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## Former students making 'dough'

□ Pair finds employment using an old family recipe to make environmentally correct pasta

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Making ravioli is a tradition in the Giudici household.

The day before Christmas, former University student Kirk Giudici and his father would start at 8 a.m. and work until sundown, making enough ravioli for the year.

"We'd put on some Puccini, listen to opera, and drink red wine," Giudici said. "We worked on a huge table with flour everywhere and roll it out."

The tradition took a new turn when Giudici's partner, Jade Elms, persuaded "pop" Giudici to make

a batch of ravioli in August.

Elms was so impressed with the ravioli that she suggested to Kirk they try to sell it in Eugene. Therein lies the beginning of "Rising Moon Ravioli."

After an unprofitable fishing boat job and a long career search, the 24-year-old Giudici took a second, serious look at Elms' proposal.

"I had no job, a big hairy beard, and no money," Giudici said.

Instead of picking from what the job market had to offer, Giudici said they decided to go into business for themselves making the legendary Giudici ravioli.

The business evolved one step at a time, with the two of them first obtaining a loan, getting licensed, and courting local natural food stores to carry their product.

The couple would give store owners tastes of their ravioli, along

with a formal typed proposal of their business aims.

Giudici said they got their name during one of these proposal appointments when he didn't have enough time to correct a typing error on the proposal before showing it to a prospective buyer. As a result, the first half of the company's full name — "Renaissance of the Rising Moon Ravioli" — was left off the proposal.

The store owner commented on how appropriate the name of the ravioli was due to the ravioli's crescent-moon shape, he said.

After hearing that, they decided to keep the typo and shorten the name to Rising Moon Ravioli.

Giudici said it took a while to get the business going, and at first it



Photo by Jeff Paslay

University student and entrepreneur Jade Elms puts the stuffing in Rising Moon Ravioli.

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## Beanery rejects gay publication

□ Decision reverses agreement between coffee house owner, Queer Nation

By Tim Neff  
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Allann Bros. Coffee Co. has decided to keep *The Lavender Network*, a gay-oriented magazine, off newspaper racks at its stores, reversing a tentative accord reached by Queer Nation and the local coffee outlet.

During negotiations April 1, representatives of Queer Nation and the Beanery Coffee House, which is owned by Allann Bros., decided to return the magazine to distribution racks. The agreement needed approval from Allann Bros. headquarters in Corvallis.

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### ASUO ELECTIONS

ASUO Executive candidate profiles of Chris Pharis/Donald Morgan and Dan Pulju, and the last of the IFC candidate interviews, round out election previews.

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The Duck softball team swept a doubleheader from Simon Fraser.

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### COACHING STYLES

Oregon track coaches Bill Dellinger and Tom Heinonen have one thing in common ... winning.

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Photo by Michael Shindler

Wetlands in the West Eugene area are currently under scrutiny in an effort to protect and restore the property.

## Plan would protect wetlands

□ As Eugene considers restoration proposal, landowners unite in opposition

By Tim Neff  
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Ben and Carol Fisher still live on what's left of the old family homestead.

The Fisher family settled in the area more than 100 years ago on a 1,000-acre plot.

The state purchased much of that land in the early 1940s for construction of the Fern Ridge Reservoir and

Highway 126. Today, a nearby butte and the road running alongside their property bear the family name, but only 58 acres still belong to the Fishers.

If Eugene adopts a plan to protect and restore wetlands in West Eugene, Oregon may once again be interested in the Fisher homestead.

Under the West Eugene Wetlands Special Area Study plan, the Bureau of Land Management could offer to purchase the Fishers' property and protect it as wetlands — areas valued for their wildlife habitat and ability to purify storm water. The Eugene City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners are considering the plan for approval.

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