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# POLITICAL PROMISES

ASUO President Jared Axelrod and Vice President Juliana Guzman made six promises during their election campaign. Here's what they have completed thus far.



Jared Axelrod  
ASUO President

PROMISE	DONE	NOT DONE
1) Increased access to student course evaluations		✗
2) Fight the sale of Westmoreland Housing complex	✓	
3) Resource fee accountability		✗
4) Dynamic legislative advocacy	✓	
5) Student representation in diversity plan revisions	✓	
6) Protect student rights	✓	

\*\* We classified promises as a 'no' if they have not been complete as of today, unless the Executive stated that it would take it through spring 2007 to be completed. For a more detailed analysis turn to **PAGE 12**

BY JOBETTA HEDELMAN  
NEWS REPORTER

**W**hen ASUO President Jared Axelrod took office last May, he had several goals that would require large-scale changes, which he said were "more important" than smaller, more tangible goals.

With the end of winter term approaching, Axelrod, a junior, said he has yet to decide whether he will run for re-election in the spring. With it a possibility though, students may ask whether Axelrod has accomplished his campaign goals.

Nine months into his administration, Axelrod said he and Vice President Juliana Guzman have done a good job of working to fulfill their goals.

But, some students have a difficult time defining exactly what the ASUO president does.

Claire Davaz McGowan, a graduate student

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Juliana Guzman  
ASUO Vice President



## JOBS

### Wages not enough for most

Fewer than two-thirds of jobs in Oregon pay enough for a single adult to meet living expenses and the percentage is lower for adults with kids, a report asserts

BY ERIC FLORIP  
SENIOR NEWS REPORTER

College students might not be the only ones struggling to make enough money to pay for expenses without some form of financial support.

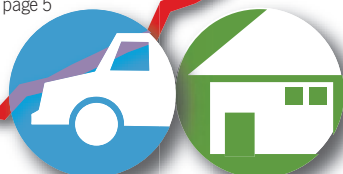
Only 63% of all jobs in Oregon pay enough for a single adult to cover the living wage for that situation — which is \$11.38 per hour, 40 hours per week, according to a recent report from the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations.

With the addition of children to the equation, the discrepancy is larger. For an adult with one child in

Oregon, the cost of living requires an \$18.48 hourly wage, the report said. Only 31% of the same jobs cover that expense.

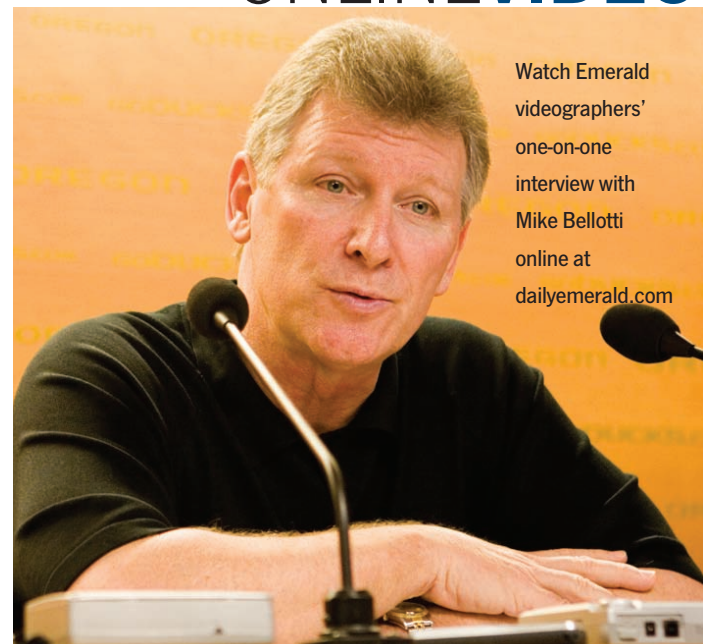
The study, performed throughout the Northwest in collaboration with the public interest group Oregon Action, includes data from Montana, Idaho,

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## EDITORIAL

# Budget process review a good step for ASUO

The ASUO has the institutional memory of sperm. Student government isn't organized in a way that allows its members to remember what has taken place in the past. Inevitably, this leads the ASUO to make the same common mistakes year after year. This year's student government isn't perfect, but it has made attempts and paid lipservice to accountability, and many of its members within the executive, the Programs Finance Committee and the senate have extensive ASUO experience. They know what the problems are, and they seem interested in solving them.

Currently, the ASUO is thinking of restructuring the Athletic Department Finance Committee so that its members can handle the allocation of incidental fees to contract groups, like OSPIRG or LTD, and departments, such as the Student Recreation Center. This is a step in the right direction.

The ASUO deserves a round of applause for its desire to review the fund allocation process. The pro-

cess, as it operates currently, is imperfect to say the least. Over the past 10 years, the ASUO has attempted to reform the process, and these reforms have generally helped streamline student government. At the moment, the ASUO wants its review process to create an open dialogue between "interested" students and members of the ASUO. Students should hope that this process interests people outside of the ASUO bubble — students who are concerned about the fiscal impact of the incidental fee.

The ASUO allocates approximately \$10.5 million, one of the highest amounts in the nation. Although it doesn't appear likely that the ASUO (or the University) would allow this amount to decrease, it is admirable that student leaders recognize problems within the structure of the ASUO. The PFC has far too much power, and the fact that it oversees the allocation of student group money, contract group money and department money inevitably leads to a lack of accountability. The funding process often

acts as a "rubber stamping" process, and part of the reason is because the PFC is expected to spread itself too thin. The primary concern is that this restructuring could add a level of bureaucracy. However, an open, student-reviewed process could help alleviate these concerns. What the ASUO needs at the moment is a strong leader (or perhaps leaders) who can "think outside the box" — as cliché as that may sound. The ASUO receives a lot of criticism, but it deserves credit for recognizing its own failings and wanting to involve students to solve these problems. There is no shame in admitting that changes need to occur. In fact, that self-rumination deserves accolades because it implies a level of honesty not always present in student government. Now, let us hope that the ASUO follows through on its promises, thereby gaining a greater trust from the students because it might never again get the chance. The problem of lack of institutional memory will remain.

## IN MY OPINION | LUCAS POLLOCK

# DON'T DISCOUNT AL



PROGRESSIVELY MINDED

Never before in memory has this nation been so eager to elect a new president. And with the beginnings of the campaign media circus still a year away, the actual contest for candidacy is clearly well underway behind party lines.

Americans, especially those politically disillusioned for the last seven years, are teeming with excitement for their new prospective heads of state. But as we've painfully learned under the illustrious George W. Bush, exuberance (cloaked as purpose and resolve) often pre-dates an extreme lack of foresight. Voters must keep this lesson in mind for themselves during the coming months. Bolstering candidates-to-be because of race, gender or charisma is an extremely irresponsible game for voters and the media alike to play with the stakes this high.

In the process of electing candidates for 2008, we must transcend the draw of celebrity politicians and consider what is really best

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for this country. We need to look beyond the political sexiness of Clinton and Obama. This election cannot become a political game played out for TV ratings — it is far too important that each of the candidates be considered very seriously by the American people.

As a voter, like so many others today, who wants to see drastic changes in both executive policy and general competency in the next election, I am extremely hesitant to back candidates like Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama for the presidency. Not because they are incompetent, but because their push for the presidency encompasses more than the desire for office itself. At a certain level, it is about being the first — the first female president or the first black president.

This is a basis on which we should never elect a person to lead this country. It should always be because they are the best, the most experienced and the most accomplished. That is not to say that "firsts" will never happen, but they should happen as a consequence of all the right factors and qualities.

From a standpoint of experience, electability and potential, both Clinton and Obama would be ideal vice presidential candidates for the Democratic Party. Intelligent, forward thinking, relatively new leaders like themselves would best serve their country during this volatile time by gaining experience in office behind a seasoned politician with progressive ideas and a solid, time-tested record of accomplishment and service.

Here is my hope: When Al Gore steps into the national spotlight this month, winning an Oscar for his documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*, his push for the presidency will commence. Soon after, Obama will sign on as his vice presidential candidate and the progressive powerhouse will begin their unstoppable motion toward the White House. Let's not forget, Gore has already been elected president once by popular vote, has eight years of experience in the executive and since has worked tirelessly to reform critical areas of

national and international interest: energy policy and climate change. This is the type of individual we need to elect as our next president.

