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## On Campus

Members of the ASUO Executive urged students at a rally Wednesday to make their voices heard to the state government and demand increased higher education funding.

"We're not receiving the kind of education we should be for the amount of money we're paying," said ASUO Co-president Kirk Bailey.

Classroom overcrowding, an antiquated registration system and increased tuition are just a few of the examples of the problems students face because of a lack of funding, Bailey said.

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Boxes of Hawaiian leis and hats litter the top shelf of a cramped Esslinger Hall office. Pictures of smiling University students taken in Korea, Hawaii, Japan and Long Beach line the walls.

Within this small space operates the world headquarters of Camp Adventure, a \$366,000 children's summer camp program run on military bases in Long Beach, Calif., Hawaii and Asia.

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## Briefly

Several defense witnesses testified Wednesday on behalf of Derek Horton, a former Oregon football defensive back, who is on trial for first degree sexual abuse of a female University student.

Horton, who also testified Wednesday during the second day of the trial, admitted having intercourse with the woman after a fraternity party on Jan. 5, but maintained the incident was initiated by the woman and occurred entirely with her consent.

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## Sports

The Oregon men's golf team finished sixth in the Wolf Pack Classic held Monday and Tuesday in Lake Tahoe, Nev. at the Edgewood-Tahoe Golf Course.

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## Unification prompts mixed reactions



Photo by Andre Ranieri

German students Heide Witthoef (left), Monika Fischer and Barbara Kratzer will face many changes when they return to a newly unified Germany.

## Students critical but stay positive

By Birgit Schreiber-Sivesind  
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The reunification of East and West Germany has passed, but the problems of meshing two systems and cultures is a concern for German University students and graduate teaching fellows.

While most of these students and GTFs are happy about Germany's unification, the celebration and optimism during last November has now been replaced with more thoughtful concern.

"I think the Americans want to celebrate this as a huge day," said Monika Fischer, a GTF earning her Ph.D in German. "Sometimes we feel Americans aren't critical enough. Little social issues aren't being faced."

Doris Schneyink, a graduate student from Tuebingen studying history, said pessimism among West Germans has stemmed from problems associated with the unification, "where here, in Ameri-

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## Brand shares vision for University's future

By Peter Cogswell  
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The University is a special place with its own values and aspirations. President Myles Brand told faculty and staff members in his first state of the University address Wednesday.

"Our future holds boundless promise," Brand said. "Oregon is a university destined to build on its outstanding tradition."

Brand's speech, entitled "Oregon: Our University, Our Future", addressed the path he hopes the University will take in the future.

The University's size will prove to be an advantage in the future, Brand said.

"At the University of Oregon we have the best of both worlds," he said. "We are sufficiently large to support re-

search in a carefully selected range of areas, but we are also sufficiently small to maintain a sense of community. Our scale provides us with a true comparative advantage."

Brand outlined five key areas which he would like to see the University focus on for the future.

First, Brand called for the University to re-emphasize its undergraduate educational mission.

"There is a long and honored tradition of commitment to undergraduate education at Oregon," Brand said. "However, there are national trends that run counter to a focus on undergraduate education."

"We must be alert to these national trends and we must be prepared to reaffirm our commitment to excellent undergraduate education programs."

Realizing that teaching is the



Myles Brand

most important element in undergraduate education, Brand said he wants to reward good teaching through merit pay increments.

Research and its relationship

to teaching was the second point Brand raised, saying he believes research benefits teaching.

"We have all heard it said that research distorts the commitment to teaching," he said. "I disagree. Research and teaching are mutually supportive."

"A research university offers opportunities for undergraduates, as well as graduates, to participate in the discovery process and explore the consequences of these discoveries before they become ossified in textbooks."

Another focus point Brand would like to see the University address concerns creating a campus community that is inclusive, welcoming and sensitive to all persons.

"At Oregon each person

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## ODE board dismisses 14-year employee

By Catherine Hawley  
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The Oregon Daily Emerald Board of Directors voted Monday to terminate the employment of Jean Ownbey, the newspaper's business controller for the last 14 years.

The board met in executive session and voted to dismiss Ownbey immediately. It also voted to continue paying her contractual salary and benefits until the end of the year.

Board Chairwoman Wendy Baker declined to elaborate on the board's decision to fire Ownbey, saying board members had agreed not to discuss personnel matters.

Ownbey also declined to comment Wednesday on her termination, except to say, "I was aware the board was not happy with my performance since I had surgery for cancer" in July 1989.

Ownbey was dismissed by the ODE board of directors, although a general manager hired by the board in July was responsible for reviewing Ownbey's job performance and negotiating her annual job contract, as well as those of the advertising director and the production manager.

However, the board had decided to retain its right to review job performance for six months after hiring General

Manager Judy Riedl on July 1, board member Gerald Gazlay said.

The board's personnel committee will meet Monday to discuss the future of the business controller position, Baker said.

Since hiring a general manager to oversee the newspaper's administrative and fiscal operations, the personnel committee has been "fine tuning" the controller's job description, Gazlay said.

Ownbey earned \$33,400 annually as controller and assistant to the publisher.

The Emerald, a non-profit corporation since 1971, is operated by a board of directors, the

paper's publisher. The paper's operations are divided into four departments: business, advertising, production and news.

The newspaper's publisher is a 10-member, volunteer board of directors. Three are staff members, one from each of the paper's three departments that employ students: advertising, production and news. Two board seats are filled by students appointed by the ASUO; two are faculty members appointed by the University president; and one is a community representative appointed by the board. Two other seats are at-large positions that may be filled by anyone who is not an Emerald employee.