

Athletic department prepares to eliminate positions

□ Athletic director Bill Byrne says three positions will be cut and two positions will not be renewed

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The University's athletic department, ordered in May by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education to make

budget cuts, has dropped the ax on five positions.

Steve Hellyer, University sports information director, said athletic director Bill Byrne announced to the staff Monday that three people will be laid off and two other positions will not be renewed for next year.

"It's an unfortunate thing because we really feel that every person employed here is important to our department," Hellyer said. "It will be up to others to

pick up the slack from these people's positions."

But with the required cutbacks, there was no other option, Hellyer said.

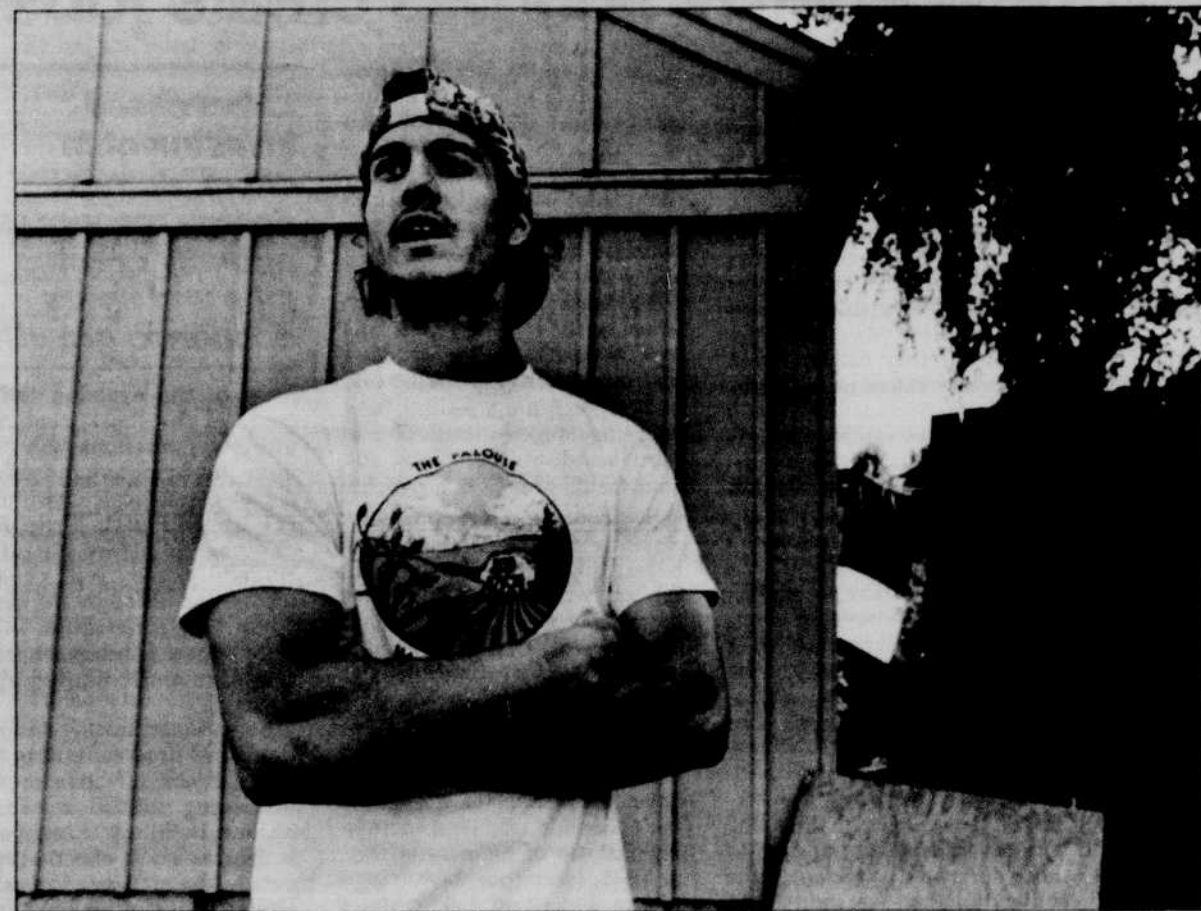
The OSBHE adopted a proposal that the University's athletic department, operating with a \$1.8 million deficit, must cut its \$12 million budget by at least 2 percent.

