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WEST UNIVERSITY

Minds combine for park redesign

The park, on East 14th Avenue between Patterson and Hilyard, has been closed since 1995

BY CALVIN HALL
NEWS REPORTER

The West University Neighborhood Park, once known as the closed and decrepit strip of land on East 14th Avenue, is being redesigned and redeveloped with assistance from University students and neighborhood residents.

University students from the architectural student group Design Bridge and the American Society for Landscape Architects hosted an intensive design and planning session, known as a design charrette, to come up with ideas for redeveloping the public garden.

Graduate architecture student and Design Bridge member Nora Diver co-organized the Saturday event at the Central Presbyterian Church after learning about the plans to reopen the park, which she had studied in a class.

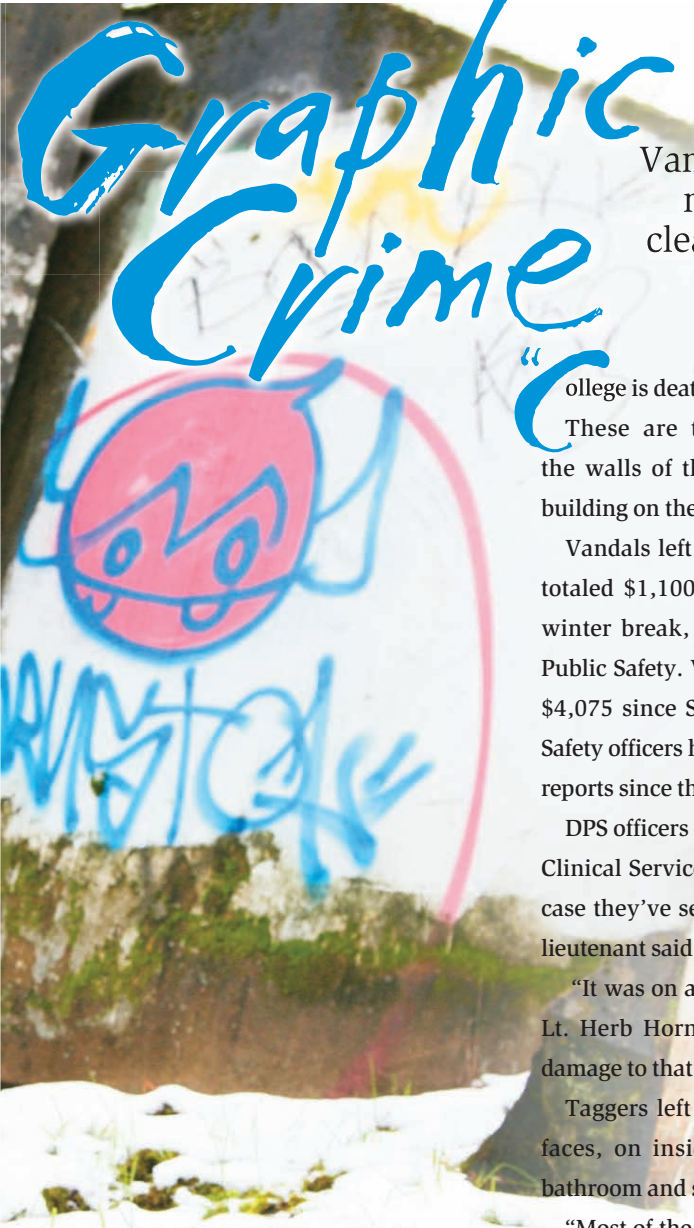
“Our goal is to connect with the community and to connect the design resources of the school to work with the community,” Diver said.

The main purpose of the charrette was to brainstorm ideas and create a park with a sense of ownership and community for the neighborhood, she said.

The city-owned park, located on East 14th Avenue between Patterson and Hilyard streets, closed in 1995 because it was a site for crime and drug use. The park bordered the alley between 14th and 15th Avenues, making it easy for people to enter and exit the park.

The opportunity to reopen the space came in 2006, when property owner Bob Quinney swapped land with the city to build a new set of apartment buildings

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Vandals cause expensive mess for University clean-up crews to repair

BY TREVOR DAVIS
NEWS REPORTER

“College is death, exit.”

These are the words vandals marked on the walls of the University’s Clinical Services building on the southwest corner of campus.

Vandals left clean-up crews with a mess that totaled \$1,100 in damage at the building over winter break, according to the Department of Public Safety. Vandals have left damage totaling \$4,075 since Sept. 1, according to DPS. Public Safety officers have recorded 30 criminal mischief reports since then.

DPS officers recorded the graffiti damage to the Clinical Services building as the most extensive case they’ve seen so far this school year, a DPS lieutenant said.

“It was on all three floors, which is unusual,” Lt. Herb Horner said. “You usually don’t see damage to that extent.”

Taggers left markings on file cabinets, clock faces, on inside and outside walls, and in a bathroom and stairwell.

“Most of the graffiti that happens is outdoors,” Horner said. “When it happens indoors, it’s usually in specific areas like bathroom stalls.”

A employee who works in the building reported

WHO TO CALL

See someone defacing a building? Call the Lane County Sheriff’s tip line at (541) 682-4167.

PHOTOS BY CHRISTIN PALAZZOLO

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PHILANTHROPY

Lorry Lokey adds \$15 million to sciences complex expansion

In his fifth major donation, philanthropist Lorry Lokey has promised \$15 million to expand the integrative sciences complex, one of the existing building projects on the campus. The building is tied to the Lorry Lokey Laboratories, an underground lab currently under construction across East 13th Ave. from Carson Hall.

The buildings will house millions of dollars worth of equipment to expand the University’s research into controversial, Department of Defense-funded nanotechnology, which critics say is de facto military research. The building will also explore stem-cell research, Lokey said at the laboratory’s June groundbreaking, as well as cognitive neuroscience, materials science, biology and computer information. Additionally, the Associated Press reported, it will further ties between the University and the Northwest’s expanding high-tech industrial sector.

“We are profoundly grateful for Lorry Lokey’s most recent investment in the University of Oregon’s academic future,” vice president for University Advancement Allan Price told the Emerald. “The new integrative science building will vastly expand our faculty’s research and teaching capacity in fields such as cognitive neuroscience, leading to discoveries about the human brain that will transform lives.”

Lokey’s total donations of almost \$50 million to the University in recent years have made it one of his leading philanthropic projects. Founder and former chairman of the corporate news service Business Wire, Lokey profited handily in its operation and its 2006 sale to billionaire investor Warren Buffett’s company, Berkshire Hathaway. Lokey has since turned to large-scale philanthropy and has rapidly become one of the University’s most generous donors.

Last summer Lokey donated \$10 million toward the science complex. Prior to that, he donated \$4.5 million to the School of Journalism and Communication’s Turnbull Portland Center, \$5 million for the remodeling and expansion of the Marabel B. Frohnmayer Music School and \$12.5 million to the College of Education.

—From staff and wire reports

STUDENT BUSINESS

Student’s new site jumps in vortex of online marketplaces

University student Eli Alford-Jones started a Craigslist-style Web site that is focused on Eugene- and campus-area products and services

BY ERIC FLORIP
NEWS REPORTER

University students trying to get rid of their old books, electronics or any other odds and ends for the new year might be hard-pressed to find a willing buyer nearby.

Eli Alford-Jones wants to help.

Alford-Jones, a University junior, recently founded Campus Vortex, which serves as an online marketplace for University students who would like to buy or sell random items, post roommate ads or offer their business services to another student.

Campus Vortex, first launched in its earliest stage at www.campusvortex.com on Nov. 16, also provides 15 “location tags” that show the area from

AT A GLANCE:

University student Eli Alford-Jones recently founded Campus Vortex, an online marketplace available for students to make postings to sell items, seek roommates or offer professional services. The site first launched on Nov. 16, and it has now received nearly 17,000 hits.

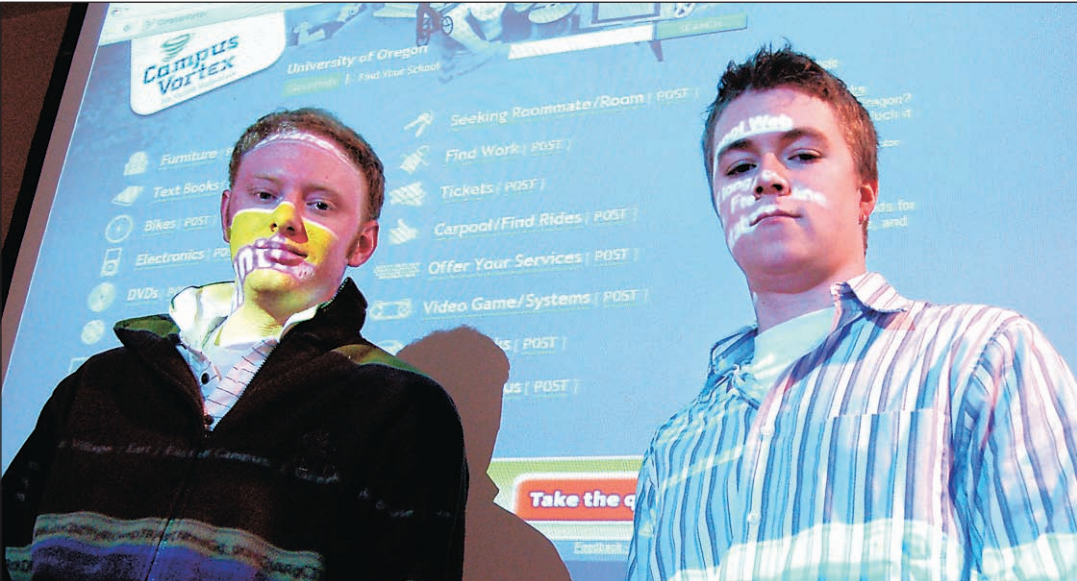
FIND OUT MORE:

Check it out at www.campusvortex.com or attend an information session for University students and faculty, to be held this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in 212 Lillis.

which each item is being offered.