No matter who takes the reigns in 2008, the presidency will be a veritable rodeo — better to elect someone who has spent time in the saddle. If we, as a nation, can get beyond the hype and celebrity surrounding these potential candidates, we will see that the soundest course of action is probably not the one perpetuated by the media.

The pundits will inevitably point out that Gore isn't charismatic. I say good. Look where charismatic leadership got us. You'll also hear that Gore will never win because he's an environmentalist. But that's exactly why he should win. The long-term solutions to our national security and energy woes are inherently tied to the same nascent movements to address climate change and alternative energy policy that Gore is leading into the mainstream.

Furthermore, the Gore/Obama ticket would groom another young, sharp, idealistic leader for the job in the future. Obama will some day make a great presidential candidate, but that day is not one year away. He needs more time and experience to be the kind of president he has the potential to be.

As responsible, vigilant citizens, we have to reinforce our media defenses once the campaign circus rolls into our homes and onto our computer screens. The best votes will be cast by those who have critically considered the type of leadership this country needs in order to truly progress with solution-oriented action and sound judgment. Think about Al, people.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Upcoming Chinese New Year should usher in new era of human rights

Chinese families around the world will celebrate Chinese New Year starting Feb. 18 this year, which is traditionally observed for 15 days. This is a time for family reunions, similar to the American tradition of Thanksgiving. However, for some families, the holiday is a painful reminder of their loved ones who are imprisoned in China for exercising their right to

freedom of expression.

One of those families belongs to Shi Tao, a 38-year-old poet and journalist. In 2004, he sent an e-mail to a U.S.-based Web site summarizing a government order directing media organizations in China to downplay the 15th anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown. Using e-mail account holder information supplied by Yahoo!, the authorities sentenced Shi Tao to 10 years in prison on charges of "illegally providing state secrets to foreign

entities." While in prison, he is reportedly forced to labor under harsh conditions without access to medical care. Meanwhile, his family is being monitored and harassed.

No families should suffer from peacefully exercising basic human rights. China should blaze a new path in the New Year that protects human rights of its people, a path that includes the release of Shi Tao.

**Meaghan Devlin**  
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## EDUCATION

# University employees face ethics controversy

Members of a committee advising a federal program allegedly promoted their own textbooks and material

BY ALLIE GRASGREEN  
NEWS REPORTER

Several University employees are at the center of a political, ethical and educational controversy.

University education researchers have been accused of reaping financial rewards for their subjective involvement in George Bush's high-profile child literacy program, commonly known as the No Child Left Behind Act.

Reading First is a program that was established by the act. At the cost of \$900 million a year, its aim is to provide state grants for the improvement of children's reading skills in grades K-3.

Last fall, the federal education department's inspector general released a report asserting that University educators advised states to purchase textbooks and materials they had developed themselves, resulting in tens of thousands of dollars in annual royalty income.

The federal government hires reading experts to advise states that are just beginning to use Reading First on how to draft their grant proposals for the program.

Eugene is central to Reading First because in addition to providing employees, the University plays host to a Reading First technical-assistance center. The other two are located at Florida State University and the University of Texas at Austin.

But the University is even more involved with Reading First.

As part of the program, an "assessment review committee," including four University researchers, uses the U.S. Department of Education guidelines to recommend materials that meet Reading First's requirements. The committee endorsed a product called the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills, developed by two University School of Psychology employees: courtesy assistant professor Ruth Kaminski and Roland Good, associate professor and assessment review committee member.

The University's Web site also features a page devoted exclusively to DIBELS, including links to download the model.

Good denied evaluating his own product — 18 years in

the making — and defended DIBELS' legitimacy and effectiveness. He contended that there was no conflict of interest because of the program's availability as a free online download, and because he and Kaminski decided to donate all income generated from the product through 2005 to a University Foundation research fund.

Good said that Center on Teaching and Learning professor and assessment review committee Chairman Edward Kameenui invited him to participate on the committee.

"I participated on the assessment review committee," Good said, "but did not participate in any review or evaluation of DIBELS. I was not present at any time it was reviewed or discussed."

On Jan. 30, the University released a statement regarding the audit of Reading First. It praised the College of Education and its faculty prior to stating "the findings of this audit highlight concerns regarding the administration of the federal Reading First program and not the University of Oregon or the quality of its research."

The statement also mentioned the University's Office for Responsible Conduct of Research, created in 2005,

which was designed to teach faculty and staff how to avoid and manage potential conflicts of interest. The document assured that the University will continue to deal with "any potential conflict of interest concerns related to the University's involvement in the Reading First program."

According to the statement, the University is "deeply committed to the ethical conduct of research, including the management of conflicts inherent when there are both public and private interests involved."

Both University spokesman Phil Weiler and College of Education Dean Michael Bullis declined further comment.

Good said the University is a key institution in nationwide literacy progress and assessment.

"I think any time you are out front and leading that it is also sort of an opportunity to

encounter criticisms as well," he said.

Still, there has been speculation that this controversy does not bode well at all for the Reading First program.

Jack F. Jennings, director of the Center on Education Policy, a nonpartisan Washington, D.C., association that

has closely examined Reading First.

He said the program "has clearly been run unethically," but "it would be a shame to lose sight of the good effects."

Jennings also noted the fact that school principals have praised the program and it seems to have

positive effects on students' test scores. "They wanted to get what they thought were the right programs in place, but they trampled on ethics and procedures in the process."

Good was steadfast in his defense of Reading First, and suggested that the program has yet to complete its work.

"I think that Reading First has been and is a very remarkable accomplishment," said Good. "I never would have predicted that accomplishment, say, five or seven years ago. Around Reading First there's really been a very significant and substantial change in how reading is taught in schools that are lowest in achievement outcomes."

Good also said he fears the program will become a "political casualty."

"It's generated a huge impact and now I think there's sort of a changing of the political climate from a Republican-led to a Democrat-led," he said. "This is an initiative that should transcend politics. I rather worry that it will not be championed by either party. I don't know what the future will bring for it."

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FEDERAL BUDGET

# Bush proposes Pell Grant raise

*The new budget would increase the maximum Pell Grant, but would cut other programs' resources*

BY ALLIE GRASGREEN  
NEWS REPORTER

In order to answer the increasing demand for higher education support, President Bush proposed last week to increase the Pell Grant maximum to \$4,600 per student in the 2007 federal education budget.

Nevertheless, there are skeptical whispers concerning the source of this funding.

The average U.S. college student owes \$15,500 after graduating from a four-year public college or university, according to the U.S. Department of Education. At the same time, state funding growth for higher education has fallen to its lowest level in more than two decades, according to the Department of Education. Additionally, the

average public university's tuition and fees rose 51 percent from 1995 to 2005.

Pell Grants, which are similar to scholarships because they require no repayment and are generally awarded to undergraduate students based on financial need, help to alleviate some of that debt. Eligibility is determined by the student's FAFSA information.

Elizabeth Bickford, director of the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, stressed the value of the Pell Grant and its importance to so many needy students.

"I'm sure that our 3,800-plus Pell Grant recipients on campus would agree," said Bickford, "that the Pell Grant is sort of a foundation in terms of the need-based grant assistance that students receive

across the nation."

In order to pay for the Pell Grant increase, Bush would cut the entire Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program, an \$880 million award pool that provides need-based aid of up to \$4,000 to low-income students.

Students receiving money from the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program, the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program and the widely known Perkins Loan Program will also be hit by the proposal. All three will be cut, resulting in more than \$100 million in cuts.

Additionally, the maximum award for the Academic Competitiveness Grant would increase by 50 percent. The grant is designed to reward low-income freshmen and sophomores with impressive high school academic records. The grant is awarded in addition to Pell Grants.

Students at the

University were skeptical of Bush's motives.

"Maybe if our president took some of the money from the war and used it for schools it would help out," said senior Brynn Gomez.

Shana Simpson is a senior graduating in June after four years at the University. Her mother works in education so she has strong feelings regarding higher education funding. She isn't a Pell Grant recipient and doesn't depend on scholarships, but said she recognizes the importance of the budget.

"Higher education as a whole isn't supported enough, especially since we put so much emphasis on it," said Simpson. She thinks that funding is important "not just at the collegiate level but at all levels."

