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Through hard work and sheer willpower, Michael Miner is recovering from a boating accident last summer that left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

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Sports

Oregon's Pedro da Silva and Muhammad Oliver placed second and third, respectively, after the first day of the Pacific-10 Conference decathlon on Monday. Meanwhile, Kelly Blair and Kamala Kohlmeier were second and fourth, respectively, after the first day of the heptathlon.

Both competitions concluded late Tuesday, but results were unavailable at press time.

The Portland Trail Blazers beat Utah 103-96 Tuesday night to advance to the Western Conference finals for the second year in a row. Game 1 of the series against the Los Angeles Lakers — who beat Golden State 4-1 — is Saturday in Portland.

Briefly

ASUO Street Faire returns to 13th Avenue today with more than 100 vendors selling food and craft items. Musical performers will play in the EMU Courtyard each afternoon of the fair, which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday. Today's lineup includes:

• 12:30 - 2 p.m. Glenn Falkenberg (Celtic harp)

• 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Paul Prince (acoustic guitar)

• 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Just Avery (vocals and guitar)

Black greeks seeking recognition

Proposal would add third greek council to campus

By Miriam Winston
Emerald Contributor

Killjan Anderson does not want to create a "black-and-white issue." He does not intend to challenge the greek system or the University system or the status quo.

But Anderson says his fellow Kappa Alpha Psis and members of seven other black greek organizations are looking for recognition on a campus that has been "asking for diversity all year long."

The National Panhellenic Council, an umbrella organization for traditionally black fraternities and sororities, is seeking official recognition through the ASUO.

"I don't see how this can't happen," he said. "It will do nothing but help this campus." Proponents of the council plan to submit a formal proposal to University administration sometime after spring term.

Anderson said he wants the University to know he sees a big issue in the proposed official recognition of the National Panhellenic Council. University officials want to make sure that race relations do not become a problem within the greek system.

This proposal to add a third greek council to the University's Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic



Photo by Andre Rameri
(From left) Gene Shaffer-Strathman, Stan Burton, Erem Menretab, Cornelius Johnson III (front), Killjan Anderson and Lannes Wenfield are trying to establish a black greek council on campus.

Council would not create an atmosphere of segregation, Anderson said.

"Hispanic and white members are welcome in the NPHC system," he said. "A

focus on black culture and issues makes us different. The ratio of non-blacks to blacks in our houses is probably the same as blacks to whites in other houses."

Recognition by the ASUO will require all black greek organizations and the council to sign the ASUO's non-discrimination statement, but one administration concern is that "all-white and all-black organizations will take the place of inclusion of students of all races in existing greek houses," said Vice Provost Gerry Moseley.

"I applaud any effort to celebrate culture and history, and in that sense the University would welcome this creation," Moseley said. "My hope is that (NPHC) would be represented in the existing Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils," he said. "Broad acceptance could be fostered through mutual changing of rules."

Black greek council proponents are willing to make compromises as they build a relationship with existing greek councils, said members of black fraternities and sororities on campus.

The groups are all interested in communication and partnership but are equally certain that they want to maintain their separate traditions.

"We have the support of the greeks on campus," Anderson said. "We hope to make a bid to join the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic."

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Forms tell unofficial story of campus rapes

By Carrie Dennett
Emerald Reporter

A new form used to unofficially report sexual assaults may provide officials with more accurate statistics of attacks on campus.

The form was developed fall term to be distributed campuswide as a project by the Unwanted Sexual Behavior Task Force.

"Most people don't report rapes officially," said Jane DeGidio, University dean of students. "We wanted to find out what the campus climate is really like."

DeGidio said she became concerned about the number of unreported rapes on campus during a brief stint as acting dean of students last year. During that time, she heard of five campus rapes in one week.

Brian Hoop, ASUO University affairs coordinator, said estimates indicate that only one in 20 campus rapes is reported, making it the most underreported campus crime.

"This form is an alternative to the more intimidating form used by the police," he said.

The document allows not only victims of sexual assault or harassment to file an unofficial report, but also anyone with knowledge of such an incident to inform authorities of the attack.

Suzie Hunter, University public safety officer, said although the task force still encourages official reporting of sexual assaults, many students are reluctant to do so. So without unofficial reporting forms, many crimes would go completely unreported, she said.

force members said.

"The administration has tried to deny that rape is a serious problem on campus," Hoop said. "They should be taking serious steps to protect women on campus."

Hunter said the statistics provided on these forms may persuade the administra-

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Since the form became available fall term, 23 sexual assaults have been reported — 10 during fall term, nine during winter term and four this term as of April 16. Nearly all of the incidents involved student victims and were not reported to the police.

These numbers depart drastically from the handful of cases reported officially to OPS or the Eugene police department each year.

Hunter said it is important to obtain reports, official or unofficial, of sexual assault cases to provide an accurate picture of the problem on campus.

The unofficial reports may help open the eyes of the University administration, task

tion to provide funding for classes in self-defense and for creating rape-free environments.

DeGidio said the new forms will also aid in developing a replacement service for Rape Crisis Network, a hot line and counseling center that closed winter term.

The forms are available at the ASUO Executive office, the Office of Student Advocacy, the Dean of Students office, the University Counseling Center, the Mediation Program office and the Office of Public Safety.

Forms can be returned to the Counseling Center in person or by mail.