portland bike lawyer who testified before the committee.

A spokeswoman for TriMet, Portland's public transit agency, said the measure needed additional tweaking but that they were working with cyclist advocacy groups to shape the policy.

"Where we have some pause is in places like

downtown Portland, where the streets are very narrow," said Mary Fetsch, a spokeswoman for the agency.

Fetsch said that if the three-foot rule were implemented, it would require buses to change lanes on many downtown streets to allow cyclists a full three-foot buffer.

Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, said he thought the buffer should be greater than three feet.

"If someone is sitting on a bike and they fell over sideways, when they fall, they're going to fall further than three feet," he said.

The senator said he was working on additional legislation to address the same problem. "We also want to make certain that when we say 'safe distance,' that it truly is safe," Prozanski said.

Eleven cyclists died in traffic-related accidents in 2005. Figures for 2006 have not yet been released. According to the Oregon Department of Transportation, responsibility for accidents involving cyclists and motorists was equally split between the two groups in 2005.

English: 28 other states already have similar official language bills

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they allocate their resources to other languages, said David Gulliver, a spokesman for Nelson.

Di Saunders, director of communications for OUS, said it had sent out inquiries to all of the state's universities asking if they printed any publications in Spanish or used Spanish-speaking interpreters.

She said she was still waiting to hear from most of the universities, but the majority of universities print brochures and materials in other languages, as well as use interpreters.

OUS itself provides English and Spanish Web site options for the Oregon GEAR UP program, which provides information on colleges to low-income students.

Gulliver said the bill doesn't require government agencies to be English-only, as there are federal laws and reasons for providing languages other than in English, but it would make a symbolic statement

about the English language being the American language.

"The English language is an important part of our national heritage and our ability as a people to work together," Gulliver said. "When there are multiple languages and language barriers that exist, it's divisive. Having a common, official language is a unifying force."

The bill is co-sponsored by four state representatives and two state senators, all Republican, but an overwhelming amount of support to the bill has come from all across the state through phone calls, e-mails and letters, Gulliver said.

He also cited a recent survey by Portland television station KATU, which found that 92 percent of respondents favored having English as Oregon's official language.

If the bill were to pass, Oregon would join 28 other states that have passed similar English-only language bills,

including California, Arizona, Massachusetts, Alaska and Hawaii.

Peña-Juárez said the bill creates the possibility for a domino effect of future bills that could create more prejudice and discrimination, and that the support for the bill indicates current negative sentiment against people who are considered a threat, such as immigrants.

"I think there's definitely going to be more political attacks made against non-English speaking people, specifically immigrants," Peña-Juárez said.

It is unknown if the bill would pass the Oregon House, where it is currently assigned to the Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules. The bill would have to be approved by the committee chair in order to have a public hearing.

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Surplus: Senators hope the winning proposal will come from a student

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returned to the ASUO office by Feb. 18, said Sen. Jacob Daniels, head of the appropriations committee.

Members of the appropriations committee will spend the final few weeks of winter term narrowing the field down to three proposals, which they will then present to the campus community at the town hall meeting in the spring. Members of the Senate want to get the word out that although anyone can submit a proposal, they hope the winning one will come from the student body.

"It's a lot of money that can do a lot for the University, but if regular students aren't involved, it's just going to be the same elite group that al-

ways allocates these funds," Daniels said.

Daniels said that submitting proposals on how to spend the money is a way the average student can "leave a lasting contribution" on the campus.

University senior Jennifer Dollins said giving students the opportunity to decide how to spend the over-realized money is a good idea, but said there should be more direction on what types of projects the money can go toward.

"I would recommend it be put — at least in part — to student groups," she said.

Dollins said she might submit a proposal if she thought she had one that would be considered. She then suggested that the money could go toward turning one of the

student parking lots into a parking structure.

"This is a real opportunity for students to have a hands-on involvement in not just our student government, but also our University," Daniels said.

Senators on the committee discussed their ideas for spreading the word at their Sunday night meeting. Sen. Ashley Sherrick said she spoke to journalism classes and gave out proposal forms to almost every student. Within the next week, senators will be coming to classes, walking around campus and setting up tables to spread the word.

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DUCK TENNIS

Deuces for tennis teams in weekend matches



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Oregon freshman Alex Cornelissen bounced back from his 6-4, 4-6 defeat to Nevada-Reno's Guillaume Tonelli to sweep Idaho's John Hieb in straight sets 6-4, 6-4.

