

Heaven scent



The scent of spring is in the air as sophomore Bryn Ballard (left) and senior Becca Pires stop on the way to class to smell the flowers in front of Chapman Hall. Despite the sunny weather, temperatures have remained cool.

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Finance committee rejects OSPIRG's goal statement

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The ASUO Programs Finance Committee voted Thursday night that the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group does not provide for the cultural and physical development of students at the University.

The finance committee rejected the group's goal statement by a four to three vote, evoking either frustration or satisfaction from the over 200 people who attended OSPIRG's budget hearing.

OSPIRG will continue to fight for approval, said a teary-eyed Kalpana Krishnamurthy, the state board chairwoman for OSPIRG and the group's spokeswoman at the hearing.

"As a traditionally funded group, I think students support and are behind us," Krishnamurthy said. "I think in the end we are legal and we will be funded."

Under the Clark Document, passed by the Oregon Legislature, a group must be approved as being beneficial to the development of the student body in order to receive student incidental fees.

Katy Anthes, chairwoman of the University's OSPIRG chapter, said that OSPIRG will definitely appeal to the Student Senate, in hopes of having its goal statement approved.

Members of the finance committee who voted against passing the goal statement said they were not convinced that OSPIRG benefits the entire student body. Both Finance Senators Mary Plath and Matt McGinnis, who opposed the statement, said they were bothered by the

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Knight Library books mutilated by vandals

Damage: Political comments scribbled in the margins and torn pages take hours to repair

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University student Phil Smith was working on a research paper last term when he ran across something disturbing in one of the library books he checked out.

Scribbled in the margins of *Unholy Babylon*, a book that documents the United States' support of Saddam Hussein, were anti-Zionist comments and Old Testament prophecy.

Smith did not expect to run across such material when researching postwar economics in Iraq.

"I wasn't surprised so much as disappointed," Smith said. "The comments really interfered with the information of the book."

"Repent America: You Are The Beast," was one of the comments that filled the first few pages of the book. Another book, about the rise of Klansman-turned-politician David Duke, contained racist comments and swastikas on the cover page.

Normandy Helmer, who is in charge of the Knight Library's preservation and binding department, said books about sexuality, particularly homosexuality, tend to be mutilated and written in often.

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■ GOOD MORNING

► The hand-carved, colorful wood sculptures of Sam Hernandez, a San Francisco area artist, will be on display in the University's Museum of Art beginning Sunday.

An opening reception for the exhibit titled "Sam Hernandez: Abstract Imagist" will be held from 2-4 p.m. in Galleries 1A and B of the museum. It will be on display until April 30.

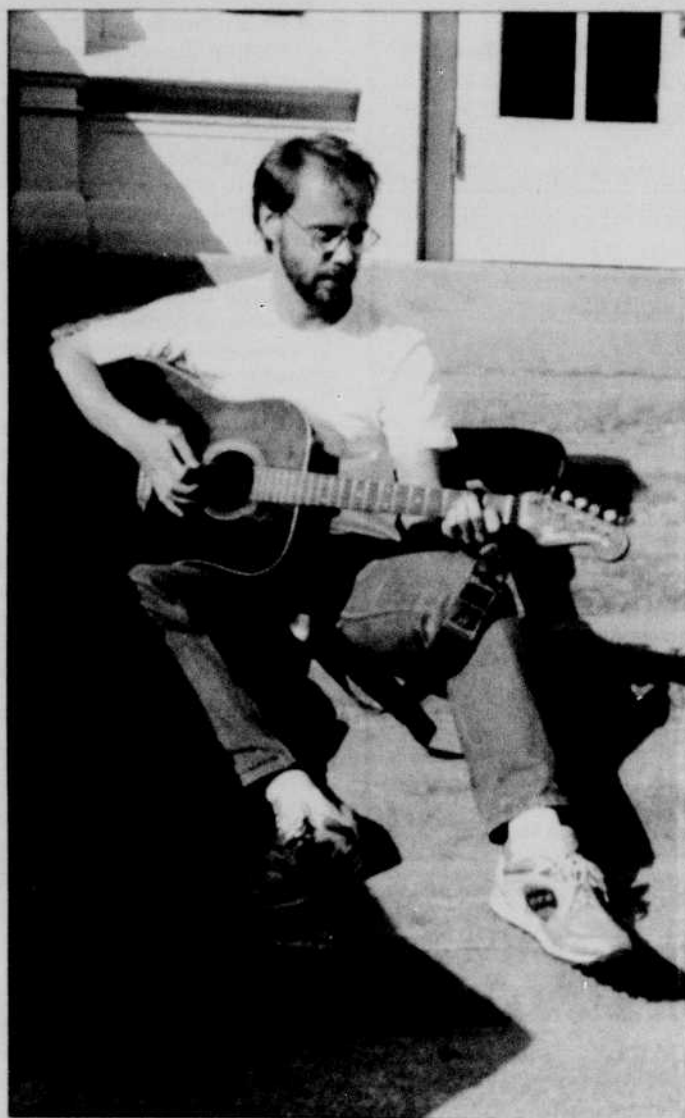
The traveling exhibit is organized by the Michael Dunev Gallery in San Francisco. It includes 32 pieces of sculpture produced between 1981 and

1992; some of the pieces are larger than 13 feet tall.

Hernandez is a faculty member from the University of Santa Clara in California. He said he uses artwork for communication because some things can't be expressed through words.

The art museum will also host a free, two-hour workshop specifically for children on March 12 at 1 p.m. "A Wacky, Whimsical, Wonderful Workshop!" will encourage children of all ages to use Hernandez's artwork as an inspiration for making sculptures and musical instruments.

Music man



Taking a break from the stress of classes and enjoying the sunny weather, graduate architecture student Chris Mercier sits down to play some guitar Thursday afternoon.

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University offers Russian program during summer

Session: The eight-week course highlights aspects of the culture

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Students wishing to study in Russia this summer need not even venture off campus, as the University Russian department is attempting to bring Russia to the students.

Just don't expect Hamilton dining hall to start serving borsht.

The Oregon Russian Summer program, an eight-week session of Russian language, literature and culture will be the first of its kind to be offered at the University.

Obviously, the experience of studying in Russia cannot be duplicated, but the program will attempt to immerse each student in as many aspects of Russia as possible. Students will have the opportunity to view daily the Moscow evening news, with the aid of the audio-video laboratories at the Yamada Language Center. Students can also earn up to 19 credits, fulfilling an entire year's language requirements.

Part of the immersion process requires students to live in a Russian language residence hall and eat lunch at "language tables" with instructors and fellow classmates in order to practice conversational skills.

However, students who already have established housing in Eugene are waived from the

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