

Letter angers Asian students

□ Memo sent by International Student Services assistant director seen by some as racist

By Daralyn Trappe
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Several Asian students are requesting the dismissal of the assistant director of International Student Services on the heels of a memo he wrote referring to the Chinese as people "who will run all over you if you let them."

The students want Peter Briggs removed from his position and plan to request that of University President Myles Brand at a scheduled meeting today. The students aired their concerns Wednesday to Susan Plass, planning associate for the Office of International Affairs, and she arranged the meeting with Brand.

Briggs was apologetic and said he regrets that the letter has upset people, but admitted that "it sounds pretty bad."

The letter in question, dated Aug. 5, was written in response to a student's request for an extension on his student housing lease. Students who finish school are given two months to find another place of residence. Wu Xiangui, who lives in Westmoreland housing, graduated in June. He requested the extension so he could stay in the low-rent homes until he found work and could afford other accommodations.

Darrell Neet, Westmoreland maintenance supervisor, wrote a letter on Aug. 4 to Ron Tendick, director of

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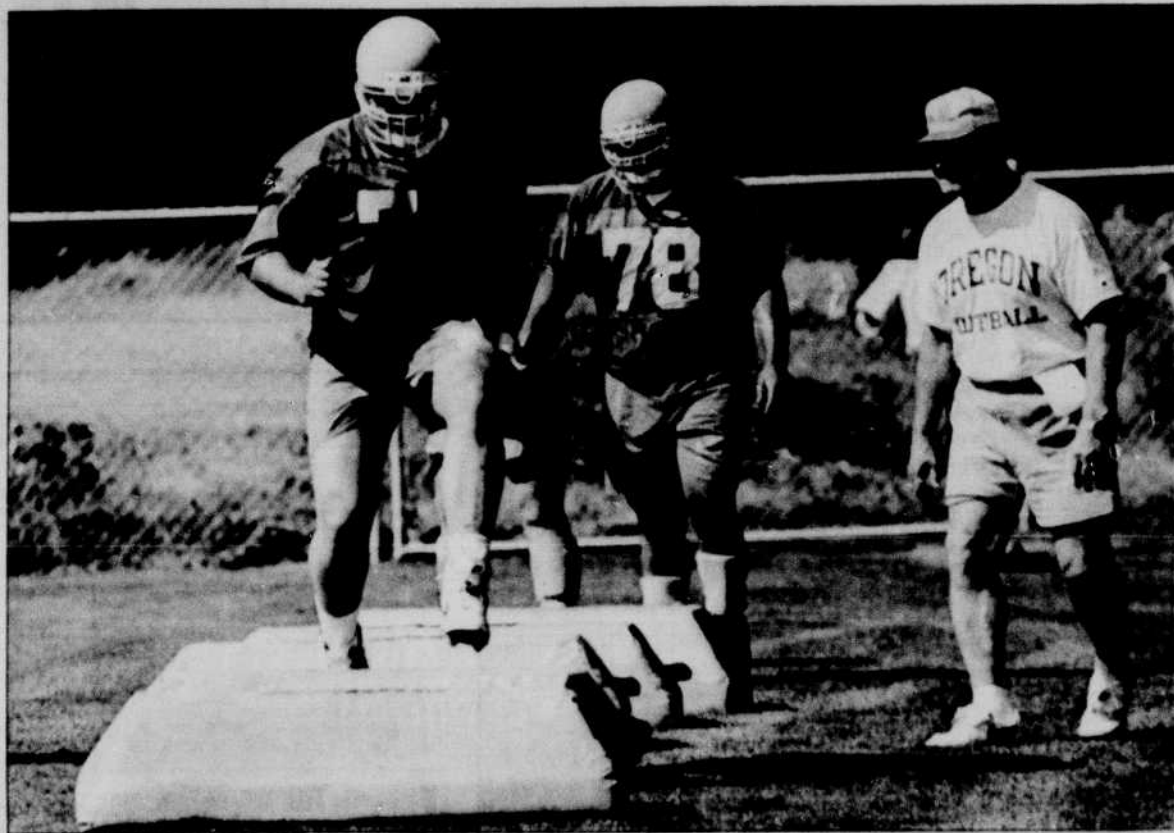


Photo by Jeff Paslay

Defensive line coach Joe Schaffeld puts several freshmen Ducks through a workout during practice Tuesday afternoon. First-year Ducks started practicing Monday. The rest of the team will report for summer camp today.

