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Blues music will again pour out from an open door on the corner of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street, the site of Taylor's College Side Inn. The newly remodeled tavern held its grand opening Saturday night, offering an expanded menu and friendly atmosphere.

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A group of renowned Hispanic artists and authors visited the University last week, sharing their views on Hispanic and Latino culture.

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Ichiji Ishii, a member of the upper house of Japan's parliament and University alumnus, said at a Friday presentation at the University that despite the anti-American sentiments expressed by a minority in Japan, the two countries are dependent on each other economically.

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Sports

The Oregon men's golf team finished sixth at the Pacific-10 Conference tournament, held this weekend in Palo Alto, Calif.



Paula Berry

Paula Berry set a Pacific-10 Conference record in the javelin at Saturday's Minnesota Invitational.

Berry buried the competition with a throw of 197-7, which is also the second-best mark in school history.

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Weed-control spray angers neighborhood

By Peter Cogswell
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A decision by the Eugene School District to spray weed-control chemicals on the track at South Eugene High School has upset many members of the University and Eugene communities.

Members of the Amazon Tenants Council, the ASUO, the South Eugene student body and neighborhood associations surrounding the area are all protesting the proposed spraying.

Members from these groups attended a public hearing Thursday to voice their opinions on the spraying.

Dan Fuehring of the Eugene school district said he believed the hearing went fine, and that the district is still in the process of making a decision.

"We got a lot of creative input," Fuehring said.

He said he had a meeting Friday morning with Eugene school Superintendent Margaret Nichols and it will be up to her to make a decision.

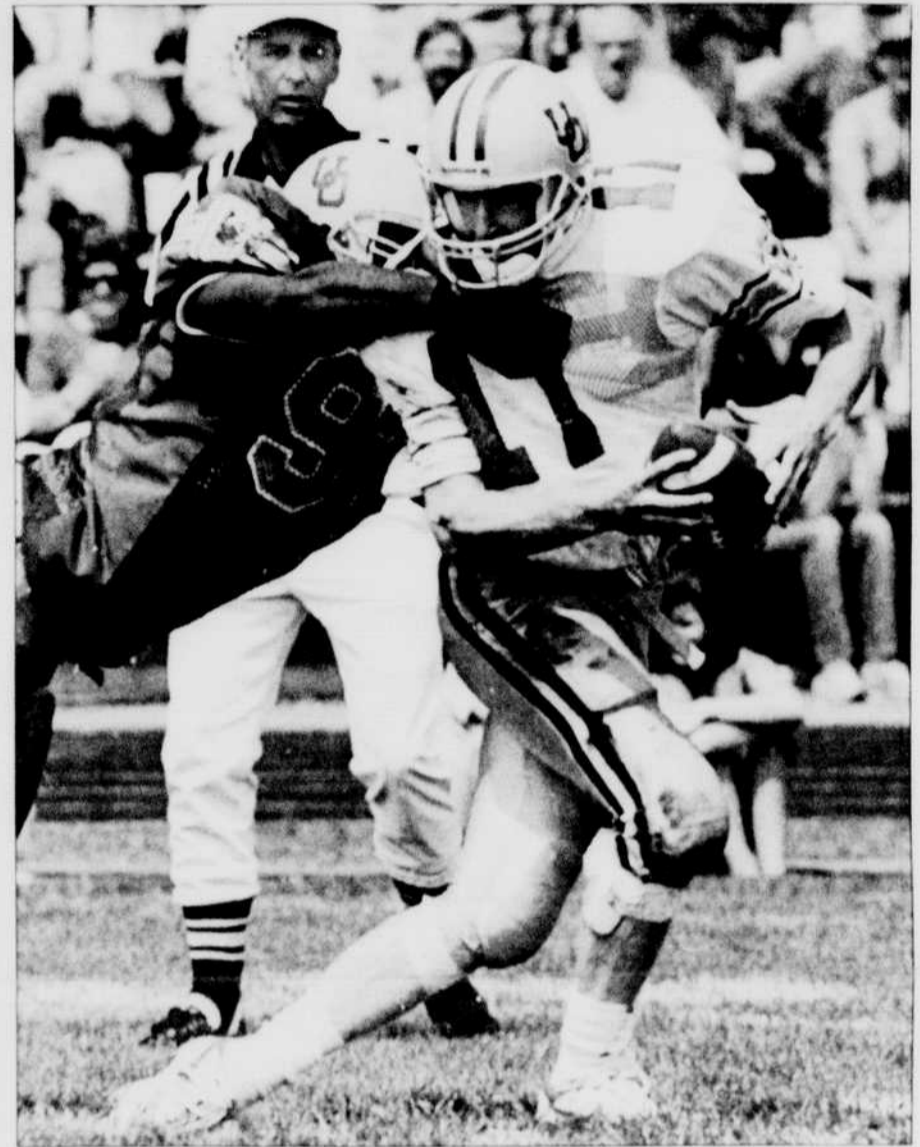
The groups are concerned about the spraying's effects on tenants and gardens next door to the track at Amazon, and the effect the spray will have on people using the track.