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RESEARCH

## Professor's bonobo work on NOVA tonight

Tonight at 8 p.m. national television viewers will see Assistant Professor of Anthropology Frances White carving forgotten paths through the jungles of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Viewers will see her search for the bonobo chimpanzees she left behind years before when she and her fellow researchers fled the Central African nation that had become embroiled in a brutal, international war that left an estimated

3 million people dead.

A documentary on the PBS program NOVA, which will be shown in 180 PLC at 8 p.m., will examine the character of the bonobo chimpanzee, the species' links to humans and White's struggle to reunite with the chimps she left behind.

In an interview, White said that bonobos distinguish themselves from regular chimpanzees because of their social organizations and sexual behavior. A 1995 Scientific American article by primatologist Frans de Waal said that in bonobo communities females are dominant and

fighting is rare. Bonobos also have a voracious appetite for sex. Bonobos copulate with multiple partners — sometimes several at the same time. Male bonobos have sex with one another as do the females; they have oral sex, massage one another's genitals and, de Waal said, they French kiss.

White first went to the Congo in the late 1980s as part of her research on bonobos, she said. She studied there intermittently until she was forced to flee in 1998 and the recent stability arising from the 2003 adoption of an interim government allowed her

continue her research in 2005. On her first trek back to the habitat of the bonobo community she'd spent a decade studying, a BBC camera crew accompanied her and captured her reactions when she reached the bonobos' home.

"It has a happy ending," White said.

Although her image will be broadcast across the nation, White said she wasn't excited.

"I don't particularly enjoy seeing myself on television," White said. "But my kids like it."

— Edward Oser

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1 two-year term

1 two-year term

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#### EMU Board, At-Large

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1 two-year term

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## LEGISLATURE

# Measure 37 claims may get temporarily held

The Oregon Legislature is considering a bill that puts most claims on hold during debate over impact

BY CALVIN HALL  
NEWS REPORTER

A bill in the Oregon Legislature proposes putting most Measure 37 claims on hold while the legislature debates and analyzes the impacts of the measure on the state.

If passed, Senate Bill 505 creates an "express line" for claimants with plans to build a single home on their property to move forward with development. Other claims, applying mostly to large-scale development projects, would be held until June 30.

The bill, introduced by state Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, and state Rep. Greg Macpherson, D-Lake

Oswego, was put forward at the request of Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who said the intent of the bill is to address the flood of Measure 37 claims that were filed in 2006.

Measure 37, which passed in November 2004, gives more rights to property owners to develop their property by requiring state and local governments to either waive land-use regulations or to compensate the owners for lost value because of land-use restrictions. Governments have to make a decision on each claim within 180 days.

Prozanski said the bill would give enough time for the legislature to study

Measure 37's effects on the state and to stop the many lawsuits filed over the claim, which have complicated the negotiations over the measure.

Kulongoski and opponents of Measure 37 have contended that it created an unexpected rush to development, which was not the intention of the voters who voted for it.

Eric Stachon, a spokesman for the Measure 37 opposition group, 1000 Friends of Oregon, said the bill is a crucial first step to overall reform because it gives a timetable for the legislature to look at the full

impact and unintended consequences of Measure 37. "This is the last shot we have to deal with this measure," Stachon said.

However, proponents such as Oregonians in Action and Measure 37 Claimants for Fairness have said that the bill is an unfair attack on a measure that passed with a majority vote.

Jim Zupancic, president of Measure 37 Claimants for Fairness, said the bill works against the majority of claimants who want to have their claim processed, even if

they're not developers.

He said some reform of the measure is needed, such as an extension of the 180-day timetable, but it should be done through debate and bipartisanship.

About 6,350 claims covering more than 500,000 acres in Oregon have been filed as of January 2007, according to Portland State University's Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies. The vast majority of claims were filed in northwestern Oregon and in the Willamette Valley.

Most claims were filed before a Dec. 2 deadline that changed the process for filing a claim.

Lane County received 395 applications as of Dec. 4, said Kent Howe, planning director with the Lane County Land Management Division.

He said 275 of the claims came in the month of November, shortly before the December deadline.

Howe said the county is scheduled to conduct public hearing on several dozen claims every Tuesday in order to meet the 180-day deadline for a decision on each claim by May. The bill's passage would reduce the number to around 20 claims.

The bill is currently hearing public testimony in the Land Use Fairness Committee, Prozanski said. The earliest scheduled vote could come next week, after which it would be voted on in the state Senate and House, he said.

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## Wages: Economics professor says some of gap is from skill mismatch

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Washington and Oregon. Of those, the report lists Oregon as having the highest cost of living in every category.

Clayborn Collins, president of Oregon Action's Portland chapter, said there is also a resulting job gap in the state, meaning there are more people seeking jobs than there are positions to fill. All of these trends, he said, are somewhat related to the larger economic climate in the state.

"I think that as inflation goes up, the job gap gets wider," Collins said. "The living wage goes up."

For college students, finding a job can be even more difficult, as employers are often turned off by a constantly changing schedule to accommodate.

University sophomore Elizabeth Shackelford, who landed a job at the University Bookstore last year, said many of her friends were not as fortunate as she was in looking for work while taking classes.

"I was actually pretty lucky," Shackelford said. "I found a job here because it's pretty flexible, and it's close to campus."

Shackelford said some students, such as art and

architecture majors, have to incur extra expenses for supplies during class projects.

"It can be tough going through school and trying to support yourself," she said.

That job gap can result in as many as five job-seekers applying for the same position, Collins said, which can affect how much employers pay in the first place.

"At that ratio, how many employers do you think are going to pay \$11.38 per hour? They can lower the wage if they want to, and pay eight or nine dollars per hour," he said. "The job gap is really meant to show people and employers that paying less wages was not really helping the economy."

The relatively large job gap described in the report includes a larger group than more traditional state figures do. There were 97,677 unemployed workers in Oregon in December according to the Oregon Employment Department, but the NWFCO report lists the number of "job-seekers" as more than 208,000. That's because the recent report includes people working part-time jobs and applying for others, and those not in the work force because of injury or

inability to work, said NWFCO representative Gerald Smith.

However, a significant job gap might not necessarily mean a shortage of jobs, said University economics professor Tim Duy. He said a job gap might simply result from a mismatch between the skills of workers and the skills required for open positions.

Duy also pointed out that most people don't make a lot when they first enter the workforce.

"If you have somebody that is right out of high school with no skills, they're probably not going to be making a living wage," he said.

For students and job-seekers who aren't able to find work, Collins said much of the responsibility lies with businesses, though there are many other factors contributing to the job discrepancy in the first place.

"Business expansion is very important in this process. That creates jobs," he said. "Business expansion is the only true answer to the job gap."

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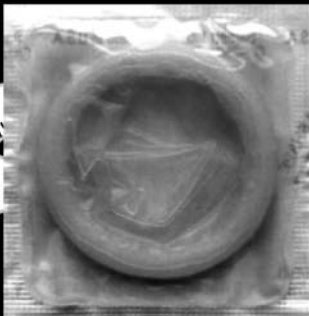
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**SUBMIT NOMINATIONS** online at <http://academicaffairs.uoregon.edu/Awards/Nomination.html>. Names of nominees and the eventual award winners are kept confidential until announced by President Frohnmayer in mid-May. See <http://academicaffairs.uoregon.edu/Awards/pastwinners.pdf> for a list of previous award winners. For questions or more information, contact Gwen Steigelman, Academic Affairs, at [gwens@uoregon.edu](mailto:gwens@uoregon.edu).

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### FRANKLIN BLVD.

#### City commission endorses design plans

The Eugene Planning Commission unanimously endorsed proposals Monday from University students and consultants to continue working on designs to turn Franklin Boulevard into a multiway boulevard.

The commission supported short- and long-term proposals to put in separate lane divisions for through and local traffic, two side-by-side lanes for the Emerald Express buses, and possible parking on the north side of the street,

with the potential for parking on the south side.

The project's two consultants, David Evans and Associates, Inc. and Urbsworks, Inc., proposed the multiway boulevard as a way to lead to Franklin Boulevard's rejuvenation by encouraging mixed-use development and making the area more friendly to pedestrians and bicyclists.

The consultants' proposals for the boulevard's new design contained elements that were taken from plans drawn up by architecture students who were involved in the project through the University's urban design studio.

