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## Racing for a record

Springfield's Craig Blanchette puts in a workout Tuesday at Hayward Field, tuning up for Friday's wheelchair mile in the Prefontaine Classic. Blanchette is seeking to break his own world record of 3:50.00 set at last year's event. See story, Page 8.

Photo by Jeff Paslay

## University hires three new deans

The University named women from the University of Colorado and Boston College and a University architecture professor to fill its vacant dean's chairs.

Risa Palm from UC in Boulder, Anne Dhu Shapiro from BC and University Professor Jerry Finrow will fill dean's chairs in the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Music and the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, respectively.

Finrow starts in his new post Aug. 1, and Palm will join the faculty July 1. Shapiro won't start until July 1992 when she replaces acting Dean Gary Martin.

Finrow and Shapiro will earn \$78,000 annually, while Palm will make \$89,500.

Palm succeeds arts and sciences Dean Donald Van Houten, who is returning to classroom and research pursuits. Palm is currently associate vice chancellor for research and graduate school dean at the University of Colorado.

From 1984 to 1987, she served as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and as that school's arts and sciences associate dean for two years before that. She joined the Colorado staff in 1982 as a geography associate professor.

Palm holds four degrees from the University of Minnesota — doctoral and master's degrees in geography, a bachelor of arts in history, and a bachelor of science degree in history and social studies education.

Shapiro, a keyboard artist who performs on harpsichord and piano, currently is the chair of the music department at Boston College. She also has taught at Harvard University, Wellesley College and Colorado College.

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## Mediation Center works to resolve student conflicts

### Director has heard roommate, grade, divorce disputes

By Marion Suitor  
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Roommate A and roommate B shared an off-campus apartment.

Roommate B moved out and left many unpaid bills for roommate A to deal with. Roommate A, after great difficulty, got hold of B and told B in no uncertain terms to pay the bills. Roommate B refused, and a minor war broke out between the two.

Fortunately, a small claims court did not have to hear this case. Instead, the two parties went to Mediation Center, headed by Jacqueline Gibson, and funded by the ASUO.

"The Mediation Center is a safe and neutral place for stu-

dents, staff and faculty to bring their grievances," Gibson said.

Two parties with a problem can go to the center when they are seeking an unbiased third person who will find a solution to the problem that is satisfactory to everyone involved.

Gibson said she has handled cases at the center ranging from roommate conflicts to a divorce between graduate students.

"At one time, two entire floors of a dorm came in," Gibson said. "They had the usual noise problems, stereos blaring at two in the morning, and that type thing."

This resource is not solely used by students. Many professors and student groups seek assistance as well. If a professor and student disagree about a

grade received or an unclear syllabus, a simple solution may be easily reached with the help of mediation.

Professors tend to listen more neutrally to students in the Mediation Center with a third party present than they would have listened if the confrontation had taken place in the professor's office, Gibson said.

Sometimes student groups have problems setting goals or planning activities. Gibson has helped both leaders and groups to compromise so that a group may function to the best of its ability.

"Our group was a mess," said one member of a student group that sought help at the center. "People were quitting; nothing was getting done."



The ASUO's Mediation Center, directed by Jacqueline Gibson, has handled everything from disputes between dorm residents to a graduate student divorce.

"Then we sat down and listened to each other, rearranged our priorities, resources and responsibilities. We're able to get the job done and we're speaking to each other again."

If Gibson is not able to help with a problem, or finds it out of her jurisdiction, she will refer the case to a counselor, lawyer.

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### Almanac

Friday is the last day to drop a class without a "W" mark on grade transcripts for summer session classes running weeks one through four and one through eight. Also, it is the last day to drop without a \$10 fee and receive a full tuition refund for eight-week classes.

Monday is the last day to receive 50 percent tuition refunds for classes running weeks one through four.

### Briefly

The Incidental Fee Committee meets Monday at 1 p.m. in EMU Century Room F to discuss a special request from the Office of Student Advocacy and another concerning the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology from the ASUO. Internal business will also be discussed.

### International

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A struggling Australian rules football team hopes to change its luck with a new sponsor, a brothel.

The Spellbound brothel, which opens next week, has signed a four-year deal with last place Williamstown United.

In exchange for \$4,600 a year from the brothel, play-

ers will wear Spellbound's logo on their jerseys, and an advertising sign will be displayed at all the club's home games.

Spellbound owner Sam Johnson said the deal also would include discounts for players and team officials.

"We're prepared to work out some trade-offs," she said.

She denied the offer would upset the club's female supporters.

"Prostitutes don't take

women's husbands or boy-friends; mistresses do," Johnson said. "The workers just want men for the money."

Australian Rules Football is a hybrid of rugby and Gaelic football that was first played in Victoria state more than 100 years ago. It involves kicking and passing an oblong ball - larger than an American football - with the 18-man teams scoring by putting it through goalposts at the end of the field.