The chemical to be used, known by the brand name Roundup, has never been tested for harmful effects, said Becky Long, who lives at Amazon and has been the chief organizer against the spraying. Only the active ingredient has been tested and that makes up only about 2 percent of the herbicide, she said.

The track would be closed for several days following the spraying to protect people against exposure, but Long said she is concerned about lingering traces of the chemical that could turn out to be harmful.

The groups also have concerns about the timing of the spraying, which would take place during a school day, during track season and only a few weeks before a track meet involving

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Sack lunch

Oregon defensive end Romeo Bandison sacks Doug Musgrave, one of the team's four quarterback hopefuls, during Saturday's intrasquad scrimmage in Hillsboro. The green team, made up of the first team offense and defense, defeated the white team 24-7 in front of 5,183 Duck fans. See story, Page 9.

Photo by Mark Ylen

Measles shots force health center fees to rise

By Heather Goodwin
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One year after the outbreak of three serious cases of measles on campus, the disease is still causing financial problems for the Student Health Center, the director of the health center said Thursday.

Three University students contracted the disease last year, causing concern about a possible measles outbreak in Oregon, especially among college students.

Two of the students were treated at the health center, and the third was treated by a Eugene area physician. One of the students was hospitalized with complications from the illness.

The health center subsidized the cost of the measles vaccine for students, offering it free of charge. The health center immunized more than 4,000 University students last year, resulting in a debt of \$100,000.

To help reduce the debt, the center instituted a \$5 charge for the first office visit per term

Vaccination rush caused by 1990 outbreak results in \$100,000 debt

last fall, but the center is still experiencing financial trouble.

"We're probably going to need to continue with the once-a-term office visit charge," said Dr. James Jackson, health center director. "We're still paying for last year's immunizations, and with cuts from Measure 5, it's likely we'll be asking for a \$10 increase in the student health fee next year."

Students now pay \$47 in student health fees.

No new cases of measles were reported at the University this year, but other cases have been reported in Oregon, including one recent case in Coos Bay.

A new University rule requiring all incoming freshmen and transfer students to show proof of a second measles inoculation may be partially responsible for the lack of new cases on campus, Jackson said.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 incoming students were vaccinated against the disease fall term in order to comply with the new rule.

The second inoculation is needed because the vaccine is only about 95 percent effective and strains of the disease may be becoming more deadly, Jackson said.

"The disease today is probably a lot more virulent than it was when people my age were kids," he said. "When a disease has been around for a few years, it tends to mutate over time and become harder to control."

Health center nurse Susan Belknap said measles is not the harmless childhood disease it was once thought to be.

"We know a lot more about the disease and some of the effects it has, like encephalitis (swelling of the brain)," she

said. "It also has more serious consequences for adults. An adult or a teen-ager with measles is a very sick individual."

Symptoms of measles include headache, fever, and burning, sore eyes several days before a rash breaks out.

"Measles can also result in pneumonia, deafness or blindness, and even death," Dr. Michael Dunn, a health center physician, said.

The state health division and a federal grant are subsidizing the vaccinations for incoming freshmen, Jackson said. The vaccine will be available to incoming freshmen for only \$2. Other students now pay \$31 for the shot, which also immunizes against mumps and rubella, or German measles.

Lara Braithwaite, a junior anthropology major, got her second measles vaccination last spring.

"I hate shots so much," Braithwaite said. "But, I went in, it only took a second, it

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