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Briefly

University students Andy Harris and Kirt Fuller always knew as members of the Marine Corps reserves they could be called to active duty at any time, but they never expected it to happen.

But Saturday, they will report to Salem with other reservists in Company A of the 6th Engineers Support Battalion. Monday, they will go to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where they will await further orders.

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Arts

"Intrepid Traveler" Ken Babbs will be on campus this afternoon, reading from and signing copies of the new book *On the Bus*, a collaborative, historical documentary of the San Francisco counter-culture movement of the mid-1960s.

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Sports



Kevin Mixon

Oregon guards Terrell Brandon and Kevin Mixon combined for 55 points last night at McArthur Court, leading the Ducks to a 98-71 romp over Alabama-Birmingham for their first win of the season.

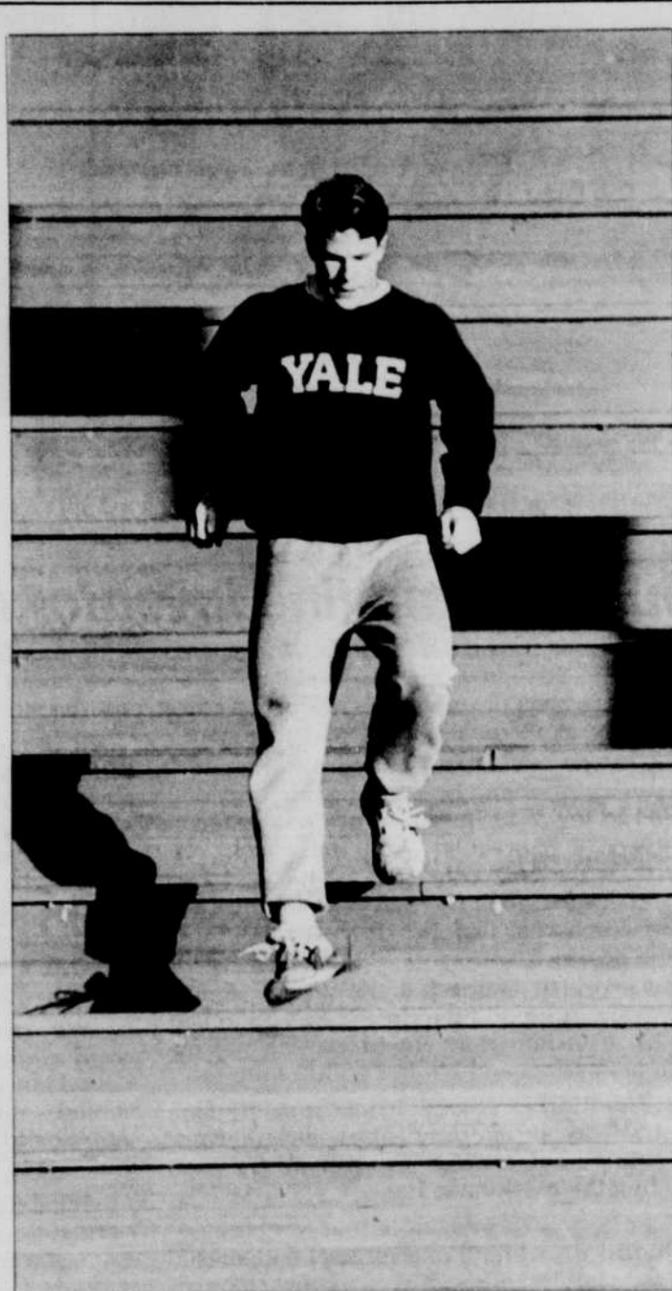
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Regionally

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — An engineer who complained she was harassed after raising safety concerns about Hanford nuclear waste storage tanks reached agreement Tuesday with her employer, Westinghouse Hanford Co.

Inez Austin agreed to withdraw a complaint she filed with the U.S. Department of Labor. She also agreed not to participate in any legal action against Westinghouse arising from the case.

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Stair hopping

Junior Bob Gray, a sprinter and hurdler for the University track team, heads down the east grandstand at Hayward Field late Tuesday afternoon.