With the women winning in Lubbock and the men collecting two victories in Eugene, each squad had successful second weekends of the 2007 season

BY STEFANIE LOH
SPORTS REPORTER

When Claudia Hirt is in the middle of a match, she focuses on her match and her match only.

It was this steely, single-minded focus that enabled Hirt to engineer a comeback victory after she lost the first set 7-6 (7-3) in her three-set, two-hour-long epic battle against Texas Tech's Maria Jose Andres on Friday night.

It was also this steely, single-minded focus that resulted in Hirt walking off the tennis court after her win, convinced that the Ducks had lost a match that they had actually won.

No. 42 Oregon and 54th-ranked Texas Tech played for six-and-a-half hours at Lubbock Country Club in Lubbock, Texas on Friday night.

The Ducks narrowly secured the doubles point, with Dominika Dieskova and Ceci Olivos edging past Anne Sophie Fankam and Lakann Wagley 9-8 (7-1), and Monica Hoz de Vila and Anna Powaska defeating Andres and Janet Durham 9-8 (8-6).

Olivos won her singles match against Wagley 6-4, 6-2, and Powaska beat Fankam 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. But both Carmen Seremeta and Monica Hoz de Vila lost their three-set matches, and at 11 p.m. the score was still deadlocked at 3-3, until Hirt's eventual 7-6 (7-3), 6-4, 6-2 win over Andres won the Ducks the match.

The knowledge that she was the last Duck left on the court never became a source of nervousness for Hirt because she had assumed that the Ducks were already behind 4-2, and that her match would not make a difference anyway.

"Claudia didn't find out till later that we had won," Oregon coach Paul Reber said, with the

rest of the Ducks gathered around him trying to contain their laughter. "We rode home and she still didn't know. We had some food at the hotel and she still didn't know."

It never occurred to Hirt that it might be unusual for the team to be in good spirits even though they had just "lost" a close match.

"We played well and everything so I figured it's okay, we're all in a good mood and we're happy even though we lost, so it's okay," Hirt said.

Hirt only discovered the truth later that night when she was in her hotel room chatting with Dieskova before bed.

"I was like 'It's great that we won today, it was an important 4-3 match,'" Dieskova said, laughing.

"And I said, 'No, no Domcha, we lost,'" Hirt cut in, with a sheepish glance at all her teammates who were almost doubled over in laughter. "She kept trying to convince me that we'd won, and I didn't believe her, and when I finally found out, I was like, 'Oh, cool.'" "She was so focused on her match that she wasn't thinking about what was going on around her," Reber said, grinning.

The Oregon women (4-0 overall) also won their second match of the weekend when they beat 44th-ranked Alabama 6-1 on Saturday.

The Oregon men's tennis team saw moderate success at home over the weekend. The Ducks (3-1 overall) came out fighting in the first match of their triple header when they shut out Gonzaga 7-0 Friday night.

The men won all six of their singles matches in straight sets, and the only Oregon doubles team that the Bulldogs managed to challenge was the No. 2 duo of Ric Mortera and Marco Verdasco, who pulled off a narrow 9-7

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IN MY OPINION | LUKE ANDREWS



EXCESSIVE CELEBRATION

School and sports both important to University

Considerable media coverage around the area this month has been devoted to perceived rifts between two factions of the University: the athletic side and the academic side.

In a letter signed by 92 tenured faculty recently, biology professor Nathan Tublitz and English professor James Earl questioned the University's priorities, with academic funds dwindling and athletic budgets soaring. Tublitz and Earl cited athletic director Bill Moos' \$2 million buyout and the \$4 million learning center "solely for athletes" as examples of the "deeply troubling" funding for athletics at the "expense of academics."

And even more recently, professors griped about the 2007 Civil War football game against Oregon State being rescheduled to the Saturday of "dead week," or the week prior to final exams.

"There are academic priorities that are being snuffed out here," art history professor Richard Sundt told the Emerald. "We have this escalation constantly."

The one aspect of the relationship between

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CLUB HOCKEY

Ducks in driver's seat with two games left

After beating Montana State twice last weekend, the men's club hockey team has a firm grip on second place

DAN JONES
FREELANCE REPORTER

The Oregon club hockey team (20-3, 12-2 Pac-8) extended its win streak to five games after earning two more victories, this time against Montana State on the road last weekend, 6-2 and 4-1.

