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L.G. Blanchard, University President Myles Brand's main media representative, will head north to manage a news bureau at the University of Washington.

News man heads for Washington

Concern about job security motivates the news bureau associate director to move on

By Colleen Pohlig
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L.G. Blanchard is used to change. From covering research in the depths of Antarctica to writing speeches for the Environmental Protection Agency to reporting the ongoing effects of 1990's Ballot Measure 5, the University News Bureau associate director is headed for yet another challenge — this time at the University of Washington. "He's taken a position at some school up

north, but we won't say the name," University President Myles Brand said jokingly, referring to one of Oregon's rival schools where Blanchard will become Manager of Communications at the school's Central News Bureau March 31.

But University administrators, faculty and students who have come to know Blanchard's humor and talent over the past year and one-half may not like the change created when he departs.

"I've moved out of denial over his departure and into irritation," said Jan Oliver, assistant vice president for institutional affairs. "All the humor will certainly be missed and certainly, the talent."

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African-Americans look close to home for new role models

Students say they respect people who helped community

By Scott Andre
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During the 1960s, civil rights leaders such as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X served as role models for millions of African-Americans, but to whom do they look today?

"I don't consider Jesse Jackson as my role model," said Leslie Warren, director of the Black Student Union.

Warren and other African-American students at the University find their role models closer to home.

"My role models, growing up, were the guys who came back to the community and helped keep me on the straight and narrow," said Ed Cabs, a junior sociology major. "(They) tutored me when I needed tutoring. They came back to try and make the community better."

Andrea Debnam, co-director of the BSU, said she looks for role models who have had experiences similar to hers.

So who are the nationally prominent African-American role models for the 1990s?

Clarence Spigner, assistant professor of anthropology, folk and ethnic studies, points to U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, Texas Sen. Barbara Jordan and Virginia Gov. Douglas Wilder. Spigner also named authors Alice Walker and Toni

Morrison as modern black role models.

"These are black women writing about gender problems with black men and about political problems of the United States and the world," Spigner said.

While African-American students at the University agreed with Spigner's list of role models, they emphasized the importance of looking for mentors closer to home.

"We're starting to realize that each individual has the potential to be great," said student Michelle Parks. "We have to act on that. We have to be our own greatest heroes. And we have to be our children's greatest heroes and not rely on someone else to be the type of person that our children look up to."

Spigner agreed.

"Sometimes being a role model can mean just being functional, rather than dysfunctional, in society," he said. "Letting people know that you can do your part to try and make the world a better place. And sometimes, that's just done by getting up in the morning, taking care of family, or being a significant other, providing respect to your loved one."



Leslie Warren

Legislators meet with citizens to get advice

Carl Hosticka and Cynthia Wooten seek opinions on tax relief plans

By Lisa Kneefel
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Eugene citizens asked two state representatives to consider carefully the value of education and health care as the Oregon Legislature works with reductions in the state services budget imposed by 1990's Ballot Measure 5.

State Representatives Carl Hosticka and Cynthia

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OPS says four assaults reported

Public safety director wants to raise awareness at University

By Matt Bender
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The University Office of Public Safety released information Thursday regarding four recent incidents of sexual assault in an effort to keep the University community informed of criminal activity.

OPS Director Carey Drayton said the assaults were reported to OPS Wednesday and the information was

released so individuals could take appropriate precautions.

The following incidents were reported Feb. 24 and are currently under active investigation by the Eugene police department and public safety officials.

- A date rape that allegedly occurred Feb. 21 was informally reported by a female University student. The victim has not decided if she will press charges but has discussed her options with police, Drayton said.

- A University student reported an incident of

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WEATHER

Expect mixed clouds and sunshine with temperatures ranging from the lower 40s to the lower 50s.

Today in History

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, limiting a president to two terms in office.

WOMEN ARTISTS CELEBRATED

The ASUO Women's Resource and Referral Center kicked off on Thursday a week of activities celebrating the artistic achievements of international women.

A film festival will feature films from around the world directed by and starring women. The films will be shown at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Room 100 Willamette Feb. 26-30.

The films show strong women who rise above political and cultural barriers, said Esther Wong, women's center co-director.

Other events will include a coffee hour Wednesday, a potluck next Friday, and a fair next Saturday.

SPORTS

A young Oregon softball team begins its season this weekend along with 19 other teams at the Spring Fling in Las Vegas, Nev.

The Ducks kick off the season against Sacramento State this morning at 9, followed by contests against Utah and Oregon State in the afternoon. Oregon will face UNLV Saturday morning before it begins bracket play later that afternoon.

Oregon head coach Tami Brown's 15-woman team will feature six freshmen and no seniors. The Ducks plan to start four freshmen this weekend, along with five juniors and a sophomore.