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## Winter workout

Flying frisbees and falling leaves competed for airspace Sunday as dry weather brought out frisbee-golfers Craig Kotlarek and Marty Nills. Balmy fall days will be shortlived, as the National Weather Service predicts showers today and tonight with partial clearing Tuesday. High today in the upper 40s.

## Ex-University head leads list of speakers

Activists Nader, McAliskey also appearing

Students with a couple hours of extra time Monday can learn about civil liberties in America, political activities in Ireland or government and corporate responsibility to the public and the environment as three prominent speakers come to campus today.

Former University president Arthur Flemming, Irish political activist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey and consumer rights advocate Ralph Nader will lecture on their areas of expertise in a busy day for listeners.

The first speaker of the day is Nader, who will discuss "Corporate and Governmental Irresponsibility towards the Public and the Environment" at 12:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. Tickets are \$1 for students and \$2 for the public.

Nader received nationwide attention in 1965 for attacks on the auto industry in his book "Unsafe at any Speed."

He has been active in government as well, initiating the National Traffic and Safety Act, the Highway Safety Act, the Comprehensive Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Wholesome Meat Act, among others.

Nader's plan to establish public interest research groups resulted in the formation of OSPIRG at the University in 1972, the first campus PIRG. More than 20 states now have PIRGs.

Nader's appearance is sponsored by the Cultural Forum, Survival Center, OSPIRG, ASUO and Save Our Ecosystems.

Flemming recently became another government watchdog. Dismissed from his post as chairman of the Commission of Civil Rights by Pres. Ronald Reagan one year ago, Flemming has formed a "shadow civil rights commission" to monitor the civil rights policies of the Reagan administration.

He will speak on the federal government's civil rights responsibility at 4:30 p.m. in the Gerlinger Hall Alumni Lounge.

Flemming, 77, has had a distinguished career in both the academic and political spheres.

He has been president of three institutions of higher education — his alma mater, Ohio Wesleyan University, the University, from 1961 to 1968, and Macalester College in Minnesota.

Following Flemming's speech, a five-member panel will respond to his remarks. Panel members are Derrick Bell, law school dean; Charlene Curry, University government relations director; Linda Greene, associate professor of law; Gary Kim, coordinator of the Council for Minority Education; and Norma Comrada McFadden, University affirmative action director.

The free program is sponsored by the Office of University Relations.

Bernadette Devlin McAliskey gained worldwide fame as a militant leader of Northern Ireland's Catholic minority in 1969, when she became the youngest person ever elected to Parliament. Several years ago, McAliskey and her husband were the victims of an assassination attempt, in which she was wounded five times.

She will speak at 8 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom as part of a limited speaking tour of North America.

Her appearance is sponsored by the United Ireland Support Committee, the Cultural Forum and the ASUO. Admission is \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for the public.

Music and dancing with Maria O'Deachain Campbell, Nick Voreas and Apples in Winter will accompany the speech.

## Kerans chosen House speaker

**SALEM** — For the second time in less than a week Eugene Democrat Grattan Kerans has been elected to office. Only this time, Kerans has been elected by his Democratic peers to the post of speaker of the House of Representatives for the 1983 legislative session.

Kerans successfully lobbied among the 35 returning or newly elected House Democrats to get the job as speaker of the House. The 36 Democrats spend most of Sunday evening in caucus choosing who would lead the House in January. Kerans' chief competition came from four veteran House members, Reps. Jeff Gilmour of Jefferson, Glen Whalen of Milwaukie, Glenn Otto of Troutdale and Vera Katz of Portland. Rep. Hardy Myers of Portland, last session's speaker, declined the job this year.

The office of the speaker is the most powerful and influential in the House. As speaker of the House Kerans appoints committee chairmen, determines membership on committees and routes the various bills to the appropriate committees. This makes the House speaker one of the key forces in all legislative action. Much of the attitude of the entire session is formed by the temperament of the speaker himself.

Some House observers weren't surprised that the Democrats chose Kerans as speaker. He did help recruit and aid in the campaigns of most of those newly elected Democrats. Kerans may have been calling for the return of some early



Grattan Kerans

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favors from many of the novice legislators.

As early as Thursday Kerans was conservatively estimating he had between 17 and 22 votes for the speaker's job. A 19 vote majority would have been enough to win.

The Democratic caucus elected Kerans by a substantial margin.

Kerans is a former student at the University and editor of the Oregon Daily Emerald. In his early career in the House (1975-77) he was accused of being too partisan.

## Lawsuit targets city council in arts center name change

Controversy still surrounds the City Council's name change of the Eugene Performing Arts Center to the Hult Center for the Performing Arts.

Citizens For Open Government is expected to file a lawsuit in Lane County Circuit Court following a press conference at 10:45 this morning. The lawsuit alleges that the Eugene City Council violated the Oregon Public Meetings Law when it changed the center's name at an impromptu meeting during a \$10-a-plate recognition dinner Sept. 23.

The 17-member CFOG lists three group members as complainants in the suit: John Bauguess, Morley Young and Rachele Raie. The group has retained Eugene attorney Richard Houghton to represent them.

"The city council violated the public meetings law in changing the name of the performing arts center in what was essentially a closed meeting," says Bauguess. "The public was not adequately notified of the event and the \$10 ticket price was a barrier."

When group members approached the mayor and City Council with their complaint some officials responded that the action was legal and that "if we didn't like it we could go ahead and sue," Bauguess says. "So we did."

The Oregon Public Meetings Law policy statement says it is the intent of the statute that "decisions of governing bodies be arrived at openly." The law, which outlines how meetings should be conducted, includes a provision (ORS 192.640) specifically stating that "the governing body of a public body shall provide for and give public notice, reasonably calculated to give actual notice to interested persons . . ."