Photo by Sean Poston

Current requirement lacks original intent

By Peter Cogswell
Emerald Associate Editor

A new requirement forcing incoming University freshmen to take a race or gender issues-related class in order to graduate has some people wondering whether it is being done right.

While most seem to agree the requirement is a step in the right direction, the fact that several classes, seemingly unrelated to the topic, fulfill the requirement has left some concerned.

"Generally the impression is a number of students have a concern about the focus of the requirement and that (some of the) classes do not deal in the spirit of why the (requirement) was formed," said Kirk Bailey, ASUO co-president.

Bailey said he agrees with students in that the number of classes that fulfill the requirement has washed-out the requirement's essence.

Bailey also said in order to maintain the requirement's significance, the University has to do more than force students to take one class on race and gender subjects.

"If (the University) is going to be serious about social issues, it can't do it in one class that is part of a four-year curriculum," he said.

Ed Coleman, English professor and co-director of folklore and ethnic studies, agrees with Bailey.

"I think (the classes) are much too broad," Coleman said. "They miss the point of why we want to have them."

He said that what he and others who formed the requirement meant to do was try and encourage students to take courses dealing with American minorities.

Coleman believes universities have direct levels of cultural literacy and that, because of this, they have to make courses meaningful.

Closer scrutiny of classes fulfilling the requirement is one way Coleman believes the requirement could be made to retain the spirit of its formation.

He would like to see only classes that have a minimum of 50 percent of their curriculum dedicated to race and gender issues count toward the requirement.

"What we want to try to do is focus on Americans racially, and the vast majority of the population," he said. "We don't want superficiality. We want students exposed to cultural diversity to offset growing racial and hate factions."

Another problem Coleman has with the requirement's current use is that it was originally constructed to deal with race and gender issues — not race or gender issues.

As the system is now, students can still graduate without having to take a class based on race and gender, as long as they take one or the other.

This is not how it is supposed to be, Coleman said.

The number of classes fulfilling the requirement is related to the high number of students at the University, said Paul Holbo, vice provost for academic affairs.

As a result of the high number, space for classes is limited, ne-

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Rally, panel discussion focus on law school

By Daralyn Trappe
Emerald Reporter

In response to the public apology requested of law school instructor Greg Johnson following his discussion of his homosexuality in a class on Oct. 11, the ASUO and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance have organized a rally and panel discussion to take place today.

A demonstration will be held in the law school courtyard at 11 a.m. to express opposition to homophobia, sexism and racism. A panel discussion will follow in the EMU Gumwood Room from noon to 2:30 p.m.

The panel includes Sue Dockstader, GALA director; Marlene Drescher, director of the Office of Student Advocacy; Barbara Pope, director of the Women's Studies department; Marie Jones of the Black

Student Union; and Jerry Rust, Lane County commissioner.

The ASUO has called for the resignation of law school Dean Maurice Holland, Associate Dean Chapin Clark and instructor Mary Lawrence because of their decision to request Johnson's apology.

The apology request was made after several students complained about a part of the lecture in which Johnson referred to his homosexuality and read a statement from a gay activist group. It was preceded by a class lecture on a U.S. Supreme Court case regarding gays and lesbians.

A statement released by the ASUO called the apology request "arbitrary and administratively negligent."

"Dean Holland, Dean Clark



Chapin Clark

and Professor Lawrence violated the principles of academic freedom," the statement read. "Their behavior was based on a reaction to a charged issue, in this case, it was homosexuality,

and the resulting actions betray an unwritten policy of prejudice and more specifically homophobia/heterosexism."

Clark has stated that Holland was not responsible for the apology request. Clark has also said he regrets requesting a public apology and should have asked for a private discussion with the students who complained.

Although Holland may not have been directly responsible for the situation, Dockstader said, he is still at fault for not taking action and issuing an apology on behalf of the administration.

"The people under him have come forward and apologized, but he hasn't," Dockstader said. "That has tarnished the image of the law school in the eyes of the students and the community."