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Briefly



Students can expect faster lines but higher prices for books at the University Bookstore this year because of a new computer system being installed at the campus-oriented business.

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The abundance of curriculum and course number changes made this term are intended help students by improving the University's course offerings, but many are finding that the changes are confusing.

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Regionally

NFL owners are threatening to pull complimentary Super Bowl tickets from congressmen who oppose their effort to ban sports lotteries. Rep. Peter DeFazio charged Wednesday.

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Nationally

President Bush may be willing to drop his insistence for a cut in the capital gains tax. Republican congressmen said Wednesday, a demand that has been the major obstacle to a budget deal.

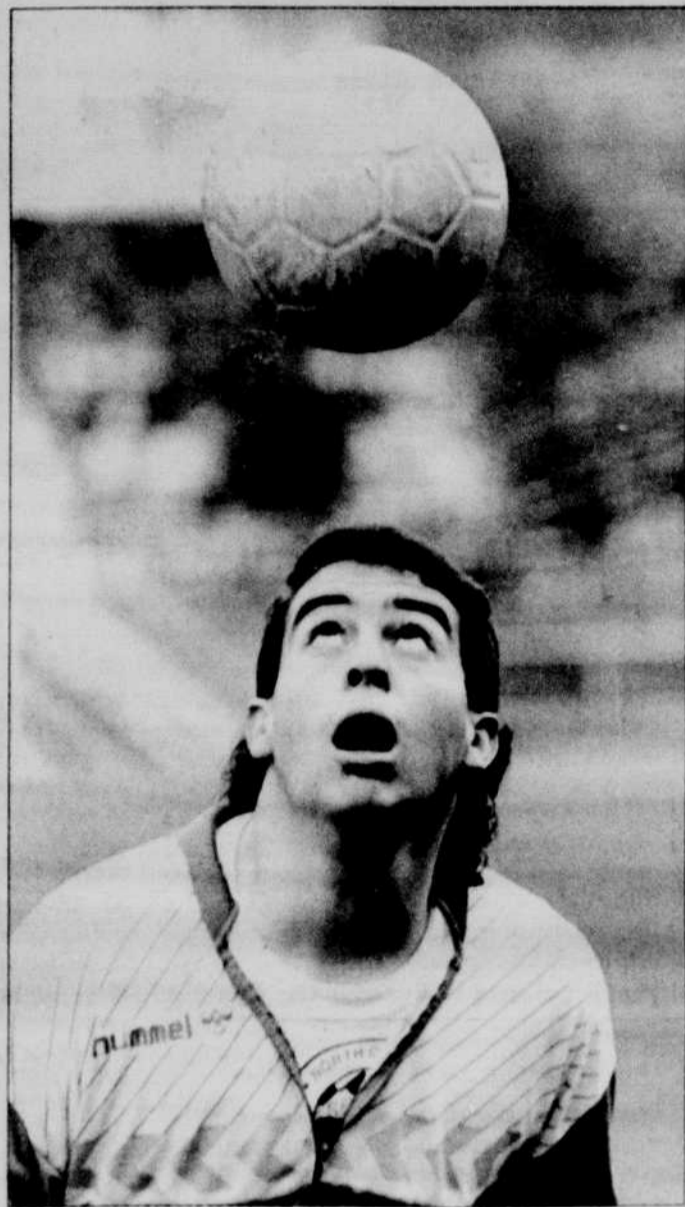
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Internationally

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad has received a warning from Iraqi authorities that any non-diplomats being harbored at the American Embassy in Kuwait will be hanged. Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Wednesday.

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Head-banging

Freshman economics major Mike Kirkpatrick spends an afternoon practicing "heading the ball" in the soccer fields by Hayward Field.

Photo by Sean Poston

Accreditation refusal not to affect students

By Peter Cogswell
Emerald Associate Editor

Students enrolled in the University's educational psychology program will not be affected by a recently denied accreditation application from the American Psychological Association, said Robert Gilberts, dean of the College of Education.

The program only tried for the APA accreditation to get additional credit for students, Gilberts said Wednesday. The program is still accredited by the Washington, D.C.-based National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

"It is important that everyone knows we are accredited," Gilberts said. "The APA decision will not affect students."

The application for accreditation was reportedly turned down because students levied charges accusing faculty of gender insensitivity, including sexual harassment. The accreditation process routinely includes interviews with students.

The program can appeal the APA decision and plans on having a response ready within the required 30-day time period.

A recent article in *The Register-Guard* reported that the program is asking its graduates to launch a letter-writing campaign to get the APA to reverse its decision, but Gilberts said he is not sure if this will be the college's first course of action.

"We feel that the APA made decisions using inappropriate

means," he said. "They have certain standards to judge a college's accreditation application and we were judged on things that were not standard."

"It was our intention (to send the letters to the APA), but we would rather call them on their misuse of data rather than their misinterpretation of data."

Last fall APA representatives made a preliminary visit to the psychology program, and they recommended changes to be made before the program could be accredited.

The program made these changes and was visited last spring by a three-member visitation team from the APA. The team recommended accreditation, Gilberts said.

"A group on the national level made up of folks who have never been here then made the decision," Gilberts said. "It seems strange to us that somebody who has never been here came to the conclusion we shouldn't be accredited."

Of the graduates' letters that have been returned to Gilberts, all but one of them have been extremely complimentary of the program, he said.

Last year Gilberts was approached by students concerned about issues such as the narrowness of the program and the distancing of faculty from students.

In response to these concerns, Gilberts asked a psychologist to examine the program's communication process. Student-faculty retreats and other communication improvements were made in response to the psychologist's report.

Park needs tenants to break ground

By Cathy Peterson
Emerald Reporter

By all accounts, the University and city joint research park planned for 67 acres off of Franklin Boulevard should be ready for groundbreaking.

A \$1.5 million project is underway to realign and extend Agate Street across Franklin Boulevard for access to the park. Soil and water samples have been drawn for the past several months to monitor potential impact on the environment.

But the first pile of dirt has yet to be shoveled from the site on the banks of the Willamette River.

In order to break ground, project planners and the developer, Institutional Development Associates of Salt Lake City, said 60 percent of the space in one building must be leased.

To date, that space is being filled slowly.

"We're real close," T.J.

Green, vice president of the developing company said Wednesday. "We hope to start designing with architects in the next few weeks," Green added that there were four or five "excellent prospects," but that no leases had been signed.

The planners and developers wouldn't say what companies might be interested in the park. They lost an anchor tenant last spring when the Eugene-based timber company, Bohemia Inc., decided against moving its corporate headquarters to the park.

However, planners and research park experts said the parks take time to fill because of the selective tenants they require.

There are 130 research parks in the United States, with 15 more in the planning stages, according to statistics from the Association of University Related Research Parks in Tempe, Ariz.

"Over 75 percent of all research parks started since 1980. 50 percent since 1985," associ-



Photo by Eric Evans

Agate Street, currently under construction, will eventually cross Franklin Boulevard to provide access to the Riverfront Research Park.

ation director Chris Boettcher said.

He said the oldest park, which is in Stanford, Calif. and was built almost 40 years ago, is also the only fully leased park.

The North Carolina Research

Triangle, started on 6,000 acres in 1961, has not leased all of its available space in 30 years, he added.

"We've always gone in saying this is a 15- to 20-year pro-

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