It's a shame not many got to see the team play as the season winds to a close, because Coach Scott McCallum said his Ducks are just as good and just as focused as the squad he began his coaching career with in 2004-05 — a team that won the Pac-8 Championship.

Surely, neither the Ducks nor the Icecats played for fan affection this weekend at the neutral venue in Kennewick, Wash. It was all about gaining momentum for what remains ahead for the Ducks.

"There were not many fans from either side," McCallum laughed. "Maybe a few parents from both teams."

No matter. From the Ducks' nine-game win streak to their third-consecutive I-5 Cup win against Washington, McCallum is seeing parallels with his current roster to that of the model

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The Oregon club hockey team won a pair of games last weekend against Montana State. The Ducks finish the regular season on Friday and Saturday at home against Western Washington and then enter the Pac-8 Championships as the No. 2 seed against UCLA.

MEN'S GOLF

Golfers make strides in Arizona tournament

Currently 10th in the team standings and led by junior Derek Sipe, Oregon has improved over their last-place finish in the tournament from last year

BY WILL SEYMOUR
FREELANCE REPORTER

The Oregon men's golf team began its spring season at the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate Tournament, which continues today at the par-71 Arizona National Golf Course in Tucson, Ariz. Thanks in large part to the efforts of juniors Derek Sipe and Ted Whitney, the Ducks find themselves in 10th place in the 16-team field entering the second day of play. The teams were scheduled to complete 36 of the 54 holes in the tournament

yesterday, but the latter part of the second round was suspended due to darkness. The remaining holes will be completed Tuesday morning immediately before the final round.

Oregon finished Monday's play at four over par, 21 strokes behind tournament leader UNLV. The team's position at this stage of the tournament is an improvement from its performance at this same event last year, when the squad was tied for last place heading into the final day.

Sipe was the star for the Ducks, earning

a five-under 66 in his first round. He had to overcome a shaky start, suffering bogies on two of his first three holes, but then got on a roll. The next three holes resulted in birdies, and Sipe made the turn in style, making an eagle on the par-5 18th. Two more birdies on the back nine catapulted Sipe into third place on the individual leaderboard after the first round. That high standing was short-lived, however, because Sipe stumbled out of the gate in his second round, scoring consecutive double bogies followed by another bogey in his first four holes. Sipe played one-under-par for the rest of the round, which turned out to be his score for the day. Sipe enters the final

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Andrews: Students fortunate to get both quality education and athletics

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athletics and academics that too often gets forgotten in the back-and-forth tussle between the two is how much both truly need each other to survive.

Firstly, athletics don't hamper the educational experience. If students are serious about their education, they'll succeed in the classroom regardless of whether or not a game is played on Saturday of "dead week."

Secondly, to address the professors' letter, while I

understand the frustration in the lack of funding on the academic side, I do not believe Oregon's self-sufficient athletic department is to blame.

There's no doubt we live in an athletics-hungry world where sports programs at schools across the country have turned into big businesses. According to the letter from Tublitz and Earl, Oregon's athletic budget is now at a staggering \$41.5 million. Most other major athletic departments around the country experienced similar growth spurts — ones much

larger than the academic side experienced.

But with athletic success comes increased donor contributions and increased press coverage for the school — hardly compromising academics. And Oregon is one of the country's few self-supporting athletic departments, meaning it takes no money from the University, which neither Oregon State nor Portland State can attest to.

Additionally, and not coincidentally, enrollment at this University took a sharp hike when athletic teams

achieved success.

I know that for me, athletics and academics together played a huge part in my coming here. And I know many other "Duck fans" who chose Oregon not solely for their beloved sports teams, but also for the quality education provided here.

At the same time, with many pointing to the dwindling academic funding and professor salaries — a travesty indeed — while athletic budgets soar, the University still provides a quality education, as I can certainly

attest to after what I deem three satisfying years in the journalism school.

But the journalism school wasn't all that tempted me to spend my collegiate career at Oregon. I needed something more that could tie me to the institution, something that I could really get attached to and enjoy. That, for me, and countless other students, was quality college athletics. The chance to enjoy Oregon football games in Autzen Stadium or join in the excitement in The Pit at McArthur Court was

something I greatly wanted to experience.

