

**Asian/Pacific American Student Union** will meet to plan Heritage Month activities today at 5 p.m. in Room 225 Counseling Center. For more information, call 346-4342.

**College Republicans** will meet and elect officers today at 5:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room E. For more information, call 343-7788.

**Students for Kitzhaber** will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 343-0188.

**Japanese Student Organization** will meet today from 5 to 6 p.m. in EMU Century Room C. For more information, call 686-4484.

**Men's Society** will meet tonight at 7 in the EMU Ben Linder Room. For more information, call 346-0622.

**Oregon Ballroom Dance Club** will meet today at 5:15 p.m. at the couches in the EMU Ben Linder Lobby. For more information, call 346-3731.

**Gay and Bisexual Men's Drop-in Group** will meet today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-1142.

**Student Health Insurance Committee** will meet today at 3 p.m. in the Student Health Center Medical Library. For more information, call 346-3702.

**Overeaters Anonymous** will meet today at 12:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center Parlor.

**Newman Center** will present a Catholic mass for students tonight and every Wednesday at 9 at the Newman Center, 1650 Emerald St. For more information, call 346-4468.

MISCELLANEOUS

**Southeast Asian Studies** will present "Thailand's International Thrust: The Beauty and the Beast," a brown bag talk by Gerald W. Fry, director of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room F. For more information, call 346-1521.

**Ira Gaston Bequest** will sponsor a free showing of the film *Ironweed*, starring Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep, tonight at 7:30 in Room 100 Willamette. For more information, call 346-4997.

**Graduate School** will present an introduction to the graduate funding library workshop today from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 125 Chapman. For more information, call 346-2804.

**College Democrats** will feature Floyd Prozanski, a candidate for state representative, tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 484-1803.

**Office of International Education and Exchange** will present a tax workshop for international students and faculty today from 3 to 5 p.m. in EMU Cedar Rooms C and D.

## Cowboy charm

**FROM THE PAST:** Pres. Jimmy Carter's proclaimed favorite performer, Willie Nelson, crooned his own brand of wistful country ballads, old classics and good-time tunes, with the help of Kris Kristofferson on the side, at Mac Court in February 1980. The sellout crowd kept 'em singin' and playin' until 11:30 p.m.



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## Sorenson urges women's issues

By Rebecca Merritt  
*Oregon Daily Emerald*

The Oregon Senate needs to maintain its democratic majority so progress on women's issues can continue, said Pete Sorenson, state senator for district 20.

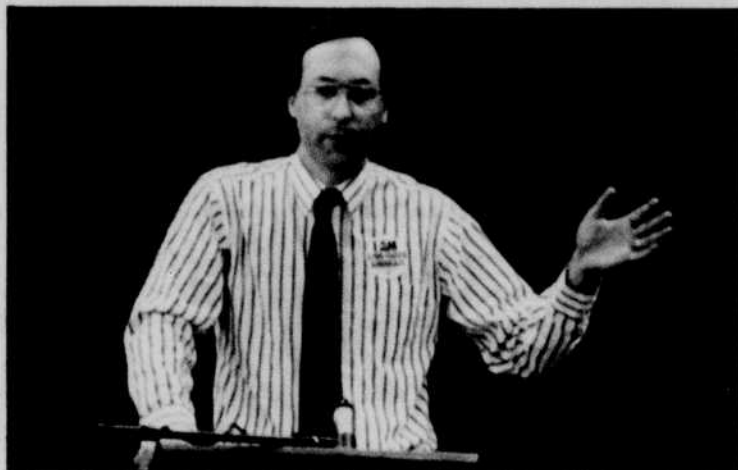
"We need to make sure we capture each of these democratic seats," Sorenson said Tuesday at a University forum sponsored by Students for Choice. "I think we have to be vigilante on the impact of the 1994 election."

Sorenson said 11 of the 16 Senate seats up for election are held by democrats — including his seat, which represents the University and a portion of Lane County. The Senate now has a democratic majority led by Tricia Smith of Salem.

Smith, who heads the labor committee, has made progress in working with women's issues, Sorenson said. If republicans win the Senate majority, Smith will be forced to step down, he said.

