

'Brilliant' student remembered for his accomplishments



Flynn O'Neill

Memorial: 18-year-old with muscular dystrophy died on Saturday

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Honors College student Flynn O'Neill Godbold wanted to be judged for who he was and for his accomplishments.

Flynn's disease, Duchenne's mus-

cular dystrophy, was "never something that was consciously part of how he perceived things," said Jim Godbold, his father.

"He never complained and did everything possible to participate. He hated the thought of sympathy and wanted no barriers to his access," Jim Godbold said.

Flynn Godbold died Saturday of complications from muscular dystrophy. He was 18.

Flynn graduated in 1993 from Churchill High School, where he was named the top student in German three years in a row. As a National Merit Scholar, Flynn won a Presidential Scholarship and admission to the University's Honors College, where he earned straight As.

"He was a wonderful student," said Jill Liberty, an English instructor at the Honors College and one

of Flynn's teachers. "He had a graceful writing style in which he was able to turn prose to poetry."

Flynn said important things with few words, Liberty said. She said he was a joy to be with at conferences and that he was courageous in the classroom.

"If courage could be taught by example, he would have made an

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Contrasts intrigue Africa's media

Tour: Differences in culture, newspapers interest contingent of journalists from Africa

By Jim Davis
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America appeared to be fast cars, drugs, guns, and men and women kissing on every street corner to Emad Omar.

But the Egyptian journalist has a different opinion of the United States after spending the past four weeks here.

"American society is completely different from what I saw in the movies," said Omar, who works for the *Al Ahram* newspaper.

Omar is one of 19 African journalists who are visiting the University this week as part of a delegation selected to observe various aspects of journalism in the United States.

"This is a distinguished group of

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Gideon Mitu, a visiting journalist from Nigeria, introduces himself to University graduate student Morompi Ole-Ronkel while Lesiba Lekalakala, a student from Pietersburg, South Africa, listens during a reception in Gerlinger Hall on Tuesday.

Anti-gay law passes with less opposition

OCA: Measure receives approval with ease but may not be enforced

By Stephanie Sisson
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Opponents of a Junction City anti-gay minority rights law say their side wasn't motivated to vote in a second election March 22, causing the Oregon Citizens Alliance-sponsored measure to pass by a wider margin than in the first election.

The city charter amendment passed with a vote of 658 to 497. Although the difference between the "yes" and "no" votes was greater in the second election, the affirmative votes only increased by 25, said Nancy Hamilton, treasurer of the No Charter Amendment Political Action Committee.

The initiative passed in last year's election by only one vote, and was later ruled invalid because illegal voters had cast ballots for the initiative.

Hamilton said fewer opponents of the measure voted in the second election because they were not as motivated to vote. A bill was passed by the state legislature that prohibits city and county governments from executing anti-gay rights ordinances.

"(The measure) will not be enacted and will not be enforced," Hamilton said.

OCA measures also passed by wide margins in Albany and Turner and in Marion County.

Hamilton said she was not surprised by the outcome. She attributed the drop in the number of opposing votes to a lack of moti-

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GOOD MORNING

► SALEM (AP) — Tax returns are due in a little more than two weeks, and the state Revenue Department will then also wrap up its first experiment with electronic filing.

The agency this year allowed a pilot project of filing income tax returns by computer.

Electronic tax return filing has been permitted for several years by the Internal Revenue Service. In a joint federal-state project, the Revenue Department this year allowed some state returns to be filed electronically along with federal returns.

The state returns are "piggybacked" onto the federal filings so the IRS receives both, said department

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spokesman John Jackley. The IRS then passes the Oregon returns along to the state agency.

Five tax preparers around the state were chosen for the experiment. The department has not publicly identified them on grounds that it could give them an unfair advantage over competitors, Jackley said.

The department hopes to expand the program to all preparers statewide next year. So far, he said, no major glitches have developed.

Two groups get raises from IFC

MEETING: Funding increased for Vietnamese Student Association

By Amy Columbo
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In the first Incidental Fee Committee meeting of the term, the IFC granted the Vietnamese Student Association \$3,259 for the 1994-95 school year, a 10 percent increase.

The largest increase in the VSA budget was for the Tet Festival, a cultural night organized during winter term.

Currently, the VSA has a budget deficit due to the increased cost of holding the event in the EMU Ballroom for the first time.

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