The fact that I had the opportunity to do that and simultaneously obtain a quality education made my college decision, well, relatively easy.

Students at Oregon are very fortunate to have the opportunity to gain a quality education while enjoying high-quality athletics as well, something many students never experience.

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Golf: Returning Ducks shoot lower than last year

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round 11 strokes off the pace set by the individual leader, Arizona's Brian Prouty.

The Ducks fielded two players from the previous trip to Tucson, Whitney and senior Jay Snyder. Both improved

their scores over last year; Whitney, who posted a disappointing 18-over-par after two rounds last year, finished 34 of his scheduled 36 holes yesterday at even par. In his second round, the Sheldon High School product was shoot-

ing a two-under 60 with two holes remaining when play was halted for the day.

The other two members of Oregon's top five experienced up and down days out on the course. Senior Matt Ma had a forgettable first 18 holes, scor-

ing +12. Junior Joey Benedetti shot one over par in his first round before posting a +7 score before play ended.

After the tournament, the Ducks will fly to Hawaii for the University of Hawaii-Hilo Intercollegiate, Feb. 7-9.

Tennis: Men recover after losing to Nevada-Reno Saturday

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victory over Roman Dojcek and Zach Radetzky.

On Saturday, the men's luck waned. Oregon failed to secure the doubles point, and despite singles wins by Mortera, Geoff Embry and Mike Myrhed, Nevada-Reno eventually triumphed 4-3.

But the young Oregon team

proved its resilience when it came out fighting later that day against Idaho. This time, the Ducks took the doubles point, then proceeded to overrun the Vandals in singles, with five players winning in straight sets.

Playing in the No. 2 singles position, Oregon freshman Verdasco took an early dominating lead over Idaho's Stas

Glukhov when he claimed the first set 6-0. But even with Verdasco up 3-0 in the second set, a very determined Glukhov fought his way back and Verdasco eventually succumbed in the tiebreaker 6-0, 4-6 (10-7).

"That last set was my worst set in my life," Verdasco said. "I've never played worse than today. (I think I was) maybe

thinking too much about closing the match. It was so easy: 6-0, then 3-0, then 4-2. Then, I don't know.

"I just started to pull the ball, and started to miss the ball, and he started to play better and broke me a couple of times and took the set."

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Hockey: Oregon slated to play UCLA at Pac-8 championships

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Oregon team of two seasons ago, which still gives players and fans a reason to care about hockey in Eugene.

"Everything has stemmed from that year and having that success," McCallum said.

In a well-balanced scoring effort, the Ducks' Eric Steinmann and Cale Myer netted goals to give Oregon a 2-0 lead in game one. The Icecats responded by scoring off a power play, but McCallum said Cameron Forni, who scored a team series-high three goals and also had three assists Friday, only needed seven seconds to take the face-off at center ice and score a crafty shot on one knee that drove the score up to 3-1.

After Montana State, which

McCallum said was a big, physical team, scored again, Tom Stocklin, who also had two assists, Steinmann and Myer landed decisive goals in the third period to seal the win.

Forni accounted for half the Ducks' offense with two goals in the second victory. Brian Fowler and Mike Hideghety also contributed scores, with Hideghety's coming off an assist from Colton Clay. Hideghety, the lone senior on the team, camped out on the blue line and cashed in on a deep pass from Clay in the third.

The Ducks are now officially seeded second in the Pac-8 Championships and slated to play third seed UCLA in the first round of the tournament in El Segundo, Calif. First-ranked USC (19-8-1, 15-3 Pac-

8) will begin its defense of the conference crown against fourth-ranked Arizona State.

Oregon swept UCLA 3-2, 5-2 this year. McCallum said the Ducks dominated those battles, and he feels like they now have a leg up on the Bruins.

"People can finally sort of see the light at the end of the tunnel," McCallum said. "You start out the season with the goal to make the regionals and now we control our own destiny. They have worked really hard to get there and now they can see they are almost there ... the season isn't over."

In the most updated American Collegiate Hockey Association West region rankings, Oregon still stands at ninth

with 71 points. USC is seventh with 54 points.

McCallum said the team shouldn't slip out of the top 10, but Oregon won't know until the Friday before the Pac-8s if they can keep the season alive by playing at regionals in Logan, Utah, Feb. 16-17.

