

# Alumni compete for Homecoming spirit

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A crowd of enthusiastic runners gathered Saturday morning to show off their homecoming spirit by participating in a five-kilometer run/walk.

The race kicked off in front of Johnson Hall with a group of 30 runners sporting their "Bury the Bears Homecoming '92" T-shirts. The majority of the runners were alumni visiting the campus for Homecoming although students and residents competed as well.

From Johnson Hall, the runners made a complete loop around campus, plus a one and three-quarters lap around Hayward Field. The course was designed to give runners who hadn't seen the campus during the last few years the chance to see some of the progress that has been made.

Kim Heiney, director of Constituency Relations for the Alumni Association, organized the run as a way of welcoming alumni back for Homecoming.

"We were really happy with the outcome," Heiney said. "We thought it would be fun if even 15 alumni showed up because it would give them a reason to come back to the University and re-familiarize themselves with the campus."

David Harding won first-place honors with a time of 16:15. Harding graduated in 1984 and is currently working for the Standard Insurance Company in Portland.

While attending the University, Harding competed in cross country and track and field.

Capturing second place at 16:45 was John Schultz, a University senior majoring in physics.

Schultz's former trainer, John Nagel, finished in third place. A recent graduate in general science, Nagel works for Run-Pro Inc. in Eugene. Together, Nagel and his dog completed the race at 17:11.

In maintaining the spirit of Homecoming, Nagel added that he believed "the Ducks would win 21-17, no doubt about it."

With confidence in the Ducks and Homecoming spirit filling the streets, the race came to an end as the last of the runners crossed the finish line.

# STREETWISE

QUESTION:

Did anything about the election surprise you?

"Probably that measures 5 and 6 didn't pass. There was a big movement to pass them. Besides, Trojan is going to close anyway."



JASON VAN HANDEL  
freshman, humanities

"Measure 9 was so close and wasn't defeated decisively. Around here it seemed everyone was voting no. Other places passed it, and it's frightening that the OCA won't give up."



KRISTIE KALINOWSKI  
sophomore, business

"That Measure 9 was so narrowly defeated. It scares me that (the OCA is) going to reword it and that could sway enough voters the other way so it can pass."



KENYA SMITH  
senior, english

"Measure 7 being defeated surprised me the most. It was well written, and I thought it would pass because it would have helped some of the problems caused by Measure 5."



LESLIE EPPINGER  
freshman, undeclared

"I was really surprised by the amount of support Ross Perot got in the end. I was also surprised by Measure 9. It's really discouraging to see that amount of hate in Oregon."



JEREMY THEODORE  
senior, architecture

"How close Measure 9 was and how Measure 7 wasn't close. Oregon isn't as liberal as people think. Social issues don't really come to the surface here."



RACHEL LOCKARD  
sophomore, english

# Bookstore hopes Sensor-Matic will end book thievery

By Jeff Hamilton  
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Students will no longer have to check their backpacks at the University Bookstore.

Just before fall term, the bookstore added a Sensor-Matic Inventory Control System. This system, similar to ones at many retail stores, make it difficult for theft to occur.

"We purchased the Sensor-Matic in an attempt to keep costs down," said bookstore general manager Jim Williams. "We are one of a few university bookstores in the country that offer a 9 percent discount to students, and in order to keep offering that discount, we need to have a better control on our inventory."

Williams said he checks the system every day and hasn't had a problem with it, although an occasional video or library book will set it off.

"When the system goes off, we approach the person in a friendly manner," Williams said. "We don't assume that they have stolen something."

Matt Del Valle, a student who had the experience of having the Sensor-Matic go off while walking through it, wasn't very enthusiastic about the new system.

"I felt really embarrassed," Del Valle said. "Everybody was looking at me like I was a criminal. I had to take my books out of my bag and walk through again."

Lila Johnson is another student with reservations about the new system.

"I'm so paranoid when I walk through

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University Bookstore general manager

it," Johnson said. "I'm afraid it's going to zap me."

But many students praised the system. "I like this new system a lot," sopho-

more Dick Lee said. "When I had to check my backpack last year, there was always a chance that someone could take it by accident or on purpose."

Williams said the system wasn't expensive.

"We expect that the money saved this term from books that won't be stolen because of the Sensor-Matic will pay for the entire system," Williams said.

The bookstore won't know how successful the new system is until June 30, when they will do a complete inventory.

"The costs of going to school have continued to go up," Williams said. "This new system is working and should help keep the prices of books down."

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