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**TODAY**

Today and Friday are the last days to change the grading option for a four-week class that began this week.

**INSIDE**

The Eugene Emeralds look to strike out the Rockies in Portland this weekend

Rep. Peter DeFazio joins in an effort to ease restrictions on natural, alternative medicines

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**WEATHER**

Partly cloudy today with scattered showers, a chance of thunderstorms and highs in the low 80s.

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## Senate talks of funding faith groups

■ **MEETING:** A recent Supreme Court ruling may prompt requests from religious organizations

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The possible University impact of a recent Supreme Court ruling on public funding for religiously-oriented campus publications was discussed at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

On June 29, in the case of *Rosenberger vs. University of Virginia*, the court ruled that the University of Virginia had violated the First Amendment by refusing to fund to a campus publication because it was primarily religious in nature.

"People are going to see this [ruling] and think it's permissible to fund these types of student organizations," said Martin Fisher, Senate president pro-tempore.

"As a general principle in Oregon, it's permissible to fund a religious program for purposes other than evangelizing," Fisher said. "The problem is, what exactly constitutes evangelizing?"

Fisher said the Senate needed to come up with guidelines for such requests, and the Senate agreed that its rules committee would have to take up this issue in the fall.

In other business, the Senate:

- Unanimously approved a special request from the Hawaii Club for a transfer of \$300 from surplus funds to finance three student orientation picnics in Hawaii, as well as a shuttle service to pick up new Hawaiian students from the airport.

- Unanimously approved a special request from ASUO Legal Services for a transfer of \$288 to pay for a fax phone line. Legal Services had purchased and installed a fax machine last spring, but at that time the Senate funded the dedicated phone line only through the fiscal year, which ended June 30.



Shin Yasui, program director for the former Yugoslavia division of the Committee for World Peace, sized up the situation in Bosnia at a Wednesday public forum in Room 180 PLC.

## U.S. must aid Bosnia, group told

■ **FORUM:** Student says Americans must take a stand against Bosnian Serb aggression

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The United States has a moral responsibility to help end the war in Bosnia, a University student said at a public forum on Bosnia Wednesday night.

"There is no way to take a neutral stance — the war was started by Serb nationalists," said Shin Yasui, a program director for the Committee for World Peace, who focuses on the former Yugoslavia. "The West should take a stand against aggressors and deal with the core of the problem."

The committee sponsored the forum, titled "Why Bosnia Still Matters," in Room 180 PLC. It was immediately followed by the film *Bosna*.

"Politically and economically, the United States has a responsibility, in the moral sense, to care for and protect Bosnians," Yasui said.

In 1991, Croatia and Slovenia seceded from Yugoslavia, and Bosnia followed in March 1992. The Bosnian Serbs took up arms to resist this move, and a bitter struggle ensued, in which the Serbs systematically expelled Muslims and Croats — a policy known as ethnic cleansing.

By the spring of 1993, Serbian forces held about two-thirds of the republic's

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## Visit to University intended to inspire at-risk kids to aim high

■ **PROGRAM:** Police Activity League brings about 15 kids to meet Frohnmayer, tour campus

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While some of the children present probably weren't thinking further in the future than lunchtime, University officials and Eugene Public Safety officers hoped a visit to the University on Wednesday morning would inspire more long-term plans.

About 15 children gathered in the Johnson Hall conference room to meet University President Dave Frohnmayer. Although most of the children weren't older than 10, Frohnmayer used this oppor-

tunity to pitch the University to these possible future alumni.

"I hope you're thinking of coming here to college," Frohnmayer said to his wide-eyed and fidgety audience.

The visit was sponsored by the Police Activity League, a youth mentor program for so-called "at-risk" children in grades second through fifth. The program offers positive activities such as softball, babysitting classes and weekly Monday night activities as alternatives to getting into trouble on the streets.

"It's really important that people get early aspirations to shoot high," Frohnmayer said. "Sometimes events like this have very subtle but important effects."

Frohnmayer also said he hoped the visit to the University would "capture the fancy and imagination" of the children, inspiring them to continue onto higher education.

One pig-tailed girl timidly handed Frohnmayer a Junior Police Activity League badge sticker, which the president immediately donned.

"We hope the children will see the University as a positive and interesting place which is in their reach if they stay on track," said Tracy Lampman, assistant director of the University Office of Admissions.

After the meeting with Frohnmayer, the agenda called for lunch and then a tour of the Knight Library.

The nationwide Police Activity League has been in existence for about 50 years. A nonprofit nationwide organization run by volunteers, the Eugene league is run out of the Bethel area year-round and involves more than 300 children.

The Eugene league was started last April when officer Rachel Ramsour heard about the Portland league branch and decided to start a local Lane County chapter.

To enter the program, children must have their parents fill out a registration form. The children must then sign a contract stating they will not consume alcohol, do drugs or participate in gang activities. The children then receive membership cards which they must present in order to be admitted to activities.