Child abuse cases on rise

□ Agencies try to handle influx of people in Lane County looking for help

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Relief Nursery staff took an all too familiar phone call Monday afternoon shortly after its local office had closed for the day.

The woman at the other end of the line sounded frustrated, frightened and desperate. She said she felt like hurting her 17-month-old child and needed someone to help her stop.

But any assistance that the Relief Nursery could have provided was already promised to the 235 people on the waiting list. And it could be more than a year before the 235th person can be helped.

Relief Nursery Executive Director Jean Phelps tried to reassure the woman and promised to contact her the next day. But when Nursery staffers made the check up call, they found that the line had been disconnected.

The scene is repeated with horrible frequency at abuse prevention agencies both nationally and in Lane County, where understaffed organizations are bringing meager resources to bear on a growing problem. And for those denied access to help, the problem doesn't just go away.

"They aren't just waiting gently on the list," Phelps said. "Sometimes they wait a year. They often move. But much of the time, they disappear."

While Nursery staffers kept trying to locate the caller Wednesday, groundbreaking ceremonies were under way for the Nursery's new \$1.2 million permanent facility, designed to provide access for those who would have otherwise been turned away.

"If we had the building then, we could have had the woman come right in and see us," Phelps said. "But as much as we wanted to help her, we couldn't."

The new facility, located at 25th Avenue and Chambers Street, will expand the Relief Nursery's capacity by

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Program decision upheld

□ Department of Education rejects University request to reverse decision to zero-fund Upward Bound

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The U.S. Department of Education has rejected a July 1 appeal from the University to reconsider its decision to discontinue funding the University's Upward Bound program.

The federally funded college preparatory program has operated on the University campus since 1965. It was one of the first Upward Bound programs in the nation.

Applications for such programs are submitted yearly to the department of education by schools in competitions for funding.

An announcement that funding had been halted was made in June. Last month, University President Myles Brand and Upward Bound director Pearl Hill sent letters to federal education officials asking that the decision be reversing. Concern was expressed in Brand's letters of "possible reader bias, of mis-

reading, and of mishandling of the University of Oregon's proposal" for continued funding.

Hill wrote that "an overall reaction to the Reviewers' comments and eventual scoring can best be stated by a remark from one of the Reviewers who indicated 'applicant did not appear to follow the application guide which makes it difficult for the reader to follow.' ... This does not mean that the information was not included in the proposal. It appears that the frustration with not being able to locate information quickly prejudiced the Reviewers' ability to score fairly the proposal."

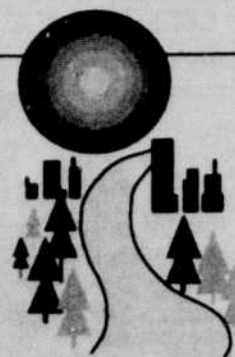
Several other editorial comments also indicate concern with format rather than content, she wrote.

Both Brand and Hill espoused the value of the program, but in a response letter from John Childers, deputy assistant secretary for Higher Education Programs, the original decision is upheld.

The letter, dated Aug. 3, states that "there is no evidence that the two non-federal readers who read and scored the application showed bias in either their evaluations or their supporting state-

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WEATHER



Today will bring mostly sunny skies and highs in the mid-90s. Temperatures should remain pleasant through the weekend.

Today is the last day of regular publication for summer term.

The *Emerald* will resume daily operations Monday September 28.

NO DROUGHT HERE

SNOQUALMIE, Wash. (AP) - The *Twin Peaks* television series has spawned T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, books and posters. Now a group of bottlers is buying excess spring water from Snoqualmie, where parts of the TV series are filmed, and selling it as *Twin Peaks Mountain Spring Water*.

There will be 12,000 bottles available this weekend when thousands of the series' fans converge for the first *Twin Peaks* Fest in Snoqualmie and North Bend.

"This is the best water in the country. It's an incredible product," said Pepper Schenne of Snoqualmie, one of the water-bottling entrepreneurs.

SPORTS

NEW YORK (AP) - When it comes to Olympic fever, Atlanta was next to last as far as television is concerned.

The site of the 1996 Summer Olympics ranked 24th among the 25 largest U.S. cities in television viewing of the Barcelona Games, according to figures released Tuesday by Nielsen Media Research.

The top rating was in Portland followed by Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. At the bottom was Charlotte, N.C. "Atlanta is the only major American city where a third of the people did not watch the Olympics," NBC Sports president Dick Ebersol said.