

Group calls for inquiry of minority recruitment

□ Students of Color Building Bridges wants records of University's hiring process

By Chester Allen
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A student group wants to investigate the University's recent hires to determine whether minorities had a chance to apply for the jobs.

Students of Color Building Bridges also wants minority students placed on University faculty and administration hiring committees, said Diana Collins Puente.

However, University Vice Provost Gerard Moseley said the University offers jobs to all qualified minority applicants. Moseley said students should not review University job applicants.

The group demanded Monday the University re-open the director position of the Office of Multicultural Affairs to conduct a nationwide search for a new director. Members of the group said they would consider leaving the University if their demands were not met.

Collins Puente said the group wasn't personally against Marshall Saucedo, current director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, but wanted to make sure minorities from across the nation had a chance to apply for the job.

Saucedo was acting director of the office for two years before being named permanent director in August.

"Our group would be satisfied with Marshall or anyone else as long as other people were given the opportunity to apply for the job," Collins Puente said. "We're not

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Lean machine



Photo by Anthony Forney

Brad Walsberg, a University senior studying marketing (right), and sophomore economics major Fred Skoda train at Fern Ridge Reservoir Thursday for the Oregon Club sailing team.

FBI arrests suspect for NY bombing

□ Man's arrest is the first major breakthrough in the FBI's search for answers

NEW YORK (AP) — A man described as a follower of a radical Muslim cleric was arrested Thursday in last week's World Trade Center bombing when he coolly tried a third time to reclaim a rental deposit on the van determined to have housed the bomb.

Other suspects were being sought in what prosecutor Gilmore Childres called "the single most destructive act of terrorism ever committed on American soil." The motive remained unclear.

"This investigation clearly is not finished, but a large first step has been taken," James Fox, FBI chief in New York, said at a news briefing Thursday night.

Mohammed A. Salameh, 25, was charged with aiding and abetting the bombing and a fire that followed, and with transportation of explosives across state lines. The Jersey City, N.J., resident was ordered held without bail and faces life in prison if convicted. A hearing was set for March 18.

The arrest was a sudden, major break in the most notorious U.S. bombing in years. Just a day earlier, the FBI had said it could take months to crack the case.

The van Salameh rented was the one that carried the bomb, FBI Agent Thomas G. Donlon said in an affidavit filed with the court. Charred fragments of the Ford Econoline E-350 van — including an axle with a traceable identification number — were recovered at the blast site.

The affidavit also said a search of a Jersey City apartment with a bomb-sniffing dog turned up bomb-making equipment including wiring and manuals on circuitry and electromagnetic devices. On the rental agreement Salameh had given the phone number for that apartment; it wasn't immediately clear whether he lived there.

Salameh, in federal court in New York City on Thursday night, appeared relaxed as an interpreter read the charges to him in Arabic. "Why?" he asked his attorney repeatedly. The court-appointed defense lawyer, Robert Precht, asked unsuccessfully that bail be set at \$5 million.

Papers that the suspect presented the rental agency several days ago were covered with nitrates, a government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press. Nitrates are found in some explosives; traces of nitrates were found at the blast site.

Friday's blast in a garage beneath the twin towers killed five people, injured more than 1,000, left one missing and sent fear through the nation's largest city.

University proposes harassment rule changes

□ Modifications would channel all discrimination complaints through one rule

By Colleen Pohlig
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A newly proposed sexual harassment rule that would channel all forms of illegal discrimination into one ordinance was met with a multitude of suggestions and questions at a public meeting Thursday.

University officials, in keeping with

changes in a federal conciliation agreement signed recently, proposed the rule regarding illegal discrimination, which includes sexual harassment.

The rule specifies more clearly what constitutes sexual harassment and also sets deadlines for those considering filing complaints, among other amendments.

Some major changes from the current rule to the proposed rule include:

- "Inappropriate conduct" in the work or educational environment no longer has to be physical, as is stated in the current rule. "Creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive" environment may include

offensive words or pictures, according to the proposed rule.

- University employees, upon learning of allegations of any form of illegal discrimination, have the responsibility to report allegations to the Office of Affirmative Action. This isn't stated in the current rule.

- Currently, those who file informal complaints can name the alleged harasser but don't have to reveal themselves. If the University received three similar informal complaints against the same individual, it would likely begin an investigation.

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WEATHER

Fog and clouds will prevail in the morning, possibly breaking up for a little bit of sunshine. Highs in the lower 60s.

Today in History

In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in Hollywood. He was 33.

MUPPET ALIVE AND WELL

BOSTON (AP) — Ernie isn't dead. He isn't even sick. He hasn't been in an accident. And *Sesame Street* producers are baffled by the rumors.

For months, the fate of the popular television character has been the subject of grim gossip among preschoolers and their parents.

But there's no reason to worry.

"Ernie is alive and well, and we have no intention of anything happening to him or anyone else," said Carolyn Miller, spokeswoman for Children's Television Workshop, which produces the show. "Unfortunately, we're hearing a lot of rumors, everything from that he's got leukemia to the story that he was hit by a bus."

SPORTS

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks took two major steps toward rebuilding Thursday, hiring former college and NBA player Quinn Buckner as coach and signing first-round draft pick Jim Jackson.

Buckner, a college standout at Indiana before playing for several NBA teams, is an analyst for NBC on league telecasts. He will take over as the fourth coach in the Mavericks' 13-year history next season after signing a five year contract.

Jackson's contract includes this season, for which he will be paid in full. He will see limited playing time Friday in a home game against Houston.