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Brand schedules Far East sojourn

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University President Myles Brand announced Tuesday morning that he is leaving next Monday for a two-week trip to the Far East to visit alumni chapters and corporate donors.

The announcement came during an experimental press conference that gave the media a chance to ask Brand questions on current issues concerning the University.

Brand may make the session a regular event if the media respond positively to the experiment, said Gaye Vandermyrn, director of the University news bureau.

Brand answered questions on topics ranging from the law school hiring a minority faculty member for next fall to the study that ranked the University third in the Pac-10 and 19th nationally in research impact.

"Despite the difficult funding situation, the University continues to do very well," Brand said about the study.

Brand also disclosed that the law school hired Ibrahim Gassama, a 1984 Harvard law school graduate, to join the University this fall.

Hiring new faculty is one step toward answering charges from the American Bar Association of deficiencies in the University's law program, Brand said.

Brand's three-nation Far East trip includes the duty of representing the state at the inauguration of Taiwan's newly-elected president Lee Teng-Hui. The Taiwanese government is funding the trip.

Brand will also travel to Japan and South Korea to meet with alumni groups and higher education and government officials.

Brand also turned to the recurrent theme of inadequate state funding and low faculty salary levels during the 45-minute session.

In the budget for the 1991-93 biennium submitted to the chancellor's office, Brand said the University is requesting a 10 percent increase per year over inflation to boost salary levels.

The University currently ranks last in salary levels out of the 56 institutions composing the Association of American Universities, he said.

Moreover, Brand said the University could face a faculty turnover rate higher than the normal 3 to 5 percent because of low salary levels.

"I would be happy if the University of Oregon was at the 50th percentile in the AAU," Brand said. "We do know of several cases where people are leaving for ... better paying jobs."

The University must offer double digit salary increases for several years before the school catches up to average levels, Brand said.

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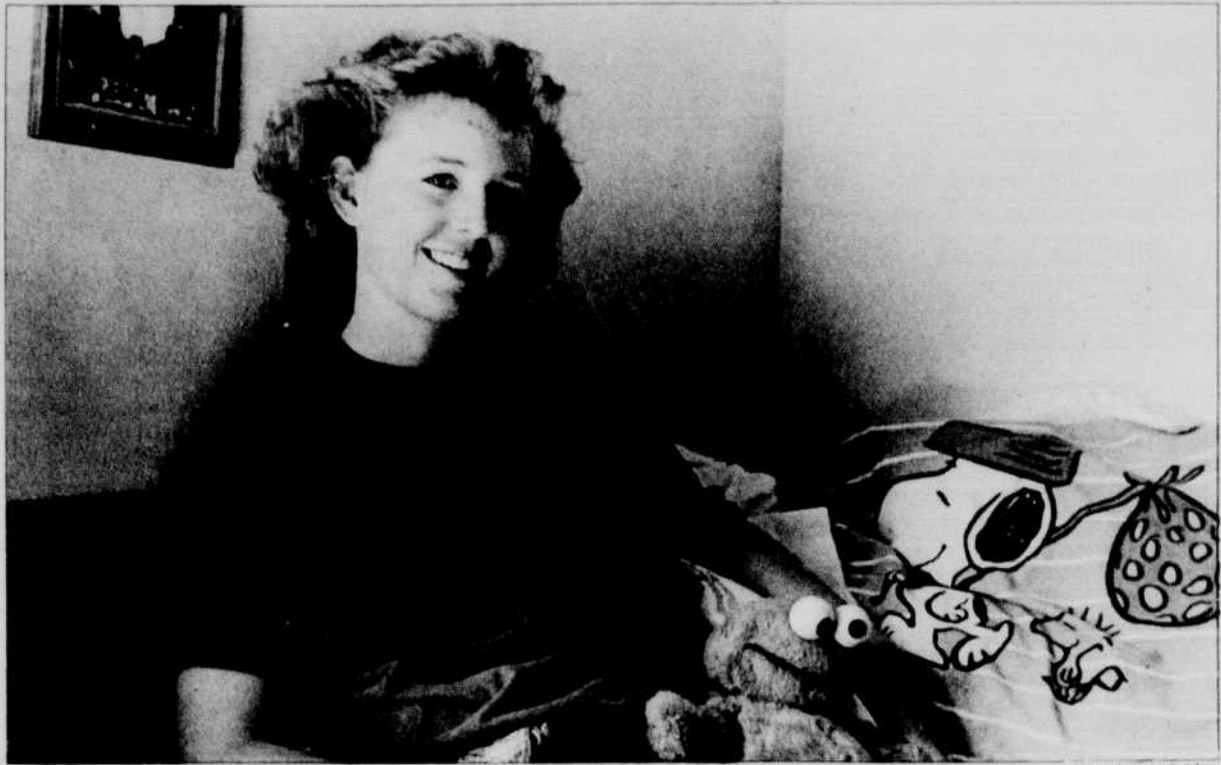


