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## Inside

University student Andy Harris said he is not sure whether his military service during the Persian Gulf War will affect him in the long run. However, he said he returned to Eugene with a new outlook on Middle Eastern cultures and a growing desire to complete his military obligation.

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With skyrocketing tuition, many University students find it necessary to hold down a job just to make it through school, and Samantha is no exception. However, she doesn't work in the restaurant or retail industries. Instead, she survives financially by dancing at jiggles, one of Eugene's topless nightclubs.

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## Sports



Patrik Boden

The NCAA Track & Field Championships kicked off Wednesday at Hayward Field with two stadium records being broken and a third one tied.

Texas' Patrik Boden tossed the javelin 261-10 for a new Hayward record and Louisiana State's women's 4x100-meter relay team set a new standard of 43.46. Texas Christian's men's 4x100-meter relay team tied the stadium record of 39.24 set earlier this season by Washington State.

Oregon's Tye Van Schoiack, Rick Mestler, Bob Gray and Art Skipper advanced to Friday's semifinals and final in their respective events. Kelly Blair is in 10th place in the women's heptathlon and will finish that competition today.

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Photo by Andre Kaner

Graduate student Armando Morales, who has advocated for student rights since he arrived on campus in 1983, tries to teach his Spanish classes an appreciation for Hispanic culture as well as language.

## Morales departure ends campus era

By Daralyn Trappe  
Emerald Reporter

Armando Morales left student government last week in a way that defines what he's all about — never afraid of controversy and never willing to back down.

In his six years as a member of the Incidental Fee Committee, Morales earned the reputation, depending on your viewpoint, of being either a stubborn, opinionated politician or a tireless advocate for students. Or maybe a little bit of both.

One thing seems clear, however. It's doubtful that the University will see anyone else like him anytime soon.

Morales spent his last year on the IFC as part of a bitterly divided committee caught in a storm of conflict.

After ASUO President Kirk Bailey presented investigation findings implicating Chairman Mike Colson for tampering with IFC computer files, it was Morales who motioned to suspend budget hearings until Colson resigned or the matter was somehow resolved.

Although the committee reconvened after reaching a temporary agreement, three weeks later, the issue of Colson's removal resurfaced.

Morales voted with three other members to oust Colson. When the vote failed, Morales again motioned to suspend hearings until the former chairman stepped down.

The motion passed. Colson refused to resign. And the IFC came to a grinding halt.

Morales took some heat, but he said he was working in students' best interests and that he had a great deal of support.

"I need to have credibility, and to do that you need to keep honesty," he said. "I adjourned the meetings until he resigned because that's the best option."

Although Morales has made headlines as part of the IFC, there is a side to him that most students are probably unfamiliar with. He has offered a lot to the University and the community and continues to do so.

Morales never planned to come to the United States.

He grew up in Mexico, working in factories and fields, thinking that might be his lot in life.

His grandfather and uncles moved to the United States for a time, but they returned home eventually, unhappy with their experiences in America.

Next month, however, he

will receive his master's degree from the University. Getting here from the fields of Mexico was a long and sometimes difficult process, but it has been worth it, Morales said.

His life changed in 1976 when he met Mary O'Connor, who was attending college in Mexico as an exchange student. Morales was studying philosophy at the same college but dropped out after O'Connor returned to the United States. He then went to work in a factory.

Six months later, he left Mexico to get back together with O'Connor in Oregon. She earned a master's degree from the University and is now a high school Spanish teacher. Meanwhile, Morales was adjusting to life in Oregon.

"When I got to Eugene and started to work here, I was a dead person, meaning that I

don't see any future for me," he said. "A migrant Mexican with not good English — what do you expect from this person who worked as a handyman, worked in the fields?"

While he worked as a handyman, he attended classes at the University's High School Equivalency Program. He received his GED in 1978.

By 1983, Morales had formed a band, Sandunga, and was in charge of the KLCC Latin American music broadcast *Ahora Si*. Working at cultural events throughout the community, he got to know Jewel Bell, who at the time was director of the University's Council for Minority Education.

She persuaded him to continue his education at the University.

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## ASUO ordered to release notes

By Catherine Hawley  
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The ASUO Executive will make public all records concerning its investigation into note-tampering in the Incidental Fee Committee to comply with an order from the state attorney general's office.

The order requires former President Kirk Bailey to disclose material that was deleted from investigation notes previously made public and to release other documents, including transcripts of interviews.

However, some comments in investigation notes that the attorney general's office determined were "highly inflammatory" can legally be withheld because disclosing them would hinder student government functions.

"Disclosure could unnecessarily strain IFC members' working relationships with each

other and thus potentially hinder the committee in carrying out its responsibilities," said Pamela Abernethy, special counsel to the attorney general, in a letter to Bailey and two *Oregon Commentator* staff members.

"Moreover, disclosure could compromise the Executive Office's ability to obtain candid and sensitive information in any future investigations it may conduct."

In her letter, Abernethy defined student government as a public body subject to public records laws.

She also said exemptions for privacy did not apply to any of the deleted material and that exemptions for confidentiality applied to only a few remarks contained in handwritten notes taken by Bailey and Bobby Lee, affirmative action coordinator, during interviews with IFC

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