

Kamikaze kickers end first season Saturday

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The University nine-member dance team, the "Kamikaze Kickers," will perform for the last time this year Saturday at 4 p.m. in McArthur Court.

The group, directed by Captain Betty Christensen, and Co-captain Debi Dirks will perform at the UCLA-UO University pregame to a tune by Aerosmith titled "Walk This Way."

The dance team first started in September with a total of 15 members. "Now we have nine," says Dirks. "The people that are in it now are the ones that have stuck it out through the whole year."

Christensen says the group ran into a lot of organizational problems in the beginning that caused them to lose members, partly due to only having one adviser, Dianna Hovick, who is also the rally adviser. "It was just too much work for her," says Christensen.

OSU housing may soon have 24-hour visitations

The student senate at Oregon State University (OSU) has proposed a recommendation for all student housing to be open to 24-hour visitation by members of the opposite sex.

According to Al Chick, president of the Student Residence Hall Association at OSU, "It's a freedom the students deserve because the university shouldn't be a second mother for the students here." The 24-3 vote with three abstentions this week supports proposed changes in visiting regulations that could affect 6,000 students living in housing owned or sanctioned by the university, including dormitories, fraternities, sororities and cooperatives.

The senate decision will go to a conduct committee composed of students and faculty members. The committee's recommendation will then be submitted to the administration to make the final decision.

Unlike present OSU housing rules allowing students round-the-clock visiting privileges in the main lounges of all residence halls, the University of Oregon regulates visiting hours for entire dormitories.

Donald Lee, associate director of housing at this University, says non-residents are not allowed in the halls from midnight to 6 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 2 to 6 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

There are no room checks after hours, Lee says, but the outside doors to the dorms are locked earlier in the evenings to discourage



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The dance team hired another adviser this winter, Bertie Van-Geem, a teacher at Roosevelt Jr. High School. "Getting our own adviser helped," says Dirks.

"After a formative year, things are on their way," says Christensen. "I think it shows a lot that there are still nine of us hanging in there."

The Kamikaze Kickers previously performed for the University football games. "At the end of the (basketball) season, we'll have danced at eight home games and one in Portland," says Dirks.

All choreography for the dance team is done by the group members. "All the girls have helped in putting together the routines," says Dirks. Saturday's dance is choreographed by dance team member Lynelle Swift.

Other members of the group include Lori Kohler, Kalin Blaco, Doris Berkeley, Carolyn Bonebrake, Loralie Edminsten and Leslie Weaver.

"We're enjoying ourselves," says Dirks. "The whole thing that keeps me going during the week is knowing that we're going to dance."

"And we have gotten a lot of good feedback," says Christensen.

In addition to dance performances, the dance team plans to hold a clinic before rally try-outs to teach junior high and high school dance teams. The clinic will also

include the rally squad who will conduct clinics in cheerleading.

Rally try-outs will be held the third or fourth week of spring quarter, although a date has not been set. The dance team try-outs will consist of learning and performing a dance for a panel of judges.

The dance team will also be flashing score cards for the mens NCAA gymnastics championships held in Eugene on April 6, 7 and 8.

"I like to dance," says Dirks. "And get out in front of people and make them enjoy themselves. Even if I see only a few people enjoy themselves, that's good enough for me."

outside persons who don't have keys.

Lee doesn't foresee any changes in this University's housing regulations, although he admits the situation has changed drastically in the past decade or so.

"Years ago, members of the opposite sex were not allowed in any of the dormitory buildings," Lee says.

Now, there are open rooms for out-of-town guests and visitors, and limited visiting hours for security reasons and resident protection.

Lee feels it is important to maintain the regulations, because "If you don't have a break of some sort, how would you handle a permanent visitor?"

Without visitation restrictions, it is "possible for someone to live there permanently," Lee believes.

Only one OSU resident hall for students over 21 years old currently allows 24-hour visiting in private rooms.

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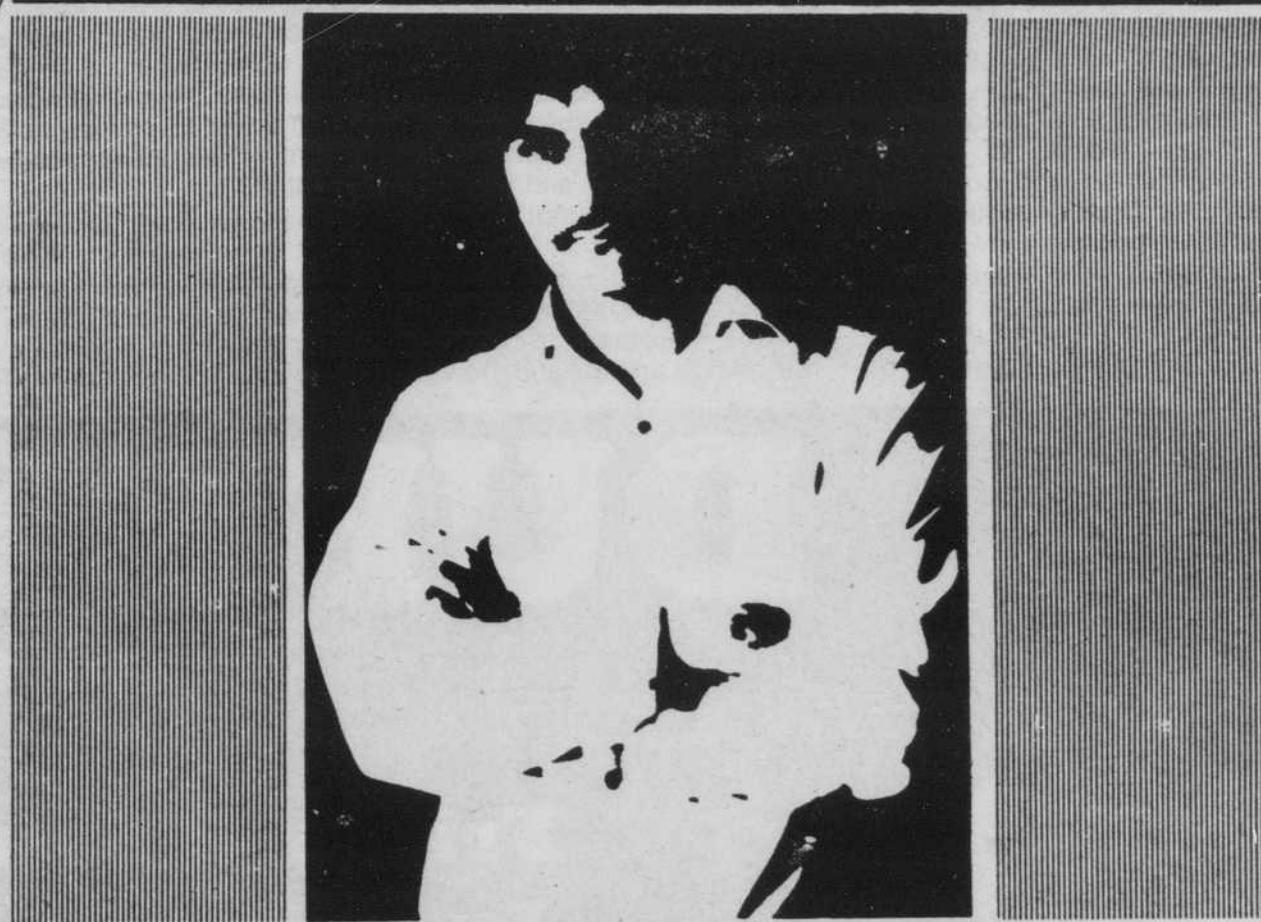
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