Architecture Professor Mark Gillem, who heads the studio involved with the project, said the commission's decision will allow the consultants and the studio to study the specific details of a multiway boulevard on Franklin Boulevard.

"It was really an ideal outcome from the meeting," Gillem said.

The consultants will now look at creating a more detailed design for the boulevard, while the students will focus on modifying their boulevard designs and on final reviews in March, Gillem said.

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## Center offers cost-free relationship check-ups

The Center for Family Therapy will offer free services on Feb. 14

BY TREVOR DAVIS  
NEWS REPORTER

Preparing for that perfect Valentine's Day date can be stressful, but the staff at the University's Center for Family Therapy is encouraging the University community to make a date to assess and improve relationships.

The center will offer free one-hour relationship check-ups for couples, singles and families from noon to 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the Thompson University Center building. Event organizers expect about 60 couples, and 20 volunteer therapists will be on hand.

Program Director John Miller said that couples often don't have important conversations about their relationships, and the sessions offer a chance to "update the database" of a relationship.

"It's a different thing if one member of a couple says, 'Hey, what do you really like about this relationship?' and, 'What do you want to do more of?'"

"Sometimes that can be viewed as, 'What, do you want more?' 'Is that a complaint?' or, 'Do you not like what's going on?'"

He said an objective third party, like a counselor, can help a couple assess a relationship because the counselor doesn't take sides and is there to ask the right questions.

"A lot of couples may not have concrete dialogue about these things," said intern and second-year graduate student Michael Grigg. "It's kind of assumed and implied in their relationship that they want kids, or want to retire this way."



ZAC GOODWIN | PHOTO EDITOR

### AT A GLANCE

- **What?** Valentine's Day relationship check-up
- **Why?** Therapists offer an objective viewpoint to help improve and assess a relationship.
- **Who?** Singles, families and couples are welcome to the event, hosted by the University's Center for Family Therapy.
- **When?** Noon to 8 p.m., Wednesday
- **How?** Call (541) 346-3296 for an appointment; walk-ins welcome
- **Where?** Suite 304, Thompson University Center, 720 E. 13th Ave., Eugene
- **Cost:** Free; continuing services will be based on a sliding scale

About 90 percent of those who came to the event in the past said it helped improve their relationship, according to Center for Family Therapy surveys. The sessions are meant to introduce people to the world of therapy.

Intern and second-year graduate student Jenna Wheeler said therapy is

often inaccurately portrayed in the media. She said patients won't sit on a couch, and a counselor won't typically ask for childhood details.

"There's a lot of misunderstanding of what therapy is," Miller said. "Name any show with a therapist in it, and it's wrong, and often unethical."

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## BOUNCING BACK



JOHN GIVOT | PHOTOGRAPHER

Oregon senior Dominika Dieskova has changed her game this year, but she's hoping to regain her winning edge in time to get to the national tournament in May.

*Dominika Dieskova is still adjusting to her new offensive-minded play style*

BY STEFANIE LOH  
SPORTS REPORTER

Until the Ducks' most recent home match against Sacramento State on Feb. 4, the last time Oregon senior Dominika Dieskova came anywhere close to absorbing a double-bagel defeat was in October 2004 when she fell 6-0, 6-2 to USC's Nicole Leimbach, who would eventually be ranked eighth in the nation.

Dieskova has engineered double bagels against others several times in her career. But against Sacramento State's Katrina Zheltova, Dieskova found herself on the receiving end of a

**Dominika Dieskova**

- 8 - 6 record this season playing No. 1 singles.
- 9 - 5 record this season playing No. 1 doubles with sophomore Ceci Olivos.
- Ranked No. 26 nationally in singles in 2006 pre-season rankings, but is currently unranked.
- Played most matches in Oregon history (127)

Year: Senior  
Team: Women's Tennis  
Height: 6'0"

40-minute nightmare that ended in the Ducks' number one singles player's 6-0, 6-0 defeat to an unranked freshman.

"Basically it went quick. Which means that I was missing quite a bit. I guess I just overpowered my shots and went for too much," said Dieskova, who holds a 80-49 career record as a Duck.

Eight dual matches into her final season at Oregon, Dieskova's 5-3 record is a far cry from last year. The Slovakia native started her junior season with a seven-match winning streak before losing a three-set match to Washington's Hannah Grady — a mere glitch on her radar en route to a 14-2 start that eventually culminated in a 30-12 singles record, a berth to the national tournament in singles and doubles and the No. 37 national ranking to end the season.

### Senior Slump

Dieskova's early season slump is due largely to a more offensive style of play that she's working to incorporate into her game plan.

A win against Zheltova would have clinched the Sacramento State match for

the Ducks; instead, it's one of two 4-3 losses they've suffered this year. And Dieskova knows that if she'd reverted to the defensive style of play that she's used to, she could have won.

But she stubbornly refused to give up on playing offense.

"I can play defensively and beat these girls. But I'm at that point where I've been doing that for three years and I've been winning matches on defense and I've proved that I can do it," she said. "Now I want to win matches with my game. Dictating and pressuring my opponents. I just need to find the right rhythm for my forehand."

Her teammates understand her woes and want to support the change.

"In tennis, if you change something it always takes awhile," sophomore Claudia Hirt said. "It's very, very hard for (Dieskova) right now because she's in a situation where she wants to win for her team but she also wants to do what Paul (Reber) says."

"She knows it's a good change and that in order to get there she has to sacrifice a little bit right now. She will get there."

With her 6-foot build and natural athleticism, Dieskova has what Oregon coach Paul Reber once described as "the perfect tennis body." She is quick, agile and long-limbed with an extraordinarily long reach that gives her a natural advantage because she can stretch for balls that most of her opponents would readily classify as unreturnable winners.

"She has that lanky body with long arms and legs, and that gives her so much more racket speed and a big serve," Reber said. "She covers the court very well and can make you play the extra ball. She'll play a bit of defense and then make the extra shot. Against her, you've got to be able to jump on balls and put it away."

Dieskova's dogged persistence is one reason why she has held sole possession of the No. 1 roster position ever since former Oregon standout Daria Panova graduated in 2005.

This year, however, Dieskova and Reber have been trying to switch from sure-bet defensive wins to a more aggressive, offensive-oriented style of play. And they're convinced that correcting Dieskova's tendency to reach out with her long arms and moonball shots on the forehand side will be the key to offensive success.

"We're not really changing anything, just having her be more aggressive with (the

DIESKOVA, page 9

### MEN'S GOLF

## Record low round propels Ducks to Hawaiian success

*Derek Sipe shot a second-round 62 to tie for 12th individually and helped his team to a 10th-place spot*

BY WILL SEYMOUR  
FREELANCE REPORTER

Junior Derek Sipe continued his hot start to the spring season, setting a new school record while leading his team to a tie for 10th place at in the UH-Hilo Intercollegiate at the Waikoloa Village Golf Club in Hawaii Feb. 7-9.

In the second round of the 54-hole tournament, Sipe shot an eight-under-par 62, breaking the previous mark for the lowest single round of 63 set by Jimmy White at the Northwest Collegiate Classic in 2003.

Sipe turned in a seven-under 203 for the tournament, a score that put him in a tie for 12th place. Junior Joey Benedetti and freshman Marcus Sostak also played under par for the tournament, each finishing with scores of 208.

The Ducks' team score of 833 strokes was their best

performance on the Waikoloa course since the squad finished fourth in 2001.

Sipe began his run in Hawaii much like he ended the PING-Arizona Intercollegiate Jan. 29-30. His first-round 67 was just one stroke off his personal best, a feat that he matched twice in Tucson.

Benedetti and Sostak were right behind the pace set by Sipe, each shooting 68 for the first 18 holes. As it turned out, the Ducks were just getting warmed up. On the second day, Sipe played a near-perfect round, shattering his personal record and the single-round school record.

"Derek was just phenomenal today," coach Casey Martin said on Thursday. "He really had it going with his putter and that was the whole key for him."

The hot streak spread to the

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### HOCKEY

## Regional playoff game awaits Oregon despite losing Pac-8 title to USC again

*Junior Cameron Forni's four goals on the weekend were encouraging for the team, but couldn't overcome history*

BY DAN JONES  
FREELANCE REPORTER

The Ducks felt anything but doomed to repeat history heading into the 2006-07 Pac-8 Tournament.

But when it was all said and done, that's exactly what they did.