“It’s kind of like how Craigslist works, but one advantage is that you can find someone that’s close to you,”

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KYLE ANDREW CARNES | PHOTOGRAPHER

Eli Alford-Jones, left, and Colin Jensen, right, are working to develop and promote the online marketplace site that Alford-Jones launched in November.

HOCKEY STAR SCORES BIG

Eric Steinmann’s emergence into a bona fide superstar has helped thrust his team into second place in the Pac-8 Conference. **SPORTS | 9**

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EDITORIAL

OSPIRG must keep student funds on campus

In 1971, Ralph Nader and New York lawyer Donald K. Ross outlined their vision for a consortium of campus-based groups that would lobby on behalf of progressive causes, including those pertaining to the environment, health care and the economy. This would become the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) system. To bankroll their lobbying organizations, they brainstormed a coercive funding process whereby college students would pick up the tab. The University of Oregon was one of the first to house Nader’s pet project.

For 37 years, OSPIRG has relied on students for its funding. Last week, the Programs Finance Committee once again acquiesced to OSPIRG’s interests by continuing to fund the group, though without giving it an increase, a decision that OSPIRG is appealing.

Regardless of the appeals outcome, OSPIRG will continue to receive at least \$112,077, all from students.

This would be less of an issue if the money actually stayed on campus, thus benefiting students. It doesn’t. Every penny out of students’ pockets goes to Portland. Some of the money may trickle back to Eugene, but OSPIRG’s primary day-to-day functions remain 110 miles to the north, home of the state PIRG.

That’s right, there are two OSPIRGs: the Oregon Student Public Research Interest Group and the Oregon State Public Research Interest Group, and they coincidentally share the same Portland office. The state PIRG has a professional staff, all bankrolled primarily by students and canvassers. Although OSPIRG provides some students with “internship” possibilities or jobs, generally as canvassers, the benefits to students could fit on a small flyer — the kind OSPIRG conveniently litters around campus. Frankly, forcing students to pay for activities from which

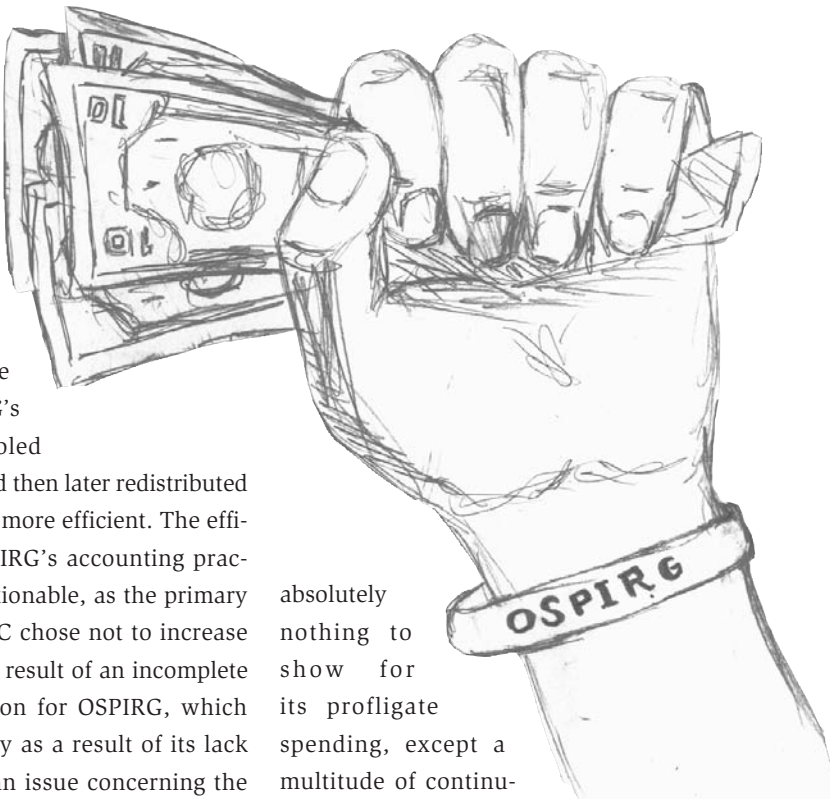
they do not directly benefit is unconscionable.

Naturally, the University’s Campus Organizer for OSPIRG, Liz Karas, refutes criticism that OSPIRG’s money is misused. “Student’s get a real bargain out of (OSPIRG),”

Karas said, claiming the reason OSPIRG’s funds are pooled in Portland and then later redistributed is because it’s more efficient. The efficiency of OSPIRG’s accounting practices are questionable, as the primary reason the PFC chose not to increase funding was a result of an incomplete budget. This isn’t uncommon for OSPIRG, which is often mired in controversy as a result of its lack of transparency. This isn’t an issue concerning the group’s mission, goals or speech, it is a fiscal issue.

The recent activities of OSPIRG are a disparate collection of progressive causes. Karas said OSPIRG has worked on campaigns to raise thousands of dollars for the homeless, an ongoing campaign to lower textbook costs and protecting the Oregon coast from oil drilling. At best, these campaigns are only tenuously tied to student interests. Even if you believe that the Oregon coast deserves protection, or that the homeless need better shelter, a governing body — in this case, the PFC — should not swindle money from people on behalf of a lobbying institution.

Student money also goes to pay for “advocates” (another word for lobbyists) and poverty experts, but Karas maintains that the \$112,077 inevitably returns to campus. How is this possible? OSPIRG has



GRAYCE BENTLY | ILLUSTRATOR

absolutely nothing to show for its profligate spending, except a multitude of continuing causes for which they profess to advocate.

OSPIRG is more concerned with maintaining its money flow than it is with providing services to students. Meanwhile, the PFC continues to fund OSPIRG while having only a general knowledge of what the money subsidizes. OSPIRG will appeal the PFC’s decision to continue funding the organization at its previous level, and Karas remains optimistic that the PFC’s “heart is in the right place.” The PFC should refrain from giving OSPIRG an increase; in the future, it should refrain from funding the group altogether. Students are more than deep pockets from which lobbyists can take money. If students must pay more than \$600 per year to a bloated incidental fee, they should expect their money to at least stay on campus.

IN MY OPINION | JOE BAILEY

Keeping the culture war alive



OUT OF THE CIRCLE

Judging by a current book title, America is under attack by a fascist enemy within its own borders. It isn’t al-Qaeda, the Taliban, or militant separatists — it’s the Christian Right.

Or so Chris Hedges would like people to believe. Hedges, a former New York Times reporter with a Master of Divinity from Harvard, has written a new book titled “American Fascists: The Christian Right and the War on America.” In it Hedges warns that conservative Christians are a growing menace to America. Comparing Christians to fascists is an old trick for Hedges; following the 2004 election, he wrote an essay comparing the Christian Right and Nazism. He confuses political activism with totalitarian violence.

In the essay, Hedges argues that “the ban on same sex marriages, passed by eleven states in the election, was part of this march towards our door.” Like all Americans, conservative Christians have the right to pursue their political objectives through peaceful and democratic means. Which is precisely what they have done.

Despite the peaceful and democratic nature of their activism, Hedges attacks conservative Christians with the nastiest of slurs, revealing a frightening ignorance.

Of course, Hedges is an outlier. Very few liberals share his visceral fear of conservative Christians. Yet it may also be true that very few liberals would say a good word about conservative Christians. And that is a problem.

What Hedges and his ideological kin may not realize is that conservative Christians are not as homogenous as they appear. Best defined as a loose coalition of evangelical Christians and Catholics whose theological conservatism leads to political conservatism, the Christian Right encompasses a variety of ideas and temperaments. The political face of conservative Christianity, however, has not reflected the body’s diversity. While

Christianity has always played a role in American public life, the Christian Right of today has relatively shallow roots. In the 1970s, after the cultural shifts of the 1960s and the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision, conservative Christians began organizing politically. Figures like Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson emerged as visible leaders of the nascent movement, preaching about a “culture war” between the secular left and religious right. The culture war mentality has led the movement to adopt a narrow agenda of conservative policies, limited almost exclusively to abortion and social issues. There are promising signs, however, of a broadening agenda among some conservative Christians.

Last February a group of 86 evangelical leaders made headlines by launching the “Evangelical Climate Initiative,” a multifaceted campaign seeking to educate and mobilize Christians in response to global warming. The group acknowledged that while historically evangelicals have not been closely associated with environmental advocacy, global warming constitutes a matter of concern to Christians.

In another demonstration of a broadening evangelical agenda, Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church and author of The Purpose Driven Life, invited Democratic senator Barack Obama, D-Ill, to address his church’s Global Summit on AIDS this past November.

Warren, together with his wife Kay, called the Global Summit on AIDS an opportunity “to use whatever influence we might have to help those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.” This statement contrasts sharply with the mutterings of Falwell, who has called AIDS “the wrath of a just God against homosexuals.”