Photo by Mark Ylen

Tiana Tozer has turned a life-threatening accident caused by a drunk driver into a positive outlet by working with groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Tozer turns disabling car accident into positive message for everyone

By Cam Sivesind
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"There's a big storm in the ocean one night, and there are thousands and thousands of starfish washed up on the beach. The next morning they are lying in the sun, drying out and dying.

"This little boy was walking along, and every now and then he'd stop and pick up a starfish and throw it back into the water. He'd walk a little farther, pick up another starfish, and throw it back into the water.

"This big hot shot jogger comes jogging down the beach and says, 'Hey little kid, what do you think you're doing? You can't possibly throw those thousands of starfish back in the water.'

"The little kid looks at him, picks up a starfish, throws it back in the water, and says, 'Yeah, but to that one, it will make a difference.'"

Tiana Tozer, a University senior, tells that story every time she opens another Mothers Against Drunk Driving speaking engagement at a high

school or junior high.

Tozer, like the starfish in her story, has looked death in the face. She was seriously injured in a two-car accident caused by a drunk driver.

"If one person had stopped the man who hit me from drinking and driving, it would have made a difference in my life," Tozer said, leaning back in her dorm room at Carson Hall.

Tozer's legs were crushed in the accident that occurred at the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Harris Street on May 14, 1988. The collision threw Tozer from the back seat of the Volvo station wagon she was riding in.

She suffered a fractured left hip, fractures of both femur bones, a chipped knee cap, chipped toe, fractures of both shin bones, nerve damage from the knee down, and 40 percent muscle loss in her right leg. Tozer's lower body was run over by either the Volvo or the Volkswagen Jetta that broadsided it.

The 21-year-old romance languages and politi-

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Photo by Martin Thiel

Harry Lonsdale, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, spoke to members of the University community Tuesday about his stands on various issues.

Lonsdale makes campaign pitch to students, public at University

By Daralyn Trappe
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Harry Lonsdale, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, visited the University Tuesday to address the issues of abortion, the environment, and special interest money and to answer questions from students and community members.

Lonsdale is the front-runner in the race for the Democratic nomination. If he wins the primary on May 15, he will face Republican incumbent Mark Hatfield in the November general elections.

Although he has never run for office before and does not consider himself a politician,

Lonsdale said he decided to enter the race because he is unhappy with the direction the country is taking and because he sees a lack of integrity among elected officials.

"I don't want to be a politician," Lonsdale said. "They'll tell it to you both ways, depending on how they think you feel."

Lonsdale said he believes that special interest money is corrupting and has led politicians to represent big business concerns rather than focusing on citizen representation.

"I vow not to take special interest money," Lonsdale said. "I support legislation that would limit (Political Action

Committee) contributions or eliminate PAC contributions."

He is also an advocate of a ban on all exports of raw logs from privately-owned and state property in Oregon.

"When the (raw) logs leave, all the jobs they would create leave with them," Lonsdale said.

He added that jobs can be created by focusing on "value-added products" such as doors, windows and other finished wood products.

On the issue of abortion, Lonsdale criticized Hatfield for voting for a Constitutional amendment that would make

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