Second-seeded Oregon (23-4, 13-3 Pac-8), riding the momentum of a seven-game winning streak to conclude its regular season, defeated the third-seeded UCLA Bruins 6-4 on Friday night in the first round at the Toyota Center in El Segundo, Calif. That created a historic championship match-up between Oregon and top-seeded USC on Saturday.

### PAC-8 TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Friday Feb. 9 vs. UCLA W, 6-4  
Saturday Feb. 10 vs. USC L, 4-3

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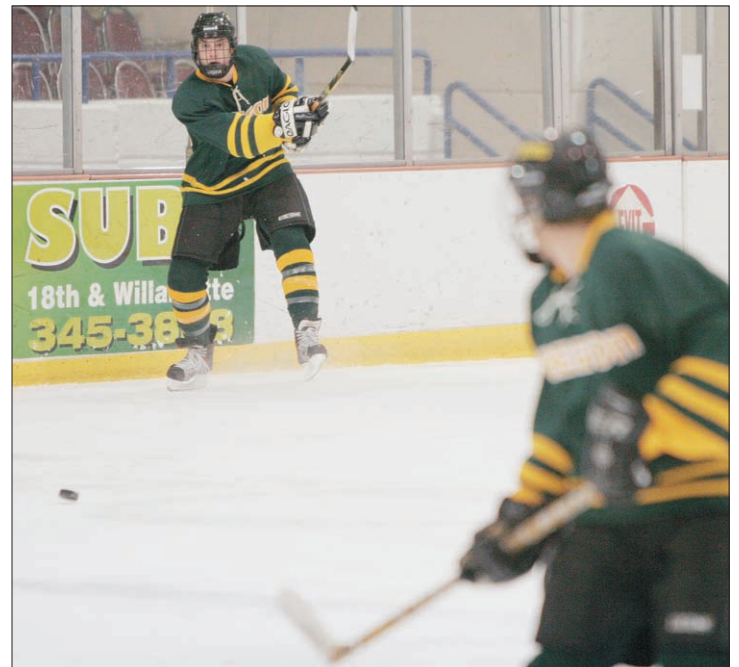
**What:** The American Collegiate Hockey Association's West Regional Tournament

**Who:** No. 9 Oregon vs. No. 4 San Jose State

**When:** Friday, Feb. 16 at 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Eccles Ice Center, Logan, Utah

them this year. The Ducks swept UCLA in November (5-3, 6-2) at the very same venue.



JOHN GIVOT | PHOTOGRAPHER

The Oregon club hockey team beat UCLA but lost to USC in the Pac-8 Tournament last weekend. Now the Ducks set their sights on San Jose State and the ACHA's West Regional Tournament in Logan, Utah this weekend.

Coach Scott McCallum said Friday's game was much more nerve-wracking, though. The contest was plagued by penalty calls in the first period, so much so that the referees had to stop play and sort them all out.

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Salary is determined by the GTF bargaining contract, which mandates salary ranges based on academic level. In the academic year 2006-2007, salaries ranged from \$11,375 to \$12,016 at .49 FTE. The fellowship includes a tuition waiver for the full academic year.

Applications must include transcripts; at least two letters of recommendation; a statement by the candidate outlining interests, qualifications, future goals in women's and gender studies; and, if available, teaching evaluations from any previously taught courses. Also, please submit a one-page narrative describing your approach to teaching one of the topics included in the WGS 101 syllabus. A copy of the current 101 syllabus will be sent by e-mail when we receive your request; it can also be picked up at our office. In addition, candidates interested in teaching WGS 413/513 Feminist Pedagogy should include a sample draft syllabus or outline for this course.

Samples of syllabi and of the textbooks are available in the Women's and Gender Studies Office. All application materials must be filed at the Women and Gender Studies Program office, 315 Hendricks.

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IN MY OPINION | JEFFERY DRANSFELDT

# Visit about more than a pretty face

Jenn Sterger's visit barely covered two days.

In a short time span, I met an ardent sports fan who knows her college and professional sports. But I also met an interesting production crew with two members from New York and another from Chicago. Friday and Saturday, I tagged along as Sterger visited Eugene, and created a video for Sports Illustrated's Web site, SI.com, with Oregon students Nick Harrington and Aubrie Corey.

In an indirect way, the visit gave me access to athletic areas I wouldn't have been able to see otherwise. I watched as Sterger and her three-person production team explored the Casanova Center and Oregon's Hall of Champions.

I gained a peek inside the state-of-the-art football locker rooms, where media access is rare and football players enjoy plush accommodations. Lockers stand the size of a doorway. Three televisions hang from the ceiling at different angles. A digital counter above the entrance to the bathroom shows the time remaining until the season opener.

Once the production crew finished there, they headed to McArthur Court and filmed a segment inside the men's basketball locker room. Inside on one wall, photos of the team's trip to the Bahamas are displayed and on another, photos of the team's most recent NBA



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draft picks are shown.

When the Emerald learned of the opportunity to interview Sterger, my fellow staff writer Jacob May and I vied for the chance with my seniority proving the difference in earning the assignment.

"I think when I told Jacob over there at (the Emerald) office, I think I actually heard him cry a little. I was like 'Wow, it's kind of a big deal I guess,'" joked Greg Walker, sports information director for the men's basketball team.

And interest wasn't restricted to the Emerald office. The preview story discussing Sterger's visit on Friday was picked up by a blog from The Oregonian and amassed more than 2,500 online reads.

Our readers wanted the story and I gladly obliged. This is Sports Illustrated that came to campus, and come Wednesday at 8 a.m., Sterger's video of Oregon will be seen by viewers nationwide.

Some might consider the assignment

vain and in a way maybe it is. Sterger was discovered because of her looks and openly acknowledges the impact her appearance has in her popularity. But her celebrity also has to do with her passion for college sports and her sports column on SI.com.

If she uses this video series to show campuses not regularly shown by the national media, so much the better. As it is, Fox Sports Northwest seems to enjoy showing Washington Huskies highlights more than Oregon basketball.

Sterger showed in her short visit the dedication of camped out Pit Crew members, the environment of McArthur Court during a game, and Oregon's sports celebrities with the likes of Joey Harrington and Phil Knight. Amidst a breakthrough season for the men's basketball team — the last few games notwithstanding — Sterger's visit is helping a national audience see what Oregon basketball is all about.

"I think what it all comes down to with college sports is that there's heart involved in it," Sterger said. "When you have all these professional athletes and stuff out there, I think at some point it becomes a job for them and the fans don't associate with it as much."

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## Golf: Oregon finishes behind conference rivals

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entire team on Thursday. Sostak matched his personal record for the second time in the tournament, this time with a round of 67. Benedetti once again carded an under-par round with 69 as did Hawaii native and senior Matt Ma.

Junior Zeke Reyna joined in with a par score of 70. Oregon's round on

Thursday catapulted the team into fifth place after 36 holes, nine strokes behind No. 3 Oklahoma State.

Sipe's record round put him in second place, one stroke behind the leader.

"We had a very good day as a team," Martin said. "I don't know how it will stand up compared to everyone else, but I'm pretty pleased with what we shot today."

Martin's words proved to be prescient as he watched his team experience a setback in the final round. Benedetti posted the Ducks' best round of the day at 71, followed by scores of three over par by Sostak and Reyna. Sipe turned in a 74 to finish seven under par for the tournament and eight shots behind Jonathan Moore of Oklahoma State, the

individual winner.

At the end of the day, Oregon tied with Texas Tech for 10th place, 11 strokes behind Oregon State and 12 behind another conference rival, Washington. Stanford captured the team title in a playoff with Oklahoma State.

The Ducks return to action Mar. 5-6 at the Ashworth Invitational in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

## Hockey: Next game against San Jose State in Utah

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"With two minutes left the penalty box was so full that they decided to resurface the ice rather than finish out the period to try and figure out what to do," McCallum said.

History continued to repeat itself Saturday in the final, where USC, which knocked off fourth-seeded Arizona State 5-2 in the semifinals, defeated Oregon 4-3 in sudden-death overtime.

Last season, Oregon also lost to USC in overtime of the championship game, which

was played in Eugene.

The score of that match? 4-3.

"I was telling them that this game isn't going to end at 3-2 so be ready," McCallum said of the loss to the Trojans. "We didn't anticipate losing 4-3 again though."