Oregon will finish its regular season with two battles against Western Washington, which they defeated twice last year. Games on Friday and Saturday both start at 7 p.m. at the Lane Events Ice Center.

"We haven't lost to them in as long as I have coached," McCallum said of his three years of experience strategizing against the Vikings. "Anything can happen in a hockey game, though. We still have to go in and play the game."

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 21 Sweater selection?
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 33 Tennis umpire's call
 36 Aids in storming castle gates

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 39 Wonderment
 40 Bow with a price tag?
 44 Secretly run off together
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 46 Defeat in a footrace
 49 Brother of Cain and Abel
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Horoscope by Holiday Mathis

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 30). The message comes through loud and clear this year -- you're enough! You don't have to add anything, only subtract your fear. Finances improve in February because you're thinking simply. You ask what is needed, and then you supply it. Your personal breakthrough in March is a result of training. Aries and Taurus connections are divine! Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 14, 33 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your reputation precedes you. When others have something wonderful to say about you, your stock continues to rise. Plant more seeds for future connections.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It sometimes takes you a while to make up your mind. But when you do, one powerful and conscious action outweighs what you could do in hundreds of hours of tinkering around on autopilot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're through complaining. You're ready to use your agile mind to out-fox your problem. After all, obstacles don't fall down for you simply because you're whacking your head against them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Each task you perform, regardless of how small it may seem, is a step toward or away from your purpose. Seize the chance to build a better working relationship with someone you see daily.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're excitedly anticipating the wrap-up of a project, but don't expect this ending to change too much about your life. The end of one chapter brings the beginning of another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The midnight hour last night brought you dreamy illusions of your role in someone's life. But is this really the way it is? You'll find out in the blazing clarity of noon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're usually not a "my way or the highway" type of leader. However, today you are. You're only helping others save money and time. Hopefully they get it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This is the point in your story where you ask yourself whether what you want is appropriate -- not only for you, but for the others who'll be affected. Who else will be affected? Why, the whole world, of course!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're watching and noticing. You see subconscious urges or needs in other people's body language -- urges that they themselves aren't aware they're having.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone is listening to your every word. But it's up to you to decide whether this is a good thing or a problem. A witness is in a precarious position -- one that you'll honor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Looks and charm alone aren't enough to sustain you in your current stretch of career success. When you meet with success, remind yourself that it came from your own hard work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your tenacity has played a significant role. If you never stumble, chances are you're not stretching yourself to the limit of your abilities. The best way to improve your performance is to attempt the impossible.

The Other Coast by Adrian Raeside

African Studies: Department of Education grant runs out this year

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hire an adjunct historian to teach African history until a new hire is made, an in-depth process that will not be complete until around spring 2008, potentially leaving African history courses untaught at the University for more than a year.

"We would, I'm sure, love to be able to do that," McCole said, "the question is always whether we have the resources."

The African studies landscape has changed significantly since Fair arrived at the University in 1994, joining only two other Africanists, journalism and communication professor Leslie Steeves, and linguistics professor Doris Payne. But the scene has begun to fill in with 14 faculty members on the African Studies Committee, including people in dance, anthropology and sociology.

While most of those individuals teach about Africa part-time, and that number is still visibly sparse when compared with the dense terrain covered by other areas of world study at the University, it has taken the significant efforts of many to make this gradual growth possible.

A 2005 two-year, \$160,000 U.S. Department of Education grant, for which Wooten and associate professor of International Studies and Political Science Dennis Galvan served as co-principle investigators, has provided vital funding for recent developments, including a minor in African studies, speakers and language opportunities.

A major step forward is the development of a minor in African studies, which is currently in the review process. The plan is to have it available by fall 2007 if all goes well. A core requirement of this minor is a course in African history.

"(The minor) really represents a formalization of students' work," said Wooten. "That means that they've devoted a good chunk of time during their college career to really trying to learn something about the complexities and importance of Africa and Africans' lives."

Wolof and Bamana are now both taught as self-study languages, and Swahili,

which began as a self-study language, is now taught as a regular language course.

"It's telling when students do something like (self study)," said Yamada Language Center Director Jeff Magoto. "It's for personal enrichment and the chance that you may get to use it if you study abroad."

Students' unfolding curiosity about Africa has also been an important force spurring African studies growth.