"She is an outstanding leader in the whole arena of women's issues," Sorenson said. "If I am not elected I can't vote for her."

Sorenson said Oregonians need to be concerned about the rise of



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**Senator Peter Sorenson discusses women's issues with University students in the Walnut Room Tuesday afternoon.**

right-wing ideas, such as anti-gay rights initiatives. Conservative candidates and initiatives will hinder the progress of reproductive rights because they restrict civil liberties, he said.

Denny Smith and Craig Berkman, the two main republican candidates for governor, are not receptive to women's issues, Sorenson said. Smith, he said, has been openly critical of the use

of public funds for abortion.

Dr. John Kitzhaber, he said, is the only governor candidate who will protect women's rights.

"There really is no choice in this election," Sorenson said.

Sorenson is running unopposed in the democratic primary. He owns a law practice in Eugene and has earned three degrees from the University.

## Man shoots himself after Cobain memorial



SEATTLE (AP) — A man who attended a public vigil to pay last respects to grunge-rock star Kurt Cobain shot himself to death hours later, police said.

Daniel Kaspar, 28, of the suburb of Maple Valley was among the thousands of people who jammed the Seattle Center for Sunday evening's memorial for Cobain, who also shot himself to death.

Kaspar was found dead in his apartment in Maple Valley, southeast of Seattle, on Monday morning. He died of a self-inflicted shotgun blast, the county medical examiner's office said.

Kaspar's roommate said Kaspar was despondent over several matters, including Cobain's death, police spokesman Dave Robinson said.

"As we understand it from his roommate, this individual was divorced, in debt, and had been drinking," Robinson said.

But a close friend and neighbor, who had called police about Kaspar's death, said it remained unclear whether Cobain's death played a role in

Monday's suicide.

The friend, who declined to be identified, told the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* that Kaspar enjoyed grunge music but was not a diehard fan. He said the two of them agreed to join several friends at the Cobain vigil but Kaspar at that time had not appeared distraught about the rock star's death.

Cobain, lead singer of the grunge-rock band Nirvana, also killed himself with a shotgun. His body was found Friday in his Seattle home. Cobain's body is to be cremated, said Dennis Dennehy, a Nirvana publicist in New York.

A nonprofit counseling service in Seattle, the Crisis Clinic, reported that it had been swamped with calls since Cobain's death. The number of calls increased from about 200 to 300 a day, with people asking for help with all manners of emotional problems, not just suicide, director Susan Eastgard said.

Many of the calls were from depressed adolescents and young adults, she said.

"Kurt Cobain represented something to this generation," she said.

## FRANCE AVIGNON

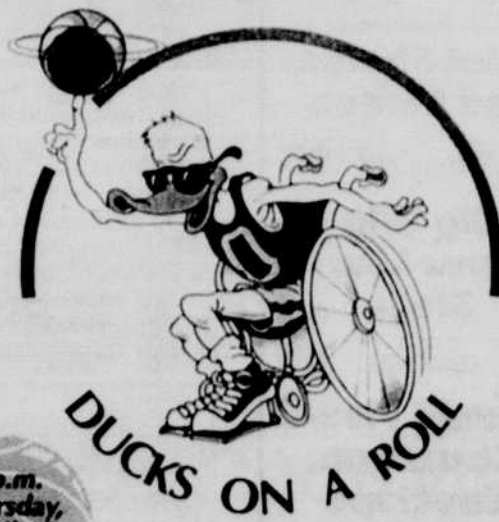


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## DUCK SEASON CLOSURES APRIL 14



7 p.m.  
Thursday,  
April 14  
Mac Court

### UO Men's Team v. UO Women's Team

...in a wheelchair basketball scrimmage  
also featuring Sacred Heart's Wheelchair All-Star Team

Tickets: Tickets are available in advance at the Casanova and Mac Court ticket offices, Sacred Heart's Volunteer Office and Oregon Rehabilitation Center's Reception area. Adult tickets are \$3 and student/senior tickets are \$2. Tickets are also available at the door for \$1 more—adults \$4 and students/seniors \$3. Kids under 12 get in free!  
All proceeds go to the U of O Services for Students with Disabilities and Oregon Rehabilitation Center.