Oregon, which split the season series against USC in Eugene with a pair of one-point games, could only watch as the Trojans dog-piled in front of their goal after Jason Filantres sent in that fourth goal with only 45 seconds

remaining in overtime. McCallum said the puck actually deflected off a player's back side, bouncing past the crease and down into the corner of the net.

"That was just one of those fluke things that happens with a bunch of players bunched up and with one small puck," McCallum said.

Despite the disappointment, Oregon received encouraging performances from junior Cameron Forni, junior Eric Steinmann and freshman goalkeeper Elliot Harvey.

Forni scored four total goals in the tournament, including a hat trick against UCLA and a goal against USC with 8:13 remaining in the third period to give Oregon a 3-2 lead. Two of his three goals on Friday gave Oregon leads and one of those goals, which came late in regulation play, pushed the Ducks in front 5-4 and ultimately propelled them into the final game against USC.

"We started clicking in the end and pulled it out in the last couple minutes," Forni said of his team's performance against the Bruins in a broadcast interview.

Harvey gave both UCLA and USC headaches, shutting down the Bruins' attempts

to cash in on penalties and denying both on numerous offensive attacks. With a minute to go in an intense third period against USC, he trapped a crafty shot with his pads that temporarily denied the Trojans' hopes of tying the score.

"He has been one of my best friends and he can just play amazing," sophomore defenseman Colton Clay said. "He came up big."

Against USC, Steinmann notched two goals, both converted off freshman Sam Cehula's assists. USC's Ryan Seals matched Steinmann's offensive output with two goals of his own.

Steinmann, along with sophomore Jeff Gibb, were named First-Team All Pac-8 after the tournament. Junior Matt Lutsch received Second-Team honors and senior Mike Hideghety earned Honorable Mention.

Cyril Allen, head coach at California and 2002-03 Pac-8 Coach of the Year, said in a broadcast interview that Oregon is very deep and solid in most positions.

"There is a lot of talent on that team and I've been getting (this) same question a lot: How good is this team?" Allen said.

Oregon will get at least one more chance to answer that question, and may still be able to make history. The Ducks travel to Logan, Utah, Friday for a battle as the ninth seed against fourth-seeded San Jose State in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's West Regional Tournament.

"It is good to know were not done," McCallum said. "We want to work on our power play and penalty kill

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# Dieskova: Senior rediscovers winning form against Denver and Colorado

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forehand),” Reber said.

Reber wants her to develop more of a follow through on her forehand stroke, and to attack with more consistency.

“In the past, when she’d come in, it used to be a chip and charge,” Reber said. “Now, compared to what I remember her doing in the fall and in the past when I coached against her (at Arizona State), she’s gotten better.”

But better did not mean good. Dieskova is still not completely comfortable with these new tactics. And her discomfort manifested itself in the Sacramento State match. Against Zheltova, Dieskova’s groundstrokes were erratic at best, with a good number of potential winners landing in foul territory beyond the baseline.

“My game is to dictate, but not by hitting winner after winner,” Dieskova said. “My game’s always been a whole court game where I can come up with everything and put the pressure on my opponent by creating a situation where I can go to the net and finish the ball at the net.”

“What I was trying to do (against Zheltova) was hit winners from the baseline.”

While Reber has emphasized the need for a more aggressive forehand, Dieskova says he never

intended to have her deviate from her net game and start hammering shots from the baseline.

“I was kind of stubborn and I just wanted to stick to what I’d practiced. And during that match, I was so convinced that I was doing the right thing,” Dieskova said. “I didn’t give up. (Throughout) the whole match, I was like ‘it’s gonna come, it’s gonna come, if I just do my thing.’ I was swinging, and it was just flying a little longer past the baseline, and then a little longer.”

Right afterwards Dieskova walked around optimistically, cheering her teammates on. It was only later, after the Ducks had lost 4-3 to the Hornets, and after she’d had time to let the day’s results stew, that the reality of the situation finally set in.

“I was upset. Maybe it didn’t look like it on the court, but it hit me afterward. Especially after we lost 4-3, and I was like, ‘wait, wait, you completely screwed up right?’” Dieskova said.

Reber wasn’t very happy with her performance either.

“He yelled at me, kind of. Well, any coach wouldn’t be happy with his No. 1 player losing in 40 minutes 6-0, 6-0,” Dieskova said. “And that’s not what he wants from me: to basically go crazy on the court. He told me that’s not acceptable, that I have to find a way to battle back.”

## Climbing back up

That’s exactly what Dieskova did last weekend in Colorado: battle back.

Vowing that the Sacramento State match was “the first and last time I’ll lose 6-0, 6-0,” Dieskova took a different approach to her still-evolving aggressive forehand strategy when she played Denver’s Annette Aksdal on Friday.

“I didn’t try to hit winners from the first ball,” Dieskova said. “I played the point out, I felt more comfortable on the court, and my serve seemed to be working well.”

As a result, she won 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, and the Ducks won 4-3 (6-2 overall).

On Sunday, Dieskova continued the same blend of new and old techniques when she faced Colorado’s 36th-ranked Monica Milewski. The result was the same: a triumphant Dieskova at the end of a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 duel, and a 5-2 win

for Oregon.

“My problem on the court is that I need to be more aggressive, but not overly aggressive,” Dieskova said. “And in those matches I think I found the golden middle way to go, which I was missing in the matches before.”

Still, Dieskova’s early season troubles have contributed to the Ducks’ two losses this year, and they are also not helping her climb the singles rankings. She was ranked a career-high 26th nationally in September’s pre-season rankings, but began the regular season unranked because of a lack of resulting from an injury in the fall. Yet, she is determined to keep working to perfect her new game plan.

“I’m not too bothered about not being ranked. Because honestly, it’s great to be ranked, but all three years, I’ve just focused on playing one match at a time. And then the wins will come,” she said.

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Dominika Dieskova returned to her net game in Colorado to recover from a 6-0, 6-0 defeat against Sacramento State the weekend before.

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## LEGISLATURE

# Oregon lawmakers hope to ban smoke in bars

BY AARON CLARK  
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SALEM — From Rhode Island to Washington State, legislatures are increasingly stamping out all remaining vestiges of public smoking. Oregon may be getting in on the act soon.

Although the state barred smoking in the workplace in 2001, taverns, bar areas in restaurants, bowling alleys and bingo halls were exempted. Now, Oregon lawmakers say they're ready to end the exemption that tobacco and restaurant lobbyists have fought for years to keep.

And with Democrats now in control of both the House and Senate, backers of the smoking ban believe their chances are better than ever of snuffing out

public smoking.

Proponents of the bill say that the current law exposes 35,000 bar and tavern employees to secondhand smoke, which causes premature death and serious diseases in both adults and children, according to a 700-page report on the subject issued by the U.S. Surgeon General last year.

"The EPA classifies secondhand smoke as a group A carcinogen alongside asbestos, arsenic and radon," said Sen. Ginny Burdick, one of the bill's sponsors. "Secondhand smoke is a serious health problem in our state."

According to the Portland Democrat, 800 people in Oregon a year die from diseases caused by exposure to secondhand smoke.

But the restaurant industry said a smoking ban would hurt the bar and tavern business.

"What their customers want and what their employees want is a decision that is best left up to the individual establishment," said Bill Perry, a lobbyist for the Oregon Restaurant Association, a group that opposes the bill.

Advocates say the economic effects are negligible in the growing number of states that have implemented similar legislation.

At The Wild Colonial Tavern in Providence, R.I., a bartender said business has risen since state lawmakers banned smoking in bars and restaurants two years ago.

"A lot of people didn't like coming here if they were not smokers, because it was so

incredibly smoky," said Tamsen Connor, who has worked at the tavern for three years. Business has increased, Tamsen said, because people don't have to go home "wreaking of smoke."

Claire Hulton, a waitress for 18 years at the Old Town Bar & Grill in New York City, said she had not seen a decline in the number of customers since the city barred smoking in bars and restaurants in 2003. "We haven't suffered at all," Hulton said.

Richard Morales, a bartender at the Eastlake Zoo Tavern in Seattle, said he thinks Washington State's ban has increased the bar's customer base. "We have more business," he said. "I think it's probably increased between 5 and 10 percent."

The effort to end smoking in Oregon's bars and taverns got a boost in last November's election, when Democrats gained control of the House and retained control of the Senate.