"The African studies committee is terrifically happy that the students are so interested in Africa," Wooten said. "We add new classes, they get filled up. We have old classes, we make them bigger."

Fair said she wants her students to develop understanding and respect for Africans as active participants in their history and also to recognize the impact of colonialism, especially on African political and economic structures.

History major Caitlin Elwood said that Africa has been ignored for too long and wishes that the University offered more focused courses in African history.

"All you hear about today is the AIDS/HIV epidemic, but it is important to know how and why the majority of Africans live in poverty. The colonial past is a definite cause (at least in my opinion)," Elwood wrote in an e-mail interview.

But courses are just the beginning.

After taking African studies classes, Wooten sees many students go on to do internships, study abroad, or get involved with humanitarian rights campaigns, or non-governmental organizations, and "the best thing to do to learn about Africa is to experience it."

Study abroad programs are available in at least 12 African countries.

"Once students get into Africa, often for simple and straightforward reasons, it

confounds, it perplexes, it challenges," Galvan said. "Confronted with the ingenuity, creativity, adaptability of people in this region, most of us who spend time in Africa come back learning more about ourselves and our strange place in the world than about ways to 'help.'"

A two-year Peace Corps service in Mozambique helped student Garrett Roberts to be more humble with his views, as he realized that most of his assumptions about human nature were really culturally based.

"It's really easy to read books and talk about ideas, but once you try to implement them it gets a lot harder," he said.

Since 2000, professor Steeves has led a group of students to Ghana each summer, where they live together for about six weeks and experience the country through media internships.

"Students have certain perceptions about Africa," Steeves said, and the experience allows them "to learn first hand, to meet, in this case Ghanaians, become friends with them, to work side by side with them."

With funding from the grant coming to a close, "We'll continue to generate new courses, study abroad and internship opportunities for students interested in Africa," Galvan said. "As we apply for new external funding, we're putting a major emphasis on finding funds to get more students to the continent."

"I hope the UO continues to support those efforts to expand opportunities in Africa," Fair said, as well as the many "other places across the globe that we just don't cover very well."

As for the loss of Fair, it's "a big blow," Galvan said. "Laura has been a foundation stone of our program. No one teaches more courses on Africa or has been more committed over such a long period of time to building African Studies at UO. She will be sorely missed here, by students and colleagues alike."

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STEPHEN WOOTEN
Assistant professor

Medicine: New government-aided programs opening across the state

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attending a five-quarter nursing program at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland.

Employment in Oregon health care occupations is expected to grow by 23 percent by 2014, compared with 15 percent for overall employment, according to an Oregon Employment Department study.

"Nurses will have job security for several decades to come and endless opportunities," said registered nurse Cathleen Coontz, workforce development coordinator for PeaceHealth.

At Sacred Heart Medical Center, the average age of a nurse is 48, and the majority of nurses are within 10 years of retirement, Coontz said.

Although a recent National Center for Health Statistics report warns that there may be an increasing shortage of nurses to care for the aging population, Oregon health care educators have been taking steps for the past several years to prepare for the shortage.

OHSU and community colleges around the state are expanding their programs to educate more nurses.

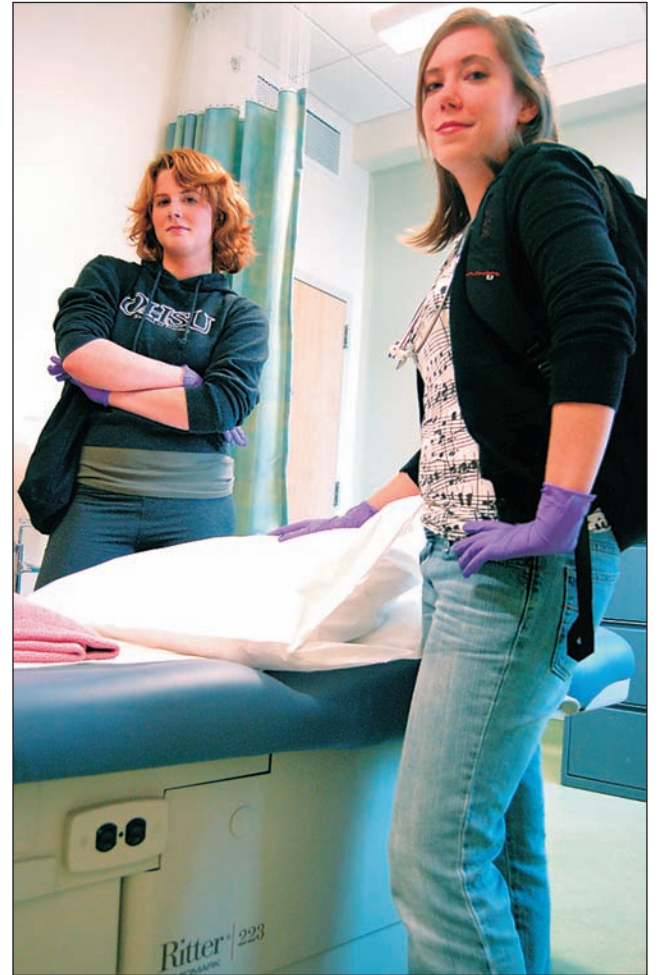
More than 1,200 applicants applied for 290 openings for the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in their hometowns through a partnership of OHSU and community colleges last year, according to an OHSU press release. Students at Lane Community College will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in Eugene through OHSU next year. LCC currently offers an associate's degree in nursing.