Although the decision was announced just weeks before the end of the fiscal year, \$263,000 was taken immediately

out of the 1991-92 budget. No jobs were lost, however.

The 1992-93 budget is still being prepared, Hellyer said, and won't be complete until into fall term, but the need for layoffs became apparent. The final budget must be approved by the University administration and the board.

One of the eliminated positions was vacated when the employee moved onto another job. The other was a temporary position that was not renewed



University student Scott Gibson shows how his eight-foot boa constrictor escaped from its cage and disappeared into his neighborhood.

Photo by Jeff Paalay

Slithery escape has neighbors on the lookout

□ A boa constrictor named "Cassandra" breaks out of its cage and finds a new home in an Amazon Park neighborhood

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While University student Scott Gibson was out celebrating the Fourth of July, his pet boa constrictor was celebrating its own independence day.

Sometime between 9 p.m. and midnight, the eight-foot reptile, affectionately known as "Cassandra," decided to go for a walk — or a crawl, as the case may be. The ambitious snake slithered out of its cage, squeezed through a window and crawled off into the neighborhood near Gibson's house on 24th and High Street.

And until the snake is rounded up, Gibson can only hope that it can survive in Eugene's concrete jungle.

"She was my pet," Gibson said. "I've had her for three years. I didn't think you could get so attached to a snake."

Although there have been no serpentine sightings near Gibson's house, a motorist reported seeing a

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University museums offer variety of summer exhibits

□ Featured exhibits include everything from Rodin sculptures to Andy Warhol's vision of pop culture

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Two museums at the University are offering a chance this summer to see everything from Rodin sculptures to ancient Or-

gon artifacts to an Andy Warhol creation.

The Museum of Art, at 1430 Johnson Lane, adjacent to the Knight Library, has three major exhibits this summer. Twenty-seven bronze sculptures by Rodin are featured, along with a collection of photographs by Portland-based artist Christopher Burkett and a selection of several kinds of prints from many different American artists.

The Museum of Natural History, at 1680 E. 15th Ave., has

two featured exhibits — photographs of China by American missionaries from 1900-1930 and a collection of Javanese shadow puppets — as well as four ongoing exhibits.

Both museums are open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

The Rodin sculptures, on loan from the Stanford University Museum of Art and the B. Gerald Cantor Art Foundation, will be on campus through May 1993.

Among the sculptures from

the self-taught French artist are the famous "The Kiss," with two entwined figures, and "The Age of Bronze."

"The Rodin bronzes are of enormous interest to our visitors, many of whom come here from great distance to study them," said Stephen M. Gough, Museum of Art director. "It has been especially gratifying to have art classes from public schools and universities from around the state come to study Rodin."

The exhibition features casts

made from about 1880 to 1897.

Rodin was born in Paris in 1840 and his reputation as a great artist developed in the 1880s when he was invited to show his works all over Europe and began to receive major commissions.

The Stanford collection is the second largest in the world, with 180 works, most donated by Cantor, a California investment banker. The largest collection is in France.

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WEATHER



A northerly wind in the upper levels of the atmosphere will control the weather the next couple of days. This will allow for abundant sunshine Thursday and will continue on into the weekend just in time for the Oregon Country Fair.

Warm temperatures will climb into the mid-80s today.

ON THE AIR

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Radio talk-show host Barbara Carlson has been suspended for two weeks after quizzing a fellow broadcaster on the air about her sex life.

Carlson was hosting a live take-off of the television show "The Dating Game" on KSTP-AM radio when she asked Carolyn Brooker of KSTP-TV, who is black, if she'd ever had sex with a white man.

Brooker said she felt "shock, then anger, then frustration" over the question.

Carlson said she had apologized for her "inappropriate" question and had written a letter of apology to Brooker.

"I have no one to blame by myself... I am horrified, Carlson said.

SPORTS



LIBOURNE, FRANCE (AP) — Pascal Lino of France retained the leader's yellow jersey in the Tour de France Wednesday, while the favorites used the team time trial to jockey for a position closer to the lead.

Greg LeMond dropped from 10th to 12th in the standings but gained more than a minute on the clock.

The great test — as always — comes when the racing moves to the Alps in 10 days.