

One on one



Photo by Jeff Praslay

Sophomore economics major Michihiko Ogawa (left) shoots for two while sophomore fine arts major Ken Wu gives his best Michael Jordan impersonation at the basketball courts near Carson Hall. Both try to play as often as possible between classes, they said.

H. Ross Perot coming to Eugene on Sunday

□ The Texas billionaire will speak at the Hilton at 4 p.m., and the public is invited

By Daralyn Trappe
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Now here's the deal — H. Ross Perot is coming to Eugene Sunday to thank his supporters and focus attention on his new organization, United We Stand. It's as simple as that.

Perot will speak at the Eugene Hilton at 4 p.m. There is no admission charge and no tickets will be available, said Cele Hall, chairwoman of the Oregon chapter of United We Stand. Doors at the Hilton will open at 2:15 p.m., and people will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis, she said. About 1,900 seats will be available.

Perot has been sweeping through the country the past several weeks on a speaking tour and will swing through Washington and Oregon this weekend.

Hall said Perot is not making the effort to drum up support for another personal

political campaign.

"Ross is going around the country to get in touch with people who helped him last year," Hall said. "He's not out to promote himself. He doesn't want to run for president again. He's said he'd rather have surgery with no anesthetic than do that again."

Perot does, however, plan to remain a thorn in President Bill Clinton's side. Hall said Perot wants to keep attention on all sorts of government issues, especially deficit reduction and ethical reform. United We Stand formed out of Perot's desire to formalize those efforts.

"After he got about 20 million votes in November, those people were anxious to keep him out in front with his agenda and his charisma," Hall said. "He wanted to figure out how to keep us together, so he came up with this organization."

United We Stand officially organized on Jan. 11, and state chapters have formed, or are in the process of forming, throughout the state, Hall said. The chapters are focusing on both national and local issues, she said.

Lonsdale files suit against 'Chieftain' for nudity claims

□ Newspaper claims Lonsdale took part in a river party involving nudity

PORTLAND (AP) — A Bend businessman who lost two U.S. Senate races has filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against an Eastern Oregon weekly newspaper, claiming his reputation was damaged by a story about nudity on a river trip.

Harry Lonsdale filed the libel suit against the *Wallowa County Chieftain*

last week in Wallowa County Circuit Court in Enterprise, contending he was defamed by articles written by editor Rick Swart and published last spring.

The weekly claimed Lonsdale had falsely claimed he did not take part in a 1991 Hells Canyon float trip, where environmental activists were videotaped in the nude on a sandbar and urinating in the Snake River.

The videotape by Boise businessman Dennis Gratton caused a stir around the Northwest because the 30-member float

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Forest conference will give all sides opportunity to be heard

□ University faculty members say there can be no quick solution to timber crisis

By Rebecca Merritt
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Those hoping for a quick-fix solution to the timber crisis will more than likely be disappointed by the outcome of Friday's forest conference, according to University faculty members.

But those who view Friday's meeting in Portland as a chance for all sides to openly voice their opinions and to

place the Pacific Northwest's timber troubles in the national spotlight will probably be satisfied with the one-day conference with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Mary Wood, assistant professor of law, said she believes the forest conference itself will provide a "healthy forum" for the national airing of views.

"But the real work will begin after the conference," she said. "It's just too far complex of a problem to solve in one day."

Friday's summit at the Portland Convention Center will be organized in a panel format, assistant Professor Ann

Hawkins said. More than 40 invitations have been formally extended by Clinton to environmentalists, timber industry officials and others concerned about the future of the region's forests, Hawkins said.

University economics Professor Ed Whitelaw, who has been criticized for downplaying the role of timber in Oregon's economy, is planning to attend.

U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, who recently toured area timberland, will play a key role in the summit, Hawkins said. Mike Espy, U.S. secretary of agricul-

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WEATHER

Better keep your umbrellas out today because the storm that moved into the Pacific Northwest Wednesday afternoon should provide considerable cloudiness and continued rain throughout most of the day.

The best chance for sunshine will be Friday.

LAYOFFS FOR TROJAN EMPLOYEES

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland General Electric Co. bade farewell to about 275 Trojan nuclear plant employees with a barbecue at the plant as the first of several rounds of layoffs took effect Wednesday.

"It was a day of saying goodbyes for people out here," said PGE spokesman Steve Sautter. There were "a lot of tears and a lot of expectations for the future. The mood ran the gamut from sadness to anticipation."

In January, 414 layoff notices were issued that took effect Wednesday. More than a hundred of those employees have already left for other jobs. The remainder are now out of work looking for other jobs, new careers or are going back to school, Sautter said.

SPORTS

PORTLAND (AP) — Clyde Drexler is available to join you for breakfast.

The all-star guard of the Portland Trail Blazers is being featured on 24-ounce boxes of Wheaties as a member of the cereal's circle of champions.

The Drexler box will be on supermarket shelves in Oregon and southwest Washington.

It features two action pictures of Drexler on the front alongside a red banner proclaiming, "Wheaties Salutes Clyde Drexler." The back depicts him in a pensive moment atop written tribute