In 2005, a bill that would have extended Oregon's smoking ban to remaining businesses was not even brought up for a vote because sponsors knew it faced defeat in the GOP-controlled House.

One of the sponsors of this year's legislation, Rep. Carolyn Tomei, D-Milwaukie, said the bill's aim is to protect the health of young people such as teen workers and families visiting restaurants and bowling allies.

"Secondhand smoke contributes to asthma, ear infections, pneumonia

and bronchitis," said Tomei. "Our young workers are concentrated in the food service industry and teens are a very vulnerable population."

According to the American Medical Association, bar and restaurant workers exposed to secondhand smoke are 50 percent more likely to get lung cancer than employees in nonsmoking workplaces.

If Oregon passes the bill, it would join 14 other states that have already banned smoking in all workplaces.

In 2004, Ireland became one of the first countries to prohibit smoking in the workplace, and earlier this month France — a country defined by its cigarette-smoking cafe culture — enacted a ban on lighting up in public.

## Counseling: Program director says most couples who come see benefits

Continued from page 6

Counseling is more interactive and collaborative than how it's portrayed in the media, Miller said. Counselors also focus on the present and future and don't label anyone.

Grigg said therapy isn't daunting or scary.

"We're working with the clients," he said. "We're not telling them, 'This is how things should be.' We're working with them to hear their perspective and what fits for them."

Wheeler said that sessions are also shorter than portrayed in the media.

"People aren't expecting to be here for two years," she said. "It's usually from eight to 20 sessions."

A Surgeon General report prompted the center to offer the free Valentine's Day sessions five years ago.

"It said that half of the people who would benefit from going to counseling, don't go and never will go," Miller said. "That's a big problem. It's like having a fancy race car,

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Source: John Miller, University Center for Family Therapy program director

and nobody ever drives it."

Wheeler said that busy lifestyles can add to couples not talking to each other, but the sessions will provide a place

to do so.

Patients who don't feel they need to address any problems are also welcome. Miller said couples often

come to the session looking for enrichment.

"We're not telling them whether their relationship is good or bad," Wheeler said. "We're just getting any idea of what they're looking for, their strengths, their goals, their areas for growth — not making a judgment about them."

She said University students often address the future of their relationships.

This year's event also focuses on the baby boomer generation. Miller predicts that boomers will

spend more time together after retirement.

"In their retirement, they're facing a lot of time together," Miller said. "Retirement is predicted to be a lot longer, even two times as long as it has been."

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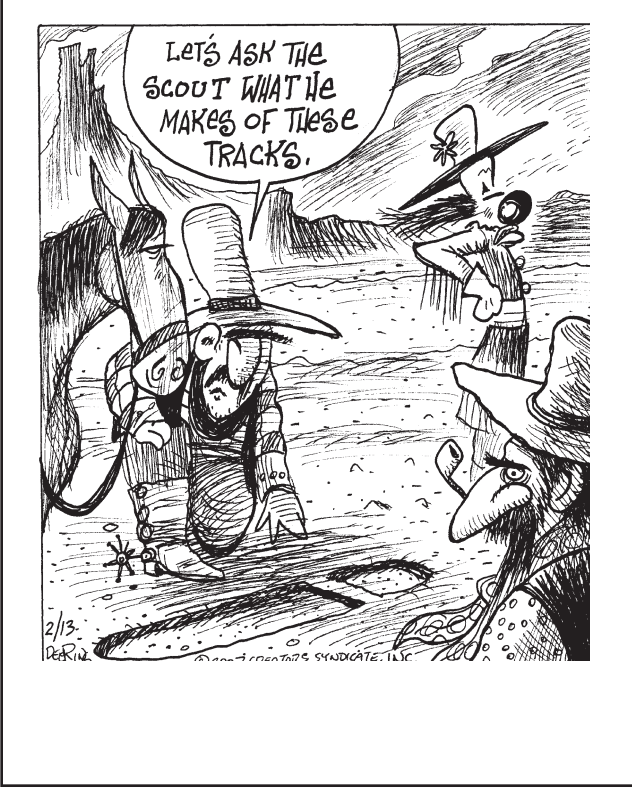
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- 5 Maybelline rival
- 10 Hearty's partner
- 14 Lex and Park, e.g., in N.Y.C.
- 15 Head out
- 16 Banned orchard spray
- 17 Steinbeck classic
- 19 It may be proper
- 20 "The Atom Show" (1960's TV cartoon)
- 21 Stunt cyclist, e.g.
- 22 Pagoda sights
- 23 A Judd
- 25 Follows a healthy diet
- 27 Like much music, today
- 29 "Sprechen Deutsch?"
- 30 Fascinated by
- 33 The Beatles' "the Walrus"
- 35 Sporty wheels
- 40 Eighty-sixed wares of 1773
- 43 Break away
- 44 "A Chorus Line" number
- 45 "Cómo?" (with a hint to this puzzle's theme)
- 46 Ambulance letters
- 48 Spider web, e.g.
- 50 Indonesian condiment
- 55 Get through to
- 59 "Halt!" to a salt
- 60 Kind of colony
- 62 Agile deer
- 63 Come together

**DOWN**

- 1 Song of praise
- 2 Ex of the Donald
- 3 Pasta topper
- 4 French direction
- 5 Sporty Italian auto, for short
- 6 Eyed wolfishly
- 7 \_\_\_ mistake (blew it)
- 8 Heads off
- 9 Craving
- 10 Ho Chi Minh's capital
- 11 Go \_\_\_ (agree)
- 12 Yuk it up
- 13 Dadaist Max
- 18 Valhalla chief
- 22 Van Susteren of TV news
- 24 Fraternal fellow
- 26 "Alas" utterer
- 28 Hollywood industry
- 30 The "I" in F.W.I.W.
- 31 Alumna bio word
- 64 Upholstery protectors
- 66 Angler's hope
- 67 Champion skater Brian
- 68 Rustic stopovers
- 69 "Family Ties" son
- 70 Waist-ful?
- 71 Docket item
- 42 International pacts
- 47 Four-star
- 49 Singer Guthrie
- 50 Rio dance
- 51 Be of use
- 52 "Try this!"
- 53 Reo contemporary
- 54 Stop
- 56 Skybox locale
- 57 Woes for toes
- 58 "Siddhartha" writer
- 61 It may be a lot
- 64 Jack of "Barney Miller"
- 65 Singer Damone

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## ASUO: New diversity plan still to be submitted

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who began at the University as an undergraduate in 1998, said she gets her information about the ASUO from the Emerald, but does not pay much attention to the elections.

"I think the only time we hear about them (the ASUO) is when they've made a controversial decision," she said.

Davaz McGowan does not vote in the elections because she is also a classified staff member and is not allowed to vote. She said she only voted one time in her four years as an undergraduate and that was when she knew one of the candidates.

Although classified staff members do not pay the incidental fee, McGowan plans on working as a GTF next year and will have to pay the fee. She said the fee has grown a lot since she was an undergraduate but she hasn't seen a growth in services.

"I'm not exactly sure what the ASUO does besides that," she said.

University junior Chris Pfanner said he votes in student elections but is "not the most knowledgeable guy" about the ASUO.

Pfanner, who said he did not vote for Axelrod in the last election, said most of what he knows about Axelrod and his positions on issues comes from Emerald articles. Pfanner said the issue that most concerns him is the growth of the incidental fee compared with how many services students receive.

"I think that is ridiculous and unnecessary," Pfanner said. "I don't feel that I'm getting \$200 per term out of the incidental fee."

Axelrod said he knew when he ran that his goals might not be fully realized this year, but thought the larger issues, such as resource fees and higher education legislation needed to be addressed. He also said he thinks that sometimes students don't want to focus on bigger, long-term issues.

Progress on campaign goals:

### 1) Increased access to student course evaluations:

a) We will create a student-faculty committee to re-evaluate the efficacy of current course evaluations charged with creating more comprehensive standardized questions.

Axelrod said he wanted to push the administration to create course evaluations with more "meaningful" questions and make them available to students. Answers to the last four questions on evaluations (those questions that are common to every evaluation in every course) are available online at [courseevals.uoregon.edu](http://courseevals.uoregon.edu), but students do not have access to any other questions.