The move by some conservative Christians towards progressive stances on climate change and AIDS has encountered a backlash from some leaders of the Christian Right. The New York Times reported that 22 evangelical leaders signed a letter criticizing the “Evangelical Climate Initiative” because it is not a “consensus issue” among all conservative Christians. And Warren’s invitation to Barack Obama drew scorn from some quarters. In a column, conservative commentator Kevin McCullough asked “Why would Warren marry the moral equivalency of his pulpit - a sacred place of honor in evangelical tradition - to the inhumane, sick, and sinister evil that Obama has worked for as a legislator?”

The language that McCullough uses should make anybody, and especially liberals, uneasy. Fortunately, liberals will play a role in deciding whether the future voice of conservative Christians is angry like McCullough’s, or inclusive like Warren’s. The old guard of the Christian Right is stuck in the culture war mentality that originated in the 1960s. When liberals like Hedges adopt a similar culture war mentality, they only fortify the divide and lend ammunition to their adversaries.

While liberals may never agree with conservative Christians on certain key issues, they would benefit tremendously from a new Christian Right that acts as a partner on environmental and humanitarian issues. Taking the Nazi card out of the deck is an easy step towards a vital change.

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IRAQ

Bush chides Iraq over execution of Saddam

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday the unruly execution of Saddam Hussein “looked like it was kind of a revenge killing,” making it harder to persuade a skeptical U.S. public that Iraq’s government will keep promises central to Bush’s plan for a troop increase.

In his toughest assessment yet, Bush criticized the circumstances of Saddam’s hanging last month, as well as Monday’s execution of two top aides, including Saddam’s half brother.

“I was disappointed and felt like they fumbled the — particularly the Saddam Hussein execution,” the president said in an interview with PBS’ Jim Lehrer.

A cell phone video of Saddam’s Dec. 30 hanging showed the deposed Iraqi leader being taunted as he stood on the gallows with a noose around his neck. An official video of the execution of Saddam’s half brother showed that the

hangman’s noose decapitated him. Both hangings provoked outrage around the world, but particularly among Saddam’s fellow Sunnis in Iraq.

Bush said he had expressed his displeasure about the way Saddam’s execution was handled to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The president announced what he called a new strategy for the war last week, with much of it hinging on his trust in al-Maliki’s government to make radical changes.

NATION

Obama launches White House bid

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barack Obama launched a presidential campaign Tuesday that would make him the first black to occupy the White House, and immediately tried to turn his political inexperience into an asset with voters seeking change.

The freshman Illinois senator — and top contender for the Democratic nomination — said the past six years have left the country in a precari-

ous place and he promoted himself as the standard-bearer for a new kind of politics.

“Our leaders in Washington seem incapable of working together in a practical, commonsense way,” Obama said in a video posted on his Web site. “Politics has become so bitter and partisan, so gummed up by money and influence, that we can’t tackle the big problems that demand solutions. And that’s what we have to change first.”

Obama filed paperwork forming a presidential exploratory committee that allows him to raise money and put together a campaign structure. He is expected to announce a full-fledged candidacy on Feb. 10 in Springfield, Ill., where he can tout his experience in the state legislature and tap into the legacy of hometown hero Abraham Lincoln.

Obama’s soft-spoken appeal on the stump, his unique background, his opposition to the Iraq war and his fresh face set him apart in a competitive race that also is expected to include front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York.

IRAQ

Bombing at Baghdad university kills 65

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An explosion outside a Baghdad university as students were heading home for the day killed at least 65 people on Tuesday in the deadliest of several attacks on predominantly Shiite areas. The attacks — and the announcement of four U.S. military deaths — came on a day the United Nations said more than 34,000 Iraqi civilians died last year in sectarian violence.

Attacks in Baghdad — including the university explosion, blasts at a marketplace for used motorcycles and a drive-by shooting — killed more than 100 people in a spasm of violence ahead of a promised drive by the Iraqi government and U.S. forces to secure the capital.

On Monday, the Iraqi government hanged two of Saddam Hussein’s henchmen in an execution that left many of the ousted leader’s fellow Sunni Muslims seething after one of the accused, the ousted leader’s half brother, was decapitated on the gallows.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Tuesday’s violence was the work of those seeking revenge for the executions, calling those responsible “a desperate group of terrorists and Saddamists.”

The military said four U.S. soldiers with Task Force Lightning were killed Monday in the northwestern province of Ninevah, home to the city of Mosul, which has seen a recent increase in violence. The deaths raised to at least 3,026 members of the U.S. military who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

TRIAL

Dismissed jurors were anti-Bush

WASHINGTON — Two potential jurors who expressed negative views of Bush administration officials were dismissed on the opening day of the perjury trial of former White House aide “Scooter” Libby.

The start of jury selection in the CIA leak case provided a potentially crucial victory for I. Lewis Libby’s defense law-

yers. They were allowed to ask potential jurors in detail about their opinions of the Bush administration, Vice President Dick Cheney, a group of high-profile reporters and whether the administration had lied to push the country into war with Iraq.

The defense faces a key challenge in picking a jury for this highly political case in a city where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans more than 9-to-1. Cheney is expected to be a defense witness.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald objected repeatedly, but to no avail, that Libby’s lawyers were going beyond the more general opinion questions that U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton asked the entire jury pool when the proceedings began Tuesday morning.

Fitzgerald complained that defense attorneys Theodore Wells and William Jeffress were turning jury selection into “an open-ended Rorschach (ink-blot) test into how you feel about the Bush administration, Vice President Cheney” the Iraq war and various reporters. “They’re trying the case” in jury selection, he argued.

— The Associated Press

Graffiti: Most tagging is not gang-related, Eugene police sergeant says

Continued from page 1

the graffiti Dec. 10 and said the building was without graffiti when she left Dec. 8, according to a DPS report.

Staff can enter the building to gather belongings before the building is locked every day at 5:30 p.m., Horner said. It’s possible the culprit snuck into the building.

“If someone were to go in the building and go to the bathroom, there’s no way of knowing they’re in the building (when it’s locked),” Horner said. “They’d be locked in, but they could get out.”

If caught, DPS will charge the Clinical Services vandal, or vandals, with a felony because the damage totals more than \$750.

The Eugene Police Department is currently investigating the case. Horner said that although DPS didn’t find a sign of forced entry, he doesn’t believe someone working in the building is responsible.

“People don’t usually do something to their own house,” Horner said.

Throughout Eugene, taggers spray graffiti to mark territory, express themselves through an art form or to gain notoriety, said EPD Sgt. Carolyn Mason, a four-year graffiti investigator.

“Out last estimate was that about 5 percent is gang-related (in Eugene),” she said. “It’s not art when it’s put on someone else’s property — no matter how good it is. Residents might see the graffiti as gang-related. They think, ‘Oh my God, this place is plagued by gangs.’”

Mason added that it would be a misconception that all graffiti is gang-related and said that Eugene sees little gang-related vandalism.

On campus, taggers typically write political messages such as anti-war slogans, Mason said. She sees the most vandalism on the Beltline Highway sound wall, and in the University, downtown and Churchill neighborhoods. Taggers will often target high-traffic areas where

they can show off their work.

Vandals leave city and campus crews with messes to clean. On campus, Ron Bloom, operations and maintenance manager for Facilities Services, is in charge of teams who remove graffiti. He said his team uses chemical and soap solutions and will sometimes pressure wash walls and sidewalks, which are the most difficult to clean.

“It’s a lot of work. We have graffiti every day all over campus,” Bloom said. “We try to get that removed as soon as possible.”

Bloom said most of the markings at Clinical Services were painted over, but graffiti could be found in the stairwell last week.

“We could spend up to a day in a place as big as Clinical Services with one painter trying to cover it up,” Bloom said.

Vandals created the biggest mess for Facilities Services about five years ago when they climbed Esslinger Hall

and covered outside walls, Bloom said.

The city’s Public Works department allocates \$85,000 for graffiti clean-up that includes staffing and equipment, Mason said.

DPS, Facilities Services and EPD work together to clean and investigate graffiti incidents.

EPD or DPS photographs the markings, and the photos are stored in an electronic database for about six years, Mason said. EPD catches most vandals when citizens call a tip line to report taggings in progress.

Bloom said graffiti can leave campus looking undesirable.

“It’s very unfortunate when parents and visitors come to campus,” Bloom said. “They like to see a nice, pleasing environment. (Graffiti) certainly takes away from that.”

Contact the crime, health and safety reporter at tdavis@dailyemerald.com

HISTORY OF GRAFFITI

The Italian word “graffiti” means a drawing or painting that is scratched, drawn or painted on a wall or surface.

Graffiti - The term originally referred to inscriptions and figure drawings found on the walls of ancient ruins. When archaeologists uncovered the Roman city of Pompeii, they found that the ancient Pompeians had “defaced” ornately painted frescoes and bathroom walls at bars with messages like “I screwed a lot of women here.”

Source: “Art Crime: Writing on the Wall” by George Stowers

WINTER BREAK DAMAGE

Damage - Department of Public Safety estimated damage to be \$1,110 for winter break vandalism at the Clinical Services building.

Clean up - Clean up for the Clinical Services building vandalism cost Facilities Services \$525.90, which doesn’t account for lost staff production.

