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FIG draws Brand's attention

By Laurel Bossi
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

His is a story to which many can relate.

It begins on an ordinary September afternoon in the midst of a great many ivy-covered brick buildings, bustling pedestrians, darting bicycles and austere, somewhat grim-looking statues, all of which form the initial composite image of the thrilling, yet often intimidating intellectual community called college.

As he stepped onto a university campus for the first day of classes, he no doubt realized, as had those who preceded him, that he was beginning a whole new way of life. Gone were the countless familiar faces and feelings of a home left behind. Looming ahead was a possibly uncertain future, a strange city, and crowds of people he did not know.

It began quite similarly for many people here, and though most of us have since learned to stride more confidently as year after year provides us with ever-growing assurance and a growing number of friends, we still are often reluctant to abandon the memory of those first tentative weeks of school, when we were at our weakest moments as unsure freshmen.

These are the scenes that ASUO's finance coordinator Francis Neo cheerfully paints as he discusses those things that motivated him to become a leader of a Freshman Interest Group.

When asked what he did during his first year here, Neo confesses that he spent much of the time studying, and very few hours getting to know people, something he seems to regret. He has since triumphantly broken out of that shell and this fall, at the start of his senior year, decided to dedicate most of his time to the FIG program.

The FIG program, as Neo proudly points out, originated here at the University. Since then, several other universities in the Northwest have followed suit with similar programs designed, in part, to provide many first-year students the opportunity to select a group of classes which will not only serve as a beginning guide to probable majors, but more importantly, will hopefully encourage sociability and help



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University Myles Brand recently spoke to a number of freshmen at one of FIGs meetings.

to acclimate them to their new surroundings.

"It's a very crucial point in their lives...making the decision to stay in school, get good grades, make new friends," Neo said.

Indeed, Neo feels so passionate about the importance of emphasizing these things to his 21-member FIG, that he took the initiative by phoning the office of University President Myles Brand and inviting him to speak at one of the FIG's regular Tuesday afternoon meetings.

President Brand accepted, and arrived at the meeting anxious to interact with this small cross-section of 1993's Freshman class. The topic of discussion left open, Brand shared a few of his own son's college experiences and focused on the importance of "finding your feet", as he referred to discovering majors, struggling to adjust to university life, and finding "the balance between integrating yourself to campus, but not

so much that you don't get any sleep!"

Brand then discussed the academic and social aspects of the college experience before putting his final question to the students: "What advice would you give me on what we can do in the future to make this transition better still?"

As Brand listened to the answers, many of which seemed to center on cafeteria food, Neo smiled, sure that his goal had been accomplished.

When asked if he had thought of expanding this idea to somehow include more FIGs, perhaps the entire freshman class, he seemed receptive but slightly wary of such a grand illusion. With another sly smile, he instead spoke of the significance of this first, private visit, focusing on the impact he felt it would have on his small group of students, that the president of their university had come to speak just to them.

Officers escape life sentences



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DETROIT (AP) — Two former policemen convicted of beating a motorist to death outside a crack house escaped life sentences Tuesday, one getting 12 to 25 years behind bars, the other eight to 18 years.

The judge said Larry Nevers and Walter Budzyn must be held accountable even if they didn't intend to kill Malice Green, 35, an unemployed steelworker who was struck in the head at least 14 times and had part of his scalp torn off.

The dismissed officers appealed to Judge George W. Crockett III for leniency as they were sentenced for second-degree murder.

The former partners said they didn't mean for Green to die and said he just got out of hand. Crockett responded that it was the officers who got out of hand.

A request for bail was denied and they were taken to a state prison at Jackson for processing. They likely will be moved to a federal prison within weeks.

"It is time for the world to see through the excuses and face the truth — being black, unemployed and having used drugs did not kill Malice. Mr. Budzyn and Mr. Nevers killed my husband," said his widow, Rose Mary Green.

Witnesses testified they saw the two white officers repeatedly beat Green with their heavy metal

flashlights outside a suspected drug house Nov. 5 when he refused orders to open his clenched hand. Green died on the way to a hospital.

"I did not kill Malice Green," Nevers, 53, told the judge, his voice shaking and his body slumped. "I never intended to hurt him, to do anything to him other than to arrest him for a felony."

"I just reacted to the resistance to the arrest," said Nevers, who had been honored several times during his 24 years on the force.

Budzyn was barely audible, wiping tears from a face that had remained emotionless through the trial.

"I'm sorry for what has happened. I was just doing my job. I never struck Mr. Green — never," said Budzyn, 47, who served 19 years on the force and had been named precinct officer of the year in 1990.

The officers were convicted Aug. 23 by two separate, predominantly black juries. The officers' supervisor at the scene is black and faces a trial on a misdemeanor charge of neglect of duty.

No testimony indicated race was a factor in the beating. But the case drew parallels to the Rodney King case in Los Angeles and focused attention on racial tensions in Detroit.

The men had faced a maximum of life in prison. Under Crockett's sentence, Nevers could be eligible for parole in 9 years. Budzyn could be eligible for parole in 6 years.