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Tubing accident takes life of University athlete

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University basketball player Jesse Nash drowned in the Willamette River on Sunday afternoon after falling from an inner tube. He was pronounced dead at Sacred Heart General Hospital at about 5 p.m., said hospital spokesman Alan Yordy.

According to a Eugene Police Department report, Nash and a friend were floating down the Willamette River on two inner tubes just west of the Autzen Footbridge when Nash's inner tube flipped over, sending Nash into the water. Nash resurfaced face down and then went under again, where he remained for about five to 10 minutes, the report said.

Police were notified of the accident shortly after Nash fell in the water at 3:23 p.m.

Bystanders pulled Nash onto an island about 200 to 300 yards west of the bridge and administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation until paramedics arrived by boat, the report said.

According to University sophomore Steve Blue, who witnessed the accident from the footbridge, Nash and this year's basketball team captain Kenny



Photo by Maria Corvallis

Paramedics at the southbank soccer field load diving gear into the ambulance and prepare to leave for Sacred Heart Hospital with Jesse Nash after repeated resuscitation attempts proved unsuccessful.

Sprague were about 20 feet west of the footbridge when Nash fell in.

"His head would bob up, but it never came completely out of the water," Blue said.

Witness Andy Swanson said

he was one of about 50 people who searched for at least 10 minutes before finding Nash near an island about 250 yards west of the footbridge. After someone found Nash, Swanson said he half-swam, half-ran to

Nash and began giving him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while still in the water.

Swanson, a University freshman, said he continued trying to revive Nash for three to four minutes before bystanders

pulled Nash to the island where about four people took turns administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and CPR until paramedics arrived about six minutes later.

Paramedics, while continuing efforts to revive him, took Nash by boat to an ambulance waiting at the southbank soccer field. Nash was then taken to Sacred Heart, where he was admitted at 4:18 p.m. Sprague was unhurt.

Swanson said people at the scene were confused about what had happened, which contributed to the time it took to find Nash.

Paramedics at the scene said a pulse was never re-established after Nash was pulled from the water.

Nash was a 21-year-old prominent athlete at the University and a junior psychology major. He joined the Ducks last fall from Santa Monica Community College and started 19 games last season. He is survived by his mother, Vernise Nash, of Wilmington, Del.

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Professors analyze Gary Hart's trouble

By Laurie Schwartz
Of the Emerald

The whirlwind collapse of Gary Hart's presidential campaign is leaving in its wake a heated debate about whether womanizing is a legitimate issue in a presidential campaign.

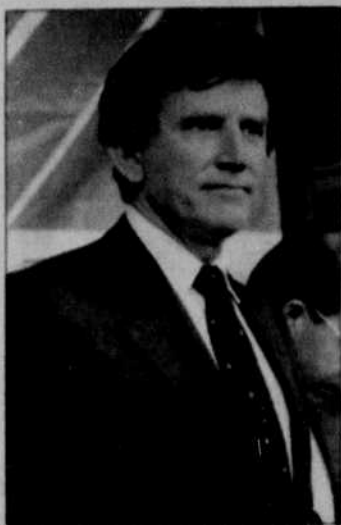
Priscilla Southwell, a University political science professor, believes questions about Hart's womanizing did not belong in the political arena. Southwell knew Hart personally and worked on his 1974 Senate campaign.

Americans seem to confuse the personal and the political, she said.

"I myself, knowing what we know from last week, probably wouldn't want to marry someone like Gary Hart. But that doesn't mean that you wouldn't vote for the person as president. There's a distinction between the two."

She is bothered that the public has lost the chance to hear about the issues from Hart and to express judgment about Hart's character through voting.

"He's had two terms in the Senate in which he's shown very strong judgment," she said. "His mistake, in my opinion his only mistake, was to withdraw. The rest



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there's not enough evidence on."

But political science professor James Klonoski said Hart's indiscretions were well-known by Washington insiders. Hart had been warned but "he never cleaned up his act," Klonoski said.

"Somebody said Hart shot himself in the foot, but he did far more than that. He blew himself up," he said.

Political commentator Russel Sadler, an adjunct professor at the University,

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Student fees allocated for Saferide

By Carolyn Lamberson
Of the Emerald

Project Saferide became a fully independent ASUO program when it received incidental fee funding on Friday.

With little opposition, the Incidental Fee Committee approved an \$8,082 budget request and a \$3,000 payroll transfer from the 1987-88 Executive budget. The fundability of the program, determined at every budget hearing, was approved unanimously. The budget passed 6-1 with committee member Ron Munion opposing.

Project Coordinator Shannon Meehan decided to ask for funding because she believes the program should be independent of the ASUO Executive because she doesn't want the program to be "at the whim of every election," she said.

While the project currently is not funded directly by incidental fees, the ASUO office and staff, which are fee-funded, spend time working on the project, said ASUO President Steve

Nelson.

"What we are doing here is separating and showing what it would cost to be separate from the Executive," he said.

In other business, the committee denied a \$50,000 new equipment request from ASUO over-realized funds for the EMU Computing Lounge.

Dexter Simmons, a manager for the lounge and the EMU Recreation Center, presented the request to the IFC.

"We are in an over-capacity situation," he said, adding the requested equipment would allow the lounge to serve more students.

Committee members raised several concerns, ranging from the amount of money and cost projections to student usage and service.

"I'm wondering about the staffing of the computer lounge. As someone who has used the computer lounge on numerous occasions, I have

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Teachers approve three-year contract

By Janet Paulson
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Eugene school teachers overwhelmingly voted to approve a new three-year contract agreement Sunday evening. Bargaining teams representing the 4-J School District and the Eugene Education Association settled on a tentative contract agreement early Friday morning after more than 37 hours of contract talks.

The insurance issue, which was considered to be a major stumbling block in contract negotiations, was settled by a decision to establish a joint EEA/school district committee to design and implement a new insurance program. The cost of the insurance program is not to

exceed \$228 per person per month and is to be escalated at a rate of 6.4 percent of the total package each year.

EEA president Ray Gross said overall he is pleased with the new insurance package.

"It gave us the ability to get away from an absolute dollar cap — which sets up bargaining conditions in the future that are just not good, and we'd be back at this, just head-to-head with the district every time we came back to the table if it were an absolute dollar cap," he said.

The new insurance program establishes a cooperative situation both the district and the association will oversee and manage, Gross said.

Salary increases include a 5

percent increase on base salary for the 1986-87 school year, a 2 percent increase for 1987-88, as well as a 3.75 percent compounding index, which is figured based on the teacher's education and experience.

The salary increase for 1988-89 is estimated by the EEA to be 3 percent and includes the addition of a Masters plus 23 (hours) column to the salary schedule, as well as changes in longevity pay.

"We had some priorities — one of those priorities was the restructuring of our salary schedule to make it more attractive to the career teacher... By the third year of this contract,

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