CONSEQUENCES

Oregon Revised Statutes say vandals can be charged with third-degree criminal mischief and a Class C misdemeanor if the intent is to cause “substantial inconvenience to the owner or to another person.”

If damage is more than \$100 and less than \$750, the vandal is charged with first-degree criminal mischief, a Class A misdemeanor.

If damage exceeds \$750, the vandal is charged with first-degree criminal mischief, a Class C felony.

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- Where do the viewpoints overlap?

This small group will meet on four Wednesdays (February 21 & 28 and March 7 & 14) from 4 - 5:30 p.m.

If you're interested in participating, we'd like to hear from you by January 31, 2007. Please contact Annie Bentz at Conflict Resolution Services for more information or if you'd like to join the conversation.

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OREGON

Teenage drinking in Oregon is target of new legislation

BY BRAD CAIN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM, Ore. — Minors cited by police for possession of alcohol would face immediate and automatic suspension of their driving privileges under a bill Oregon's first lady, Mary Oberst, says is needed to combat a serious drinking problem among Oregon's young people.

Oberst, Attorney General Hardy Myers and others appeared at a news conference Tuesday to sound the alarm over state statistics showing that one in three eighth-graders in Oregon reported drinking alcohol in the past month.

By 11th grade, almost half the students surveyed reported drinking on one or more occasions in the previous 30

days, and almost 33 percent of them engaged in binge drinking — defined as having five or more drinks in a row, Oberst said.

"These statistics are alarmingly high," said Oberst, wife of Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who is one of 37 members of the Attorney General's Underage Drinking Task Force.

She and other members said they will push for passage of the new driver suspension law along with several other proposed statutes aimed at discouraging young people from drinking and adults from supplying alcohol to them.

Under the proposed suspension law, once a police officer cites a minor for possession of alcohol, the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle

Services office would immediately suspend the youth's driver's license — 90 days for a first offense and a year for subsequent offenses.

Currently, it takes a court conviction before a minor's license is suspended for an alcohol- or drug-related offense.

Another bill advocated by the task force would revise the current state law that allows adults to serve alcohol to their own children to make it illegal to serve alcohol in amounts that intoxicate children.

Also in the package are bills to make 18- to 20-year-olds subject to the same driver suspension penalties for possessing alcohol as 13- to 17- year-olds are now; and authorize courts to order

treatment programs for 13- to 17-year-olds cited for alcohol possession — not just 18- to 20- year-olds.

Several lawmakers were on hand for Tuesday's news conference to show their support for the bills aimed at discouraging youth drinking.

Rep. Phil Barnhart, a Eugene Democrat who also is a psychologist, said statistics show that youths who drink on a regular basis have more problems in school than their peers, are more prone to suicide attempts and suffer more traffic-related injuries and deaths.

"Adolescents and children are not miniature adults," Barnhart said. "To parents the message is clear: children and adolescents should not drink."

Park: WUN will apply for grant, secretary says

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along the alley side.

The park will now border the entire 14th Avenue side of the street, making it more visible to residents. Quinney's apartment buildings will have lighting and windows and balconies overlooking the park, deterring crime.

Working with members of the West University Neighbors, students drew and presented plans intended to make the park open to students, long-term residents and employees at Sacred Heart Medical Center.

The park is classified as a neighborhood park, meaning it serves all residents within a half-mile walking distance, said Robin Hostick, a landscape architect with Eugene Parks and Open Space. It is the only park in the neighborhood.

Ideas for the park ranged from simple amenities such as benches, ashtrays, pathways and a fountain to an amphitheater, a play area for children, kiosks for food and coffee vendors and Wi-Fi for Internet access.

Any idea for the new park is possible although it's all a matter of getting the money for it, Hostick said. Since funds for park maintenance are stretched, the city will build as much as they can and wait for funding for the next part.

"This charrette helps get the ball rolling," Hostick said.

WUN secretary Drix Rixmann said the group will apply for a Neighborhood Matching Grant, a program that gives city grants for neighborhood

AT A GLANCE

What: Architectural students and residents of the West University are working together on designs for the West University Neighborhood Park. The only park in the neighborhood, it closed in 1995 but has a new opportunity to reopen.

How to get involved: More information about the project can be found at the West University Neighbor's Web site, www.thewun.org. Students are invited to give input and help finalize designs for the park Saturday, Jan. 20 in Lawrence Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

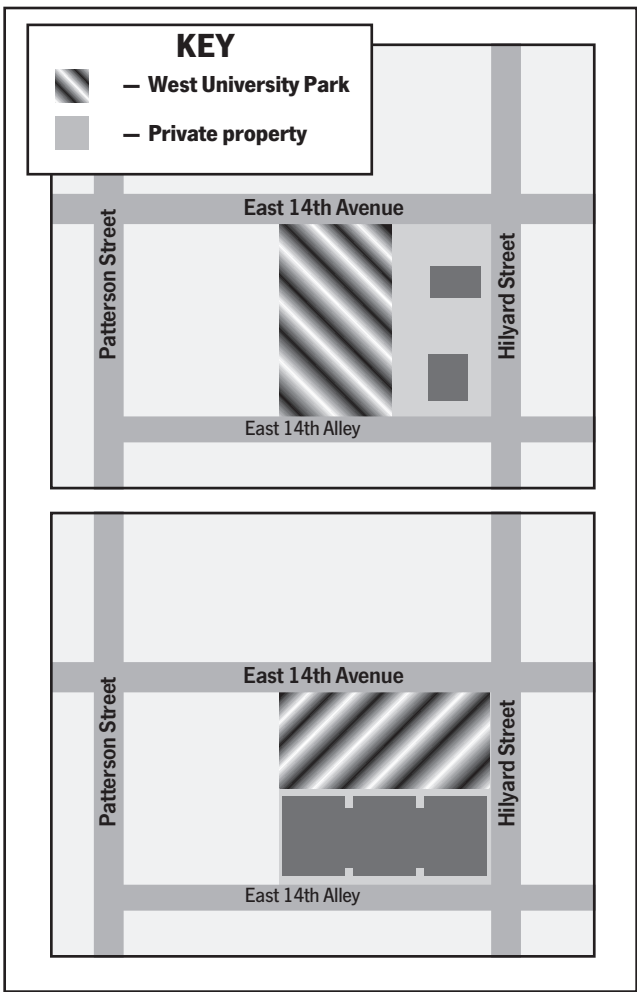
Final plans for the park will be presented at the West University Neighbors meeting Feb. 1 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church, 555 E. 15th Ave.

improvement projects.

The one-third acre size park was designed and built in the late 1970s by a local architecture firm and through a combination of work from neighborhood, city and University volunteers. Known as the park that neighborhood power built, it had a covered shelter, a fireplace, fruit trees, brick walkways and play areas, according to a Register-Guard article from the time.

WUN member Steven Baker said the park functioned quite well until the early- to mid-1990s, when transients from the Oregon County Fair and the Rainbow Gathering would fill the park to "standing room only."

13th Avenue between High Street and the University was also loaded with panhandlers at the time, who moved into the park after a city ordinance pushed them off the



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(Above) The current layout of the block containing the West University Neighborhood Park. (Below) The layout of the block after redevelopment.

street, he said.

"You always need a few long-term people here to maintain things because of the high number of tenants here," Baker said. "Here, we fell below critical mass."

The students and residents will work on finalizing designs for the park on

Saturday, Jan. 20 in Lawrence Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Diver said. Final designs will be presented at the WUN's next meeting on Feb. 1.

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Vortex: Site may expand to other schools soon

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Alford-Jones said.

Though Alford-Jones has brought in little revenue from the experiment so far, he said, the site currently offers approximately 80 posted items and has received nearly 17,000 hits.

"I'm just trying to get it moving here, get some momentum, and then take the concept and expand it as fast as possible," he said.

To help bear part of the burden of the operation, Alford-Jones has teamed with fellow University student and high-school friend Colin Jensen since winter break.

"It was all his idea, but I'm basically coming on board to help with the business stuff," Jensen said. "For me, it's just a way that I can learn a lot more."

Alford-Jones is taking a much more serious approach to the project, deciding not to enroll in classes this term to devote himself more fully to Campus Vortex. He said the risk of temporarily dropping out of school was one worth taking, though the concern of failure is a valid one.

"That's what makes it exciting, but ultimately you have to roll the dice to get anywhere worth being," Alford-Jones said.

Alford-Jones said the site was designed by StormLab, a software development firm based in Boulder, Colo., but that Campus Vortex would soon switch developers because the previous organization was bought out by a larger company last week.

Business Professor Alan Meyer, who taught Jensen in his Launching New Ventures

class last term, said he was somewhat skeptical of the idea at first because of existing outlets that already offer many of the same services. The idea has since grown on him, he said, and it has potential to be successful with its localized emphasis.

Alford-Jones and Jensen will have to act fast to maximize its appeal as a new option, he said.

