

Sculpture study



Photo by Anthony Forney

Brita Weller, a freshman architecture major, studies a Rodin sculpture at the Museum of Art for an assignment in her art history class.

OSU student finds offense in T-Shirt

□ Fraternity fund-raising Civil War shirt with sexual theme sparks controversy at OSU

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Associate Editor

When Oregon State University sophomore Kristen Spruill wrote a letter to *The Daily Barometer* complaining about a Civil War football game T-shirt, she had no idea she was setting off a chain of events.

Spruill's letter led to Phi Delta Theta fraternity's increasing involvement in rape awareness programs and *Barometer* staff members' re-evaluation of classified ad guidelines.

In class one day, Spruill saw a man wearing a T-shirt with the words "F--- the Ducks" and a depiction of a man with buck teeth and a beaver tail raping a woman with a duck bill and webbed feet from behind. The man was grabbing the woman's hair, and the woman was crying.

Spruill didn't know at the time some Phi Delta Theta fraternity pledges had the T-shirts printed in November to raise money for the fraternity, but the T-shirt angered her.

In Spruill's letter, she said, "Survivors of sexual assault look at the shirt and infer that the impact of their experience is expected to be as fleeting and, ultimately, as painless as the result of a basketball

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Major requires travel abroad for one term

□ International studies students learn most out of classroom

By Demian McLean
Emerald Reporter

For many University students, the idea of leaving Eugene to study for a term in Europe or Asia may seem like a luxury. But for international studies majors, it's not a luxury; it's a requirement.

During the past two years, international studies undergrad-

uates have traveled throughout Europe, Asia and Central America, spending one or more terms fulfilling the requirements of their major. Some take internships with foreign companies, but most enroll at foreign universities.

Senior international studies major Doug Jensen said the requirement involves more than just attending classes.

In his two years in France and Germany, Jensen said he learned

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Birr happy as spokesman for public safety

□ Firefighter/public relations man never thought he'd have this position

By Matt Bender
Emerald Reporter

While attending the University in the early 1970s, Tim Birr really didn't have any idea what he wanted to do.

That changed when he read *Report from Engine Co. No. 82*, an autobiography of a firefighter stationed in New York's South Bronx. Birr said the exciting fire calls and camaraderie between the firefighters portrayed in the book made him want to fight fires.

So in 1975, Birr dropped out of college and joined the

Eugene fire department.

During the next four years, when Birr wasn't fighting fires, he spent some of his free time pursuing one of his other interests: writing. Birr, who had six articles published in fire service periodicals before 1979, quickly gained a reputation around the fire department as a good communicator.

So in 1979 when Eugene Fire Chief Everett Hall decided he needed a part-time information officer, he chose Birr.

Since then, Birr has trained himself to be one of the most respected public relations sources in Eugene. Few news stories that involve the Eugene police or fire

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Photo by Dylan Coulter

Tim Birr stands next to engine No. 1, which he rode as a firefighter with the Eugene fire department 18 years ago.

WEATHER

Cloudy skies with a chance of rain or snow. Highs will return to the upper 40s.

Today in History

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima raised the American flag atop Mount Suribachi.

HACKERS PLEAD GUILTY

SEATTLE (AP) - Two young men accused of using a home computer to break into computers at the Boeing Co. and the federal court here pleaded guilty Monday to federal charges, U.S. Attorney Mike McKay said.

Charles M. Anderson, 19, and Costa George Katsaniotis, 21, were released pending sentencing April 23 before a U.S. magistrate.

McKay said that the two gained access to the federal court computer system by scanning for telephone modem numbers. Anderson then copied a file containing computer access passwords.

McKay said the hackers were able to open many confidential files and directories.

SPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Two-thirds of Indianapolis blacks responding to a survey felt boxer Mike Tyson did not receive a fair trial on rape charges one year ago.

The survey highlighted the dissatisfaction many blacks have with the criminal justice system, said Brian Vargus, director of the Indiana University Public Opinion Laboratory, which conducted the poll for the *Indianapolis Star* and television station WRTV.

Among blacks polled, 67 percent said Tyson was unfairly convicted, 11 percent said Tyson was guilty but received an unfair sentence, and 7 percent said he was treated fairly. The remainder said they didn't know or couldn't answer.