RN Julia Munkvold, nursing program coordinator at LCC, said that the college's program received about 400 applicants for fall term, compared with about 240 in 2005. The program has seen an influx in applicants for the past three years.

Through a partnership with the University and PeaceHealth, OHSU will open a satellite campus in Eugene to train physicians in 2008. Aging baby boomers demanding more health care and retiring nurses and physicians, along with a growing population, will test Oregon's health care system in the years to come. Baby boomers who retire during the next decade or so will affect the labor force in a unique way.

"As baby boomers leave the workforce and work less, the amount of health care needed is going to increase because we have a huge chunk of the population getting older," Coontz said.

Sacred Heart isn't experiencing the effects of the nursing shortage yet, Coontz said. The hospital is preparing for the shortage and expects more demand in health care services because of area population growth and the



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Victoria Handel (left) wants to be a nurse practitioner or an emergency room nurse in Oregon, while Laura Swanson (right) wants to work in the emergency room or obstetrics.

addition of a second main facility in Springfield by the summer of 2008.

"I anticipate that if we're not really strategic over the next 12 or 18 months, we'll feel the nursing shortage in a much more significant way," Coontz said.

Oregon's rural areas are expected to be hit the hardest because OHSU is the only major medical school in the state, OHSU spokesman George Mason said.

Other factors have brought on the expected shortage.

Fewer people have been choosing nursing as a profession, Coontz said.

"If we jump back 20 or 30 years, a young woman had two career options, nursing or teaching," she said. "Now options are in no way restricted for females."

The profession has also expanded and is more integrated, Coontz said. Nurses can work in various departments, including management, education, research and development.

"They're being spread thin because they're being utilized more," Coontz said.

When the Northwest Health Foundation released a 2001 study that indicated a shortage could affect patient care and increase the cost of health care, policy makers started to take note.

"People started realizing, 'Wow, we have to start doing something or we'll find ourselves in a desperate situation,'" Coontz said.

Partnerships have formed between government, educational and private institutions. New programs have opened at Newberg's George Fox University and Newport's Oregon Coast Community

College, and other programs are expanding.

Coontz said a partnership with Springfield's McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center, Sacred Heart and LCC increased the number of accepted students from around 50 to around 70 at LCC.

In the private sector, hospitals are also trying to retain employees.

At Sacred Heart, senior nurse mentors who are 55 or older and have been employed at the hospital for more than 10 years help train recent graduates to increase patient safety.

"We want to bridge what we call the knowledge gap," Coontz said. "You've got 20 years of expertise, knowledge and intuition that's built into a senior nurse. You can't get that in a grad."

The program will help retain recent graduates, who can experience stress on the job, Coontz said. She said about 40 percent of new graduates leave the profession within the first two years.

The hospital also offers would-be retiring nurses reduced hours with full-time benefits, Coontz said. Sacred Heart also provides scholarships and tuition reimbursement to its employees.

OHSU is expanding education resources to rural Oregon, Mason said. The school offers education for students in rural areas through online classes and community colleges.

OHSU is also trying to attract physicians who have retired to come back to work and is expanding its Portland-area medical and nursing school to train more students.

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