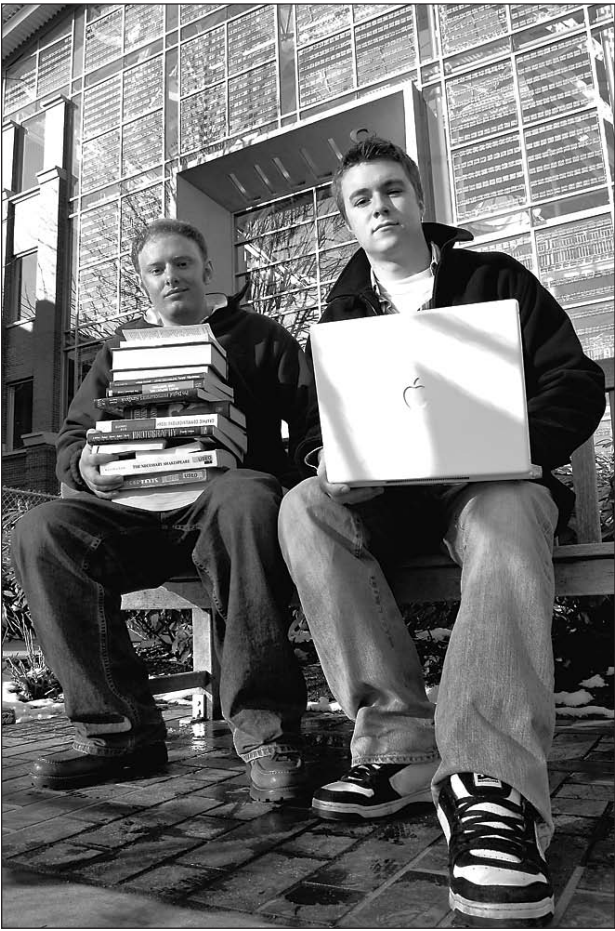
"There's some tipping point there where this becomes the go-to place," Meyer said. "I think the key thing is speed. They have a window of time to get enough buzz and reach that tipping point."

Alford-Jones said there have been several challenges in getting the company off the ground, but both he and Jensen are taking some prior business experience into their latest venture.

Jensen said he had experience running a landscaping business, and Alford-Jones said he helped a friend who founded a chocolate company out of Portland two years ago.

"I learned a lot from that," Alford-Jones said. "I think I learned a lot about being realistic with your goals. It's easy to think, 'Oh, I have this great idea. I'm going to go make a million dollars.'"

Alford-Jones said the biggest challenge remains promoting Campus Vortex to the public. He and Jensen have scheduled an information session about the company to be held this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in 212 Lillis, and an "official" group on Facebook devoted to Campus Vortex currently has more



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Eli Alford-Jones, left, the creator of Campus Vortex, is taking winter term off from classes to concentrate on promoting his Web site.

than 600 members.

Campus Vortex is currently available only at the University of Oregon, but there are plans to expand and open the site to Oregon State University and Seattle University as soon as this month.

Jensen plans to help operate Campus Vortex through the end of this year, after which he will take an executive manager position

at Target. If it is successful enough, Alford-Jones said he plans to pursue the venture as a long-term investment.

"It's exciting, and it's kind of scary sometimes," he said. "You just have to have faith idea and the ability to follow through with it."

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LECTURE

Weekly presentations begin Wednesday

Starting Wednesday, the School of Architecture & Allied Arts will present a six-part lecture series focusing on how conflict and war are presented in museums and memorials.

"Cities in War, Struggle and Peace: The Architecture of Memory and Life" will deal with the question of memory and how museums and memorials use everyday artifacts to demonstrate the horror of war, according to a news release.

Each of the free public lectures, which run every Wednesday until Feb. 21, will begin at 7 p.m. in 150 Columbia.

The first lecture is titled "From Lexington and Concord to 9-11: The Memorial Landscape of Violence," by Edward Linenthal, a professor of American history at Indiana University. He currently serves on the federal advisory commission for the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Penn., according to the release. For more information, contact the Department of Architecture at (541) 346-3656.

—Matt Tiffany

UNEMPLOYMENT

Oregon work force down slightly

PORTLAND — Oregon's work force shrank slightly in December as forecasts for a modest rise in nonfarm payrolls didn't pan out, state economists

said Tuesday.

The Oregon Employment Department's monthly figures showed the state's nonfarm payroll, adjusted for seasonal differences, declined by 2,100, leaving it at more than 1.7 million and about 1,500 lower than in August.

Holiday hiring was weaker than expected, said state economist David Cooke, with about 8,500 retail workers added compared to about 11,500 hired during the same period in 2005.

Overall, the trade, transportation and utilities sector shed 2,000 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis, the department's report said.

Professional and business services, which expanded rapidly from 2004 through mid-year, also showed a substantial reduction, 1,400 jobs.

Financial services and related enterprises continued to add workers at a strong clip — 1,200 in December, the report said.

The manufacturing work force also dwindled in December, the report said, continuing the trend of summer and fall. "Job losses were particularly acute in wood products, which has lost 1,500 jobs in 2006," it said.

The state's unemployment rate was up a tenth of a percent, at 5.4 percent, over November.

That compares to 4.5 percent nationally. The Oregon unemployment rate has consistently been about a percentage point higher than the national rate, Cooke said.

— The Associated Press

Wellness Wednesday

presented by the Health Promotion Department at the University Health Center



Who hasn't noticed the decreasing length of daylight hours lately? For some people, these shorter days translate into simply sleeping a bit more, like our pre-electricity ancestors. But for others the lack of light becomes harmful to their health.

During the winter months it is not uncommon to experience slight weight gain and reluctance to getting out of bed. However, over 1/2 million Americans experience an exaggerated, and often debilitating, form of depressed feelings known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). According to most researchers, SAD is generally thought to be the result of neurotransmitter imbalance caused by a lack of light (<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health>). Consequently December, January and February are the most difficult months for people with SAD.

Taking the Blues out of winter

SAD Symptoms

The symptoms of SAD usually start in the fall and are characterized by depression, lack of energy, excessive need for sleep, and cravings for sweet and/or starchy foods.

However, don't confuse the symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder with major depression. It is important to recognize that SAD is different in that it is caused by a decrease in light exposure and is seasonal. The depressive feelings subside in the spring and summer seasons.

The good news is that many SAD sufferers find that their symptoms subside if they partake in light therapy by spending at least a half hour a day in front of a light box relaxing, reading or meditating. It may also help to spend at least an hour outside every day, even if it is overcast. In some cases psychotherapy is also helpful, since a psychologist can help you distinguish between SAD and full on depression.

On the bright side

The good news for individuals who suffer from SAD, is that the Health Center and the Counseling Center can help. Students who suspect they have SAD can try light therapy, without having to go out and buy expensive lighting. The Health Center has full spectrum lights that are used to treat SAD. Students can make an appointment with a medical provider at the Health Center, or with a counselor at the Counseling Center. Both staff professionals can help identify possible causes of the student's symptoms. Students who are likely to benefit from light therapy can then use the lights at the Health Center. Call 346-2770 for appointments at the Health Center and 346-3227 for the Counseling Center. And mark your calendar for spring equinox, when the day becomes longer than the night. That date is March 22.



By Katie Erickson



CAROUSEL OF CREATIVITY

Student projects will be on display in the LaVerne Krause Art Gallery all term

BY TESS MCBRIDE
NEWS REPORTER

University students trickle into the LaVerne Krause Art Gallery on the first floor of Lawrence Hall. Waiting for their classes to begin, they silently walk the perimeter of the room, stopping to admire pen drawings, charcoal smears and even a rainbow sprinkles piece.

The pieces are from University fine art students and are part of the Krause Gallery's weekly changing exhibits that are displayed throughout the term.

Featured projects include "digital arts, fibers, photography, ceramics, painting and drawing, plus two weeks of exhibits of student work from programs taught this summer in Italy," according to a University news release.

"It provides an opportunity for more art to come in and students can see more art," said University senior Jessica Stapp, who visits the gallery at least once during each exhibit showing.

"I'll be excited for the Italy mixed media installation," Stapp said, who is an art major focusing in sculpture and ceramics.

This week features advanced drawing from last fall's Advanced Methodologies: Drawing course, which explored drawing "as a speculative and experimental practice applicable to a broad range of ideas and materials," according to Kate Nosen of the art department.

Sarah Hollars, a painting major who incorporated decorative sprinkles into her artwork on display, said the class focused on breaking the "superficial" barriers between drawing and other media forms, which students are taught to obey in beginning drawing classes, she said.

"That's why I used traditional mediums, like paint, and untraditional mediums, such as the sprinkles," she said of her three pieces on display that consist of vellum paper covered with gloss, watercolor, markers, pencil, charcoal and rainbow sprinkles.

Other pieces on display include graph paper with decapitated animal stickers, a watercolor floor display and realistic miniature paintings of everyday objects. Fourteen student artists participated in this week's exhibit.

Brian Knowles, a graduate student focusing in printmaking, incorporated an old projector the University was throwing away into his wall-to-floor display of black

repeated patterns in the shape of boxes, scaffolds and ladders on paper strips, he said.

"I'm interested in how systems in the world organize themselves," said Knowles, an ex-biochemistry major, of his inspiration for creating his piece on display this week. "It was experimentation initially," he said.

The projector, placed on the floor at the bottom of his half looped paper, reflects light back on to itself and creates the image of a loop, Knowles said.

He spent months creating the piece and didn't finish until 1 a.m. on Tuesday, after setting it up in the gallery.

"It would be a luxury to have it (on display) longer, but it needs to change every week," Knowles said of the weekly exhibits. He will have work on display during week 10's installation exhibit.

While more students are granted the opportunity to display their work with the constantly changing exhibits, some feel that one week is not enough time and two weeks would be more adequate.

