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Briefly

Candidates will vie today for four state senate spots and one U.S. Senate seat.

Peter Swan, John Green and Jim Peterson are Republicans battling for the chance to go against incumbent Democrat Grattan Kerans in District No. 20, the state senate seat representing Eugene.

Also, local activist Randy Prince is taking on long-term incumbent Mark Hatfield in the U.S. Senate race.

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On Campus

The Incidental Fee Committee meets tonight at 7 in the EMU Board Room.
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Almanac

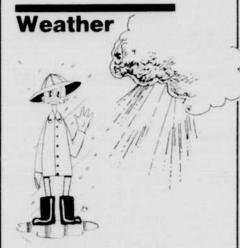


Today is Oregon's primary election day. Partisan candidates will be selected for the final general election in November, and several important city and state measures will be decided. Be sure to vote!

Sports

After turning in the third-fastest time in Pacific-10 Conference history in the 5,000 meters Saturday, Oregon's Stephanie Wessell has been named Pac-10 women's track athlete of the week.

Wessell churned out a time of 16:08.87 in the event to break the NCAA qualifying standard of 16:16.00 and earn a trip to the national finals in Durham, N.C. June 1.



Mostly cloudy today with chance of afternoon showers. Highs in mid-60s, lows about 40. Clouds, possible showers expected Wednesday.



Photo by Mark Ylen

(From left) Dallas Boggs, Tearale Triplett. Ernie Brown, Richandra Truesdale, and Anthony Bennett want to promote unity among black students through greek organization.

Frats promote unity for black students

By Jolie Andrade

Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Alpha Kappa Alpha are striving to promote unity among the black students and the University community through greek organization.

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity first came to the University on December 5, 1950, said Ernie Brown, social chairman for the fraternity. It was founded on January 5, 1911 at Indiana University Bloomington, Ind. There are currently more than 300 chapters and 95,000 members nationally, Brown said.

The fraternity has a joint chapter with Portland State University. Willamette University, and Lewis and Clark University, Brown said they will be trying to start their own chapters in the fall. There are presently 17 members at the University. Professor Edward Coleman of the University is also an alumni.

The original purpose was to give the

black men attending Indiana University a "kind of oasis in a sea of oppression," Brown said.

"Our basic goal is achievement through whatever you do in life," said Brown, who has been a member for two years. "We'd like to set it up the same way as the Interfraternity Council but focus on our black heritage and cul-

"We're here as an alternative for those students who need help," Brown said. "We also want to help with retention and recruitment of minority students."

Although Kappa Alpha Psi puts on social functions in Eugene most of their community service is done in Portland because that is where their alumni are from The last project they participated in was a tutoring program for young black youths having problems in school. Brown said

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first black letter greek organization, was founded in 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca. N.Y., said Dallas Boggs, president of the University chapter.

Although it started off as a social club for students, Boggs said it was formulated because blacks were not accepted by the white greek system that was present at the time.

Boggs became an Alpha at Virginia State University in 1986. He began a chapter at the University in the spring of 1989 with a pledge line of 15 from the University and Oregon State University to form one chapter. There are presently seven members.

Currently there are more than 700 undergraduate and graduate chapters nationwide. There are also chapters on the American military bases in Germany and other parts of Europe. Boggs said.

The Alpha Phi Alpha alumni include such prominent figures as Martin Luther King, Jr. and W.E.B. DuBois.

"We're trying to do a lot of community service projects and attack problems

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Logging opponents intensify efforts

Students arrested for protest

By Catherine Hawley Emerald Associate Editor

University students involved in attempts to halt logging of old-growth timber are intensifying their effort to stop clearcutting of old-growth forests.

University freshman Greg Miller spent four days in the Lane County Jail last week after being arrested for locking himself to logging equipment at a site in Willamette National Forest.

Miller and three other protesters locked their necks to logging machinery with Ushaped bicycle locks early the morning of May 8 at the Lookout Sentinel timber sale near Blue River, about 45 miles east of Eugene.

About thirty people from Earth First! accompanied Miller and the three others to "It was scary at first," said Miller, who was locked to a log loader, especially when a security guard staying on the site came out of his camper with a rifle.

When the guard was told four protesters were locked to the machinery. Miller said the guard pointed the rifle at them and said. "You're all dead now."

"I was feeling a lot of fear and helplessness lying on the arm of that loader." Miller said.

Rob Freres, owner of Freres Lumber Co. in Lyons, the company purchasing the timber from the Lookout Sentinel sale, said the watchman keeps a gun because of the many trespassing incidents that have taken place at logging sites in Willamette National Forest.

"There have been so many incidences of vandalism and what we consider terrorism." Freres said. Freres said he could not verify whether the watchman had pointed his rifle at the protesters.

The watchman, employed by Nelson Logging Co., with whom Freres Co. contracted to log the site, notified law enforcement officials, who asked protesters to leave the area.

Miller and three others were taken into custody by Lane County sheriff's deputies after the locks were removed from their necks with a grinder, a process which took several hours.

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