A joint committee between the University Senate and the Office of Academic Affairs has been created and a letter was sent out to members of the new committee last Thursday.

The seven-person committee, which will include one member of the ASUO, is charged with looking at whether other questions should be consistent among all course evaluations.

Axelrod said although he spoke with Academic Affairs and with the University

Senate regarding his concerns with course evaluations at the beginning of the school year, he was surprised to hear about the formation of the joint committee.

A separate Academic Affairs committee, formed last year, is looking at how to move to a method of filling out evaluations online.

### 2) Fight the sale of Westmoreland Housing complex:

a) We must fight the sale through a comprehensive lobbying plan targeting Chancellor Pernsteiner and the State Board of Higher Education  
b) Should the sale occur, we will demand that the administration fund and provide resource guides to assist student and student families with finding other housing and childcare options

Westmoreland sold in July and is now operated by Bell Real Estate. The University did reach an agreement with current tenants to allow them to continue paying the University's rental rate for up to two years after the sale date.

While not all students chose to remain in the complex, the University paid the difference in rent for those who did. Students now make up only about 35 percent of Westmoreland's population.

Although the executive did fight the sale unsuccessfully, they were successful in securing a mitigation plan for the residents to soften the blow of the sale.

### 3) Resource fee accountability:

a) Through a joint effort with the Office of Financial Aid and Academic Advising to increase awareness of these "hidden costs" of a University of Oregon education to ensure that students know exactly what they will be charged when they register for classes to enable appropriate planning

b) We will work with Academic Senators to outreach to their constituents about increasing fees and will work with the University Senate to develop standardized criteria to evaluate the creation or increasing of these fees

c) Should proposed fees not meet student-approved criteria, we will lobby the Oregon University System board to reject creation of new fees

Axelrod said he plans to ask the administration to hold open forums on the fees during spring term. On Feb. 6, the Vice Chancellor of the Oregon University System sent out information on the possible creation of a resource fee committee which would be made up of equal numbers of students and administrators. Axelrod agreed to sit on this committee. Axelrod is on the Oregon Student Association board, which brought up the issue of resource fees in several meetings and took their concerns to the OUS. Axelrod said he and Michael Olson, president of the Associated Students of Oregon State University, were the most vocal on this issue because those schools pay the most money in resource fees.

Axelrod said he has not worked with the Student Senate or the University Senate on this issue because the fees are assessed by the OUS and are a state-wide issue.

### 4) Dynamic legislative advocacy:

a) We will successfully register, educate and turn out students to vote in the November election to gain electoral power needed to pressure state legislators

b) In order to impact proposed funding levels in the Governor's

recommended budget, we will lobby gubernatorial candidates to encourage them to prioritize higher education funding as campaign issues, and if elected, priorities while in office.

c) Prior to the legislative session, we will meet with key legislators to urge funding for the Oregon Opportunity Grant, Student Childcare Programs, and for the Oregon University System. This fall, the ASUO worked with several organizations to register 6,855 students to vote — the highest number ever registered at the University for a non-presidential election.

In November, representatives from the Oregon Student Association (Axelrod did not attend this event) met with governor's education workforce and revenue policy adviser, to discuss OSA's ideas for the governor's budget.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski released his budget in January and it includes several things the OSA lobbied for. The budget calls for a 12.5 percent increase for higher education and limits tuition increases to the increase in median family income (about 3.4 percent). It also calls for \$8 million to go toward faculty salaries and \$6.9 million to go toward decreasing student-teacher ratios.

Axelrod has met with Oregon state legislators to discuss the tuition issues listed as priorities for the OSA. These include financial aid issues such as tuition equity for non-citizens; the "shared responsibility model," in which students work to pay some of their own tuition in exchange for more help from the state; and the ASPIRE program, which sends college mentors into high schools to help students prepare for attending college.

### 5) Student representation in diversity plan revisions:

a) Work closely with student representatives on the diversity advisory committee

b) Revisions to the plan must include input from students impacted by this plan and must include students and faculty from a variety of communities on campus

c) Accountability mechanisms for timely compliance with this plan must be clear and relate to issues raised by informational panels with students

The deadline for submitting the diversity plan is March 23, Axelrod said. The ASUO diversity committee, led by Guzman, has met twice a week since week five of fall term and is currently working on the plan's mission and goals, Guzman said.

Guzman said they will host open forums for members of the University community to voice their opinions. She said the committee will look at how student programs can contribute to the diversity plan and hopes it will also look at the outreach and work the programs already do.

### 6) Protect student rights:

a) Utilization of the ASUO advocacy and outreach positions will help the ASUO educate students about proposed changes that would limit their rights

b) Through the publication about resources available through the Office of Student Advocacy and Legal Services, we will increase awareness about students' rights and the judicial processes on and off-campus, and ensure outreach about options for all parties involved in a conduct code dispute

c) We will vehemently fight against

proposed changes that will limit student rights in the Student Conduct Code

d) Increased student involvement and representation in the Public Safety Advisory Group will ensure further student oversight of DPS and promote DPS accountability

Axelrod has worked with Hilary Berkman, director of student advocacy, and Ilona Koleszar, director of legal services and has made pamphlets describing the legal services available to students. He also said the ASUO held a "know your rights" forum fall term.

Axelrod sits on the search committee charged with finding a new director for the Department of Public Safety.

The revised version of the Student Conduct Code was sent to the state for approval despite students' objections. This appears to be the same version posted under "New Student Conduct Code" on the Web site for the Office of Student Life.

Student Senator Jacob Daniels, who ran against Axelrod in the primary election last year, and supported his opponent in the general election, said he initially thought Axelrod's presidency would be "really politicized."

Daniels said that although he thought Axelrod's youth would make him susceptible to the pressures of the office, he has been surprised to see Axelrod make some controversial decisions, such as looking objectively at funding for the Oregon Marching Band.

"I didn't think Jared would be a very autonomous or sovereign president," Daniels said. "He's turned out to be exactly the opposite of what I expected."

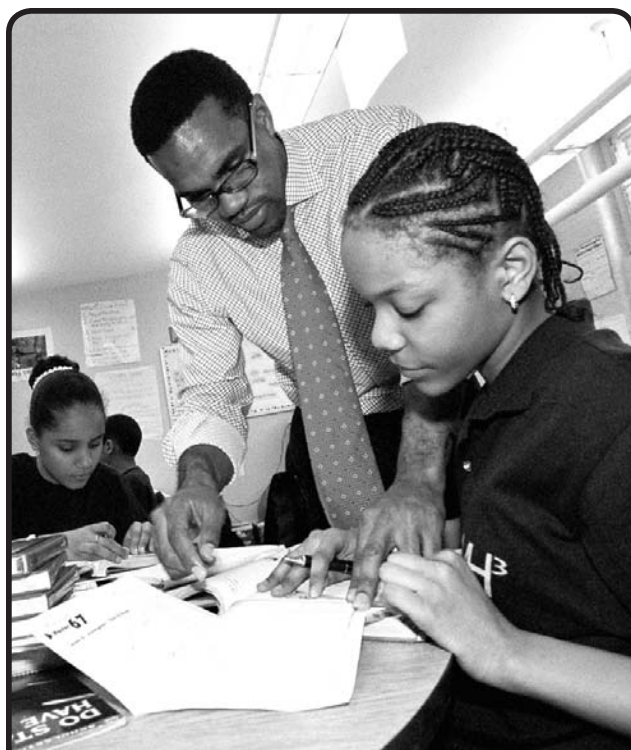
Daniels said one of his criticisms of Axelrod's administration is that there haven't been enough "fresh faces" representing student government.

Axelrod appointed Daniels to his Senate seat, a move that Daniels said showed "statesmanship" because of their former rivalry. Daniels said he doesn't want to "bite the hand that feeds" him, but said he would have liked to see new people coming into the government instead of appointees who have already served the ASUO in other capacities. Some empty seats have been filled by other Senators moving around to different positions or by former Senators who leave and then return to school, Daniels said.

"I really didn't see a student government that reached out to the students as much as they could have," he said. Daniels said that while he thought some of Axelrod and Guzman's campaign goals — such as stopping the sale of Westmoreland housing complex — were "too lofty," most ASUO presidents have made promises they can't keep and Axelrod did not promise anything unreasonable compared with past administrations.

"He's been as good as you can ever expect out of an ASUO president," Daniels said.

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