"I felt like I set it up on Monday and had to take it down Friday morning. It didn't feel like enough time," said Daniel Sexton, a junior majoring in digital arts, who had work on display last term at the Krause Gallery.

"I come in here every week on Mondays," Sexton said. "I like to see more drawings and

experimental stuff."

Next week's exhibit will feature the Siena, Italy study abroad program's mixed media display.

"They did small molds and castings of bricks and collages and drawings that are two and three (dimensional)," said Amanda Wojick, the professor of the Siena program last July.

LaVerne Krause was a University alumna of 1946 who returned in 1966. She founded the University printing program during her 20 years as an art professor.

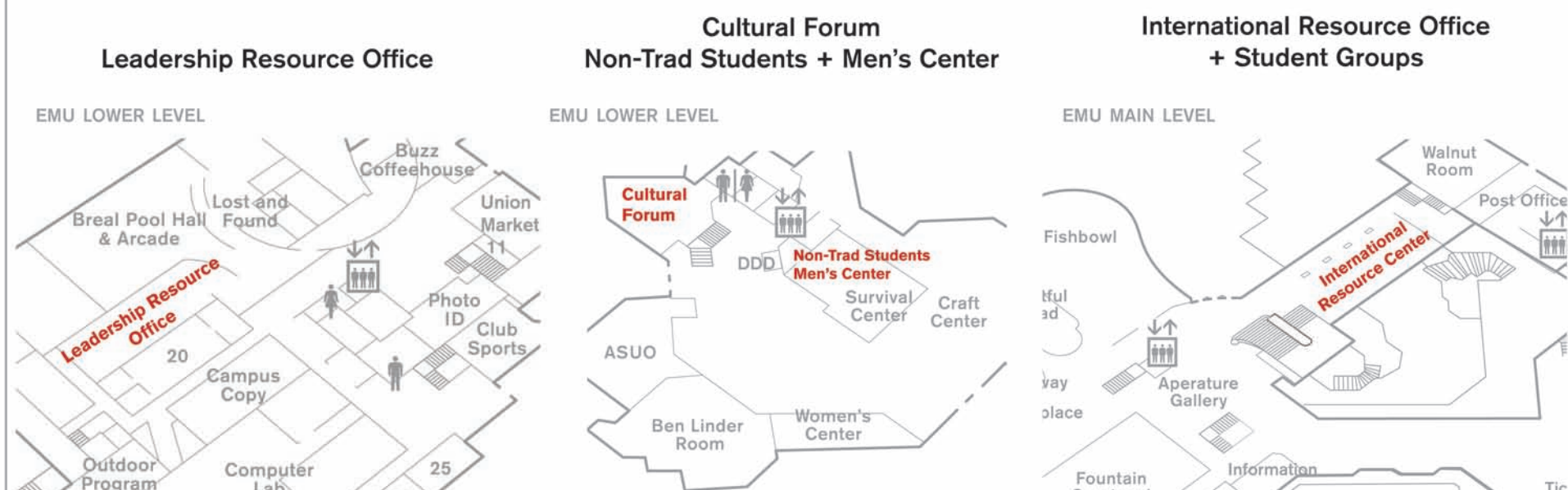
The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The advanced methodologies drawing class opened its exhibition Tuesday night at the LaVerne Krause Art Gallery on the first floor of Lawrence Hall.

Students mingle outside the LaVerne Krause Art Gallery. The exhibitions will change each week this term to highlight a different group's art.

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SUPREME COURT

Oregon case tests due process interpretation

A Portland woman's suit against Philip Morris has been appealed all the way to the Supreme Court

BY JOBETTA HEDELMAN
NEWS REPORTER

An Oregon case being heard by the Supreme Court may have a far-reaching impact on how much money juries can award people injured by big corporations.

The case, Philip Morris United States v. Williams, could change the interpretation of the "due process" clause of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution and change the way juries punish big corporations for harming the public.

Jesse Williams of Portland smoked for more than 40 years. At one point smoking as many as three packs a day of Marlboro cigarettes, Williams resisted the notion that cigarettes cause cancer because he did not believe the tobacco companies would sell such a dangerous product, according to documents from the Oregon Supreme Court.

Williams died in 1997, six months after being diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. His wife, Mayola, filed a lawsuit against Philip Morris, alleging fraud in the company's decades-long campaign to hide the dangers of smoking. The case alleged that the tobacco industry had known about the health risks of smoking for 40 years but had sought to convince the public that cigarettes were not dangerous.

When the case began, Philip Morris asked the judge to instruct the jury to disregard the harm caused to smokers other than Jesse Williams; the judge refused. When the jury ruled in favor of Mayola Williams, they considered harm to other Oregon smokers when awarding compensatory damages in the amount of \$821,485 and punitive damages in the amount of \$79.5 million —almost 97 times the compensatory award.

This is where the case gets significant, University law professor Caroline Forell said. Philip Morris appealed the ruling on the grounds that the Supreme Court has ruled that any punitive damages — that is, damages intended to punish the defendant and prevent future misconduct — can not exceed compensatory awards by a ratio greater than 10:1 without violating the right to due process. Both the Oregon Court of Appeals and Oregon Supreme Court upheld the original ruling.

The issue now before the Supreme Court is whether there is ever a case in which enormous punitive awards are constitutional.

In the past the Court has ruled that in determining punitive damages juries must consider three things: the reprehensibility of

Compensatory damages are the damages awarded for actual harm caused. These include economic damages and non-economic damages such as pain and suffering. Punitive damages are intended to punish defendants for their conduct in order to prevent future wrongdoing.

Due Process: The 14th Amendment of the Constitution says "nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Exactly what this means has been debated throughout U.S. history, but the Supreme Court has ruled that this applies to punitive damages because defendants have the right to know what

conduct; the ratio of punitive to compensatory damages; and what civil or criminal sanctions could be assessed, said Norman Williams (no relation to Jesse and Mayola), a law professor at Willamette University. The Court has generally limited the amount of punitive damages allowed, but has never really defined if and when huge awards are constitutional, he said.

The big difference between this case and the others involving the size of punitive damages is that previous cases only involved economic damages, not the death of a human being, Forell said.

"This is very, very different and much more important," she said.

Norman Williams said the Court's ruling on this case will be significant because it will finally explain what the previous case, State Farm v. Campbell, really means.

"When Campbell said double digit multipliers are

truly 'rare and exceptional,' exactly how rare and exceptional did the Supreme Court understand that to be?" he said. "Did they mean even exceptional and invalid in cases involving the death of a human being?"

The other issue at hand is what juries can consider when determining the size of punitive awards, Norman Williams said. In addition to appealing the size of the punitive award, Philip Morris is arguing that the jury should not have been allowed to factor in the harm cigarettes have done to other smokers. The award was so big in part because the harm done to so many others justified a very large fine.

He said that during oral arguments, justices questioned how juries can be told on one hand that they need to award damages commensurate with the defendant's conduct but that they must also disregard the harm defendants have done to society as a whole.

PUNITIVE DAMAGES: AT A GLANCE

to expect prior to the trial. For example: If there is nothing in Oregon law suggesting that an award above a 10:1 ratio to compensatory damages is possible, the defendant would not expect it and therefore a very large award violates due process.

BMW of North America, Inc. v. Gore: In this case, the Court ruled that states could not impose their legal readings onto other states. In this case, most people interpreted that to mean that juries could not base punitive damages on harm done to people in other states. Although the ruling in this case is frequently interpreted to mean that harm to people within the state can be considered, Philip

Morris is arguing that no parties who are not part of the lawsuit should be considered. This is also the first case in which the Supreme Court said that excessive punitive damages violate due process.

State Farm v. Campbell: A case in which the Supreme Court ruled that "in practice, few awards exceeding a single-digit ratio between punitive and compensatory damages, to a significant degree, will satisfy due process." Whether awards that greatly exceed a single-digit ratio are acceptable in extreme cases, such as when misconduct causes the death of a human being, is one of the key points of Philip Morris v. Williams.

"I think that type of instruction will only confuse jurors and lead to greater capriciousness in the amount of jury awards that are rendered," he said.

Forell said requiring juries to disregard harm to parties not involved in the lawsuit would "gut" punitive damages. Factoring in how many people are affected by a corporation's behavior has always been part of determining whether to give a plaintiff a "windfall," Forell said.

"In the past it has been very normal that the reason one person would get punitive damages is because they're acting on behalf of the public to prevent serious wrongdoing," she said.

Forell said this case is unique because it involves "very serious, proven misdoing" on the part of a large corporation that can afford to pay.

"In order to punish them you do have to have an award this large," she said.

It is difficult to guess how the Court will rule on this case because there are two new justices since the last time it considered the size of punitive damages, Forell said. This will be a case in which the justices are unlikely to rule along political lines.

Norman Williams said that the rulings on both aspects of the case will be far-reaching.

"The legal principles Supreme Court are deciding would apply to all civil litigation in the United States involving all types of misconduct," he said. "Any defendant — individual or corporate — found to engage in illegal conduct that harmed an individual, the Williams case will shape how much punitive damages a jury could award to a plaintiff in those cases."

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ISRAEL

Israeli army chief of staff resigns

JERUSALEM — Israeli army commander Lt. Gen. Dan Halutz, under fire for failures in last summer's war in Lebanon, has resigned, the Defense Ministry said early Wednesday.

Halutz has been under pressure to step down ever since the end of the 34-day war, which failed in its goals of defeating the anti-Israel militant group Hezbollah and bringing home two captured soldiers.

Israeli launched a full-scale attack on Lebanese Hezbollah guerrillas after they seized the two men and killed three other soldiers in a cross-border raid July 12.

Army Radio reported that

Halutz sent his letter of resignation to Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, saying that he was taking responsibility for the outcome of the war.

"For me the concept of responsibility is everything," Halutz wrote, according to Army Radio.

SYRIA

Details about ancient urban center emerge

CHICAGO — It was the ancient version of a last stand: Twelve clay bullets lined up and ready to be shot from slings in a desperate attempt to stop fierce invaders who soon would reduce much of the city to rubble.

The discovery was made in the ruins of Hamoukar, an ancient settlement in northeastern Syria located just miles from the border

with Iraq.

Thought to be one of the world's earliest cities and located in northern Mesopotamia between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, it is the site of joint excavations by the University of Chicago and the Syrian Department of Antiquities.

Excavations have been going on at the site since 1999, but in digs conducted this past fall, researchers uncovered new evidence of the city's end and more clues about how urban life there may have begun. The University of Chicago was to announce the findings Tuesday.

The site is so close to Iraq that Clemens Reichel, the American co-director of the expedition, has seen explosions on the other side of the border.

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DUCK TENNIS

Oregon loses match, but gains needed experience

Oregon drops its first match in more than a month, but sheds some rust during the Freeman Memorial match

BY STEFANIE LOH
SPORTS REPORTER

Weather conditions hampered the Ducks at the Freeman Memorial Women's Tennis Championships in Las Vegas over the weekend, as the Oregon women's tennis team fought off all remnants of the rust that had accumulated after a month of inactivity.

Amidst 30-degree temperatures and a looming winter storm, the 42nd-ranked Ducks went 1-5 in both singles and doubles matches over the weekend.

Senior Monica Hoz de Vila notched Oregon's only singles win when she beat Arizona State's Jessica Leitch 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the Flight Two singles category.

The Ducks' lone doubles win came from sophomore pair Carmen Seremeta and Claudia Hirt on Saturday.

Seremeta and Hirt narrowly overcame Georgia Tech's Alison Silverio and Tarryn Rudman 9-8.

"We played okay against Georgia Tech, but we could have won our first match," Seremeta said, referring to the 8-4 defeat that she and Hirt suffered to Notre Dame's senior twin tandem of Catrina Thompson

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IN MY OPINION



JEFFREY DRANSFELDT
THREE TO WIN

Better days lie ahead for this flock of Ducks

One after the other, three members of the Oregon women's basketball team made their way to the podium for postgame interviews following Saturday's loss to Arizona State. They expressed frustration, having lost for the fourth time in six Pacific-10 Conference games, but appeared no less disheartened with the task ahead of them.

And they shouldn't be.

Oregon is the midst of a difficult stretch. Its 80-70 loss to the Sun Devils Saturday night left the Ducks 10-6 overall, 2-4 in the Pac-10 Conference. The record is commendable considering the personnel losses experienced at the beginning of the season.

Merely surpassing expectations is little relief to a senior-dominated team. Oregon has a reasonable chance at a winning record and I believe they'll achieve it. If the Ducks can find their way into .500 territory and a possible berth in the Women's National Invitation Tournament, it leaves room for optimism.

Oregon's incoming recruiting class is nationally ranked and offers relief with five seniors graduating, including leading scorer Eleanor Haring.

Oregon is finding ways to be competitive with the players it has now, never more evident than its recent trip to Los Angeles to face USC and UCLA.

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SHOOTING FOR THE TOP

With his 28 goals and 45 points, Eric Steinmann has propelled his team to second place in the Pac-8 conference

DAN JONES
FREELANCE REPORTER

Words like "regionals," "nationals" and "championships," in the world of sports, are often regarded as hallowed. They are the reasons athletes compete.

It's refreshing, then, to hear Eric Steinmann's take on them.

"I just love to hang out with the guys," Steinmann said.

Steinmann is going to show you just as much excitement talking about his other hobbies, like snowboarding, dirt biking and playing the guitar, as he will about playing forward for the Oregon club hockey team. He may get as much satisfaction spending time with teammates as he does scoring goals.

As uneventful as Steinmann may make team goals and big venues sound, the junior would be lost if he wasn't pursuing them.

"I don't know what I would do if I didn't play hockey with a group of kids that all love to go out there," he said.

Steinmann, a second-year player who transferred from the University of Wyoming after his freshman year, has recorded a team-leading 45 points and notched 17 assists in 19 battles for the Ducks. He also has a team-best 28 goals.

In the span of Oregon's first four games, Steinmann recorded two

four-goal games to guide the Ducks to three valuable Pac-8 victories.

Not a bad way to open the season though he won't tell you that.

"It was ridiculous for me to have such a big part," Steinmann said. "Even if you take me out (of Oregon's first three wins), we killed them either way. My role maybe mattered a little bit."

Steinmann will be the first to dispel any ideas about him being a sizable reason for it, but Oregon has been a threat in the Pac-8 for many weeks. The Ducks are 16-3 overall, 10-2 in Pac-8 play and second in the conference standings with 18.0 points — only three points away from USC's number one position (10-3 Pac-8). Oregon is ranked ninth with 64 points in the American Collegiate Hockey Association West Region poll, again only trailing USC, ranked seventh, from the Pac-8.

Steinmann has helped cement Oregon's place in the Pac-8 Championship in Los Angeles, Feb. 9 and 10, most likely as the



COURTESY

Eric Steinmann transferred to Oregon from the University of Wyoming after speaking with current Oregon teammate and friend Cal Brackin.

second seed. The Ducks would also earn a birth into the regional tournament in Logan, Utah, Feb. 16-17, as one of the top 10 teams in the West Region if action started today.

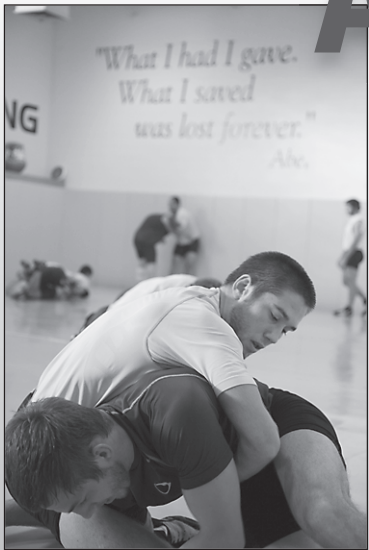
"Eric's pretty self-sufficient," head coach Scott McCallum said. "He is really hard on himself if he is having a rough game or

if things aren't going his way, but for the most part if things are going well he is having fun and he does what he does best — He scores goals."

Steinmann's skills as a hockey

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Chris Dearmon



Sport: Wrestling Year: Senior
Weight class: Heavyweight

Oregon Daily Emerald: What's the most common misconception about wrestlers?
Chris Dearmon: The biggest misconception is probably that we are all dirty people, which we're not.

ODE: What do you miss about the old wrestling practice facility?
Dearmon: Nothing. Over there, there wasn't much space. Everything was congested. Here we have a lot more space, it's more open.

ODE: What Oregon athletes do you like to hang out with besides wrestlers?
Dearmon: Mostly I hang out with the other wrestlers but I

have a few friends on the track and the football team. If I had to pick a favorite it would be the offensive line, any of them.

ODE: What band are you most likely to be caught listening to?
Dearmon: The Offspring

ODE: What do you do in your spare time?
Dearmon: During wrestling season not much, I just sit around and do nothing.

ODE: You're a sociology major, why?
Dearmon: I don't know, something to do I guess. I've gotta get something while I'm here.

— Kevin Hudson

IN MY OPINION

Tomlinson's legs, not mouth, should do the talking

JOSH NORRIS
JUST A BIT OUTSIDE

Three weeks ago, San Diego Chargers' superstar running back LaDainian Tomlinson had the world at his immensely talented feet. His team had just finished off an impeccable 14-2 season and was steamrolling toward a first-round bye in the NFL playoffs. In the weeks prior, and throughout the course of his career, Tomlinson had been the definition of class. Not once did he appear on SportsCenter for busting a gun, shooting his mouth off, or pulling some stunt after a march into the end zone. He also

remained gracious in defeat, never placing blame where it didn't belong.

Flash-forward to Sunday and we see an entirely different picture of Tomlinson: standing at a podium following the Chargers' unceremonious ousting at home in San Diego's cushy Qualcomm Stadium complaining about how mean the big, bad Patriots were while celebrating their hard-earned victory.

A word of advice, LaDainian: Keep it to yourself.

The celebration in question occurred when several New England players imitated Chargers' linebacker Shawne

Merriman's sack dance at mid-field, the ultimate sign of disrespect. During the next day's news conference, Tomlinson expressed hurt and surprise at the way the Patriots had acted.

"When you go to the middle of our field, when you start doing the dance that Shawne Merriman is known for, that's very disrespectful to me. And I can't sit there and watch that. And so, yeah, I was very upset. And just the fact that they showed no class at all. Absolutely no class. And maybe that comes from their head coach. So you know, there you have it."

The very fact that the Patriots

had a dance to imitate should be a clue to Tomlinson that maybe, just maybe, the Chargers had it coming to them.

Every time Merriman recorded a sack (he had 17 this year) or tackled a player for a loss, out came the dance. He flailed his arms, stomped his feet and did everything he could to let the opponent that, for the moment, he was king. So why should it come as any surprise to Tomlinson that after a season of dancing, someone was eventually going to dance back?

To the notion that the Patriots had won countless big games during their dynasty years

and should, at the very least, act as if they had been there before, baloney.

Sure, they have been in many big games before, but not for a very long time have the Patriots been in a playoff game where they were expected to lose by everyone outside of New England. That hasn't happened since the beginning of the Tom Brady era way back in 2001.

There they were, dead to the world and in front of the angry masses staring squarely down the barrel of an early return trip home. And they had the gall to shock the world and win? Damn right they were gonna dance.

Maybe they took it a little too far by taking their act onto the sacred Chargers' Bolt, but not by much. For Tomlinson to take such public offense to a relatively minor infraction is beneath him. He should simply have taken it all in and used it for fuel for when the Chargers next invade Gillette. Then, when he next glides through the Pats' defensive line and into the end zone, he should simply hand the ball to the official and show the world how a real winner celebrates.

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Golden Bears' head coach will stay onboard until year 2013

BRYN JANSSON
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A day after Oregon offensive coordinator Gary Crowton left the Ducks for Louisiana State University, another former Oregon coordinator agreed to a new contract.

The Associated Press reported that California football coach Jeff Tedford has agreed to a four-year extension that will keep him on the sidelines in Berkeley through

2013. It is expected to be officially approved Thursday.

Tedford, Oregon's offensive coordinator from 1998-2001, is two years into a five-year deal worth a possible \$2 million per season. The new extension would kick in for the 2010 season. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Tedford is well-known for his quarterback developing talent. Prior to arriving at Oregon, he was quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator at Fresno

State where he tutored Trent Dilfer and David Carr into NFL-caliber quarterbacks.

While at Oregon, Tedford sent Akili Smith, A.J. Feeley and Joey Harrington to the NFL and in his five years at Cal, Kyle Boller and Aaron Rodgers both became first-round draft picks.

In 2001, the year before Tedford arrived in Berkeley, the Bears were 1-10, the laughingstock of the Pacific-10 Conference and were averaging

only 33,000 fans per game. Cal had only sold out three games not against Stanford at Memorial Coliseum since the 1950s.

Since then the two-time Pac-10 Coach of the Year has compiled an overall record of 43-20 and restored respectability to the program.

This past season, his fifth at Cal, Tedford led the Golden Bears to a 10-3 record, a share of the Pac-10 title for the first time since 1975, averaging

over 64,000 fans per game and sold out three games, including the Oct. 7 45-24 win over Oregon.

His 2004 team finished 10-2 and was ranked as high as No. 4 in the nation. Tedford has also never lost to archrival Stanford.

California's resurgence under Tedford has led to renewed enthusiasm for the program, which in turn has helped the school pay for new amenities such as a

large training complex and a much-needed renovation of Memorial Stadium.

The Bears are losing Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year Marshawn Lynch to the NFL Draft, but still return starting quarterback Nate Longshore, the nation's top return man in DeSean Jackson and backup running back Justin Forsett who ran for 999 yards in 2005.

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Dransfeldt: All of Oregon's losses have been winnable, says Nurse

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Few fans witnessed it. Oregon players realize it. Point guard Tamika Nurse has expressed the sentiment multiple times. Oregon is close to being successful and is capable of winning any game it plays.

Against USC, Oregon stood within an inbound pass of scoring a well-earned win in the Trojans' Galen Center. Two days later, a six-point Oregon halftime lead disappeared in a Bruins second-half flourish.

"We're here and people have to respect us at least," Nurse said following the USC loss. "A lot of people didn't respect us before the season."

Nurse is one of the season's surprises. She's made last season a distant memory with averages of 9.4 points, 3.5 assists and 1.1 steals. She's spurred an Oregon offense

that has a chance to break the school record for three-pointers made in a season.

Oregon's road to a winning season continues this week in Northern California. Stanford is ranked No. 9 and its record is 19-1 when hosting Oregon in Maples Pavilion. California sits at No. 21, fresh off a rout of Washington.

BYU did upset Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif. and Oregon beat BYU at home over the holidays. So hypothetically, there is hope.

Oregon then arrives home for a crucial four-game stretch — two against rival Oregon State (home and away) — and match-ups with UCLA and USC. All four games are winnable and should give a strong indication of where this team is headed.

By then, Oregon will be heading out on a difficult Arizona road trip and returning home to find the Bay Area

schools at McArthur Court.

The way this tight knit Oregon team has handled itself leads me to believe it will avoid a collapse. Oregon is not in the running for a Pac-10 title or an NCAA Tournament berth.

What they do have is a chance to surpass last season's win-loss ledger. Considering Oregon lost Gabrielle Richards and Kristen Forristall before the season, this is no small accomplishment.

"I think any game we've played pretty much so far has been there to be had," Nurse said. "We haven't been in any many games where we've been blown out or where we didn't have a shot. As long as we come into games with the idea that we have a shot in every game, I think every game will be there for the taking."

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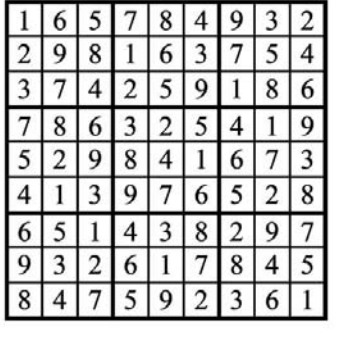
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Hockey: Upswing in assertiveness has led to more scoring, says Steinmann

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player were honed in Colorado Springs, Colo., as a teenager.

Playing his sophomore and junior years for the Pikes Peak Miners, a Midget AAA U-16 club team, Steinmann and his teammates played in roughly 75 games and practiced every day. He craved change after a disastrous junior year that saw him break his leg in one of his first contests.

"It was kind of a bad year in every way," Steinmann said. "I wasn't doing what I really wanted to do. I mean, Jackson Hole is a ski town. Hockey was fun but I got burnt out."

The kid from Jackson Hole, Wyo., continued what he always had done in his first year of college at the University of Wyoming:

He kept playing hockey. He made it on the Division III club team his freshman

year, but his old teammate from high school and current teammate, Cal Brackin, kept in touch with Steinmann from Oregon.

Brackin, then a freshman at Oregon, urged Steinmann to transfer and try out for the Ducks' squad the following year. If anything, so that Steinmann could get out of his home state and see something new.

Steinmann couldn't resist, ultimately deciding to make the change to meet new people — and play more hockey.

"I was born in Wyoming and raised there, and a lot of my friends went to Wyoming so I went there not really at will — I just wanted to go to school," Steinmann said. "I wasn't really enjoying the real college experience. I wanted to come to Oregon to meet new people."

Steinmann's role for the Ducks changed drastically from his sophomore year to his junior year. During the 2005-06 season, they called him a playmaker — Steinmann only had five goals and 18 points. This season, he is a binge scorer.

"Last year his role was as playmaker," teammate and team coordinator Jeff Gibb said. "He was the one who would be fighting in the corner and digging the puck out, setting up the plays that would lead to goals. I don't know what he did, but he has developed into a great scorer this year."

Gibb added that Steinmann is very patient with the puck, preferring to move the puck around and examine the defense rather than automatically shoot or pass it.

"He sees the ice really well," McCallum said. "He

knows where the puck is going to go. Instinctively, he goes to where the puck is going to be. He is one step ahead and has a really accurate shot."

Steinmann credits his increase in scoring to simply being more assertive. Last year, he said, he didn't take shots when he could have. Steinmann himself couldn't come up with a detailed explanation for why he is able to do what he does on the ice. He is certain of one thing though: Oregon feels like home now because the game is beginning to feel like a game again.

"I just do it for fun now," Steinmann said. "Our team has fun all the time. You don't know anyone coming to a new school and hockey players are the same anyway. All are awesome kids. We have so much fun now."

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Oregon's sophomore forward Eric Steinmann leads the team this season with 28 goals. The Ducks are second in the Pac-8 standings.

Tennis: Defeat in Las Vegas gives team extra motivation for rest of regular season

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and Christian Thompson the day before.

"I think a lot of it was just the fact that we didn't go in (to the tournament) with too much practice," Seremeta said. "I didn't play my best."

The Ducks played in Las Vegas on just three days of

practice after a five-week winter break hiatus.

"We just need to practice more," senior Dominika Dieskova said. "We all played okay, but nothing great. Those teams that we played are some of the best teams around. We need to get more confidence from practice and to feel more

comfortable on the courts."

Dieskova and Ceci Olivos, the third-seeded doubles team going into the tournament, were upset 8-2 by UNLV's unranked Elena Gantcheva and Kristina Nedeltcheva in the first round of Flight One on Friday.

"I expected a little more in that match," Oregon coach

Paul Reber said. "But the conditions were bad, it was breezy, and (UNLV) handled the conditions better than we did."

"We had opportunities early and just couldn't capitalize on those."

Despite Oregon's rough weekend, Dieskova thinks the tournament was important

to help the team get back into match rhythm in preparation for the season opener this Saturday.

"Even though we lost a few matches, it's way better that we went to Las Vegas and played actual matches instead of staying in Eugene and just practicing," Dieskova said. "Because match

experience gives you way more than practice would."

"It definitely motivates us to work harder and get our things together. It's like a wake up call — like hey, we're starting now and we definitely have to do better."

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