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TODAY

Students for Choice will host the 23rd annual Row vs. Wade celebration in the EMU Fir Room at 12:30 p.m.



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Friends and roommates, Rob Ramaker and Kyle Milling, lead the Ducks as a team

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WEATHER

Rain mixed with snow.
Low 32. High 45

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Speaker encourages student involvement

■ **ACTIVISM:** OSPIRG gives students chance to help community, Lane County Commissioner, Jerry Rust says

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

Students need to play key roles in preventing environmental degradation and ending homelessness and hunger, said Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust to about 200 students in Pacific Hall on Wednesday night.

Rust, commissioner for about 19 years, encouraged students at the OSPIRG general interest meeting to be activists because activism on campus can have far-reaching results.

"You can actually have an impact larger than this campus," Rust said.

As a student in the 1960s, Rust was an activist on issues including civil rights. He said it is part of his job as commissioner to encourage student activism.

"It's just part of my job to educate students and encourage them to be active," he said.

Rust said OSPIRG provides students with opportunities to directly impact the government because the group works on issues of high public interest. He said the student program's work on issues ranging from environmental degradation to higher education can help remedy

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Flaky weather



Taking advantage of a break in the inclement weather, Rosemarie Mulligan and Kerry August Yniak walk Sullivan through Alton Baker Park. The snow/rain mixture should continue to fall throughout the day with temperatures in the lower 40s.

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Conduct Code may change for students

■ **CHANGES:** UO may bar all concealed weapons and shorten the response time for violations from 20 to 10 days

By Regina Brown
Higher Education Reporter

The Student Conduct Code faces several proposed changes, including barring all concealed weapons from campus, and the amount of time students have to respond to notification of conduct code violations, after public hearings Wednesday afternoon.

Office of Public Safety officials spoke out in support of a proposition to prevent holders of concealed weapons permits from bringing guns onto campus.

The University can safely store weapons belonging to students until they are needed for use off campus, said Tom Hicks, associate director of public safety.

Another proposed change would alter the amount of time students have to respond to complaints that they violated the Student Conduct Code from 20 to 10 days.

Representatives of student housing supported this. The 20-day notice adversely affects students because they must wait so long to see results, said Kelly Morris, a housing assistant.

"It gives a message that nothing happens when an incident takes place," Morris said.

The University would like to take an educational approach to discipline problems in the Resident Halls, said Mike Eyster, University housing director. This is difficult when the process is lengthy, he said.

"Reducing this period from 20 to 10 days will help move the process along faster," Eyster said.

But a representative from the Office of Student Advocacy fears 10 days may not give students enough time to respond, especially when unforeseen circumstances arise, such as illness and family emergencies.

"Sometimes students have emergencies that

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UO employees awarded for furthering diversity on campus

■ **HONORS:** Frohnmayer presented awards to UO workers who have continued King's ideals

By Sean Rossol
Higher Education Reporter

Three University employees were awarded certificates Tuesday for their outstanding efforts to create a more welcome atmosphere on campus for diversity.

"Today I get to do three things I really like to do, the first of which is to honor Martin Luther King Jr., and the second is honoring three individuals [who] have made significant contributions to the community," said Linda King, director of Human Resources. "The third is to introduce [University president]

Dave Frohnmayer."

The awards were for employees who make this campus more accepting of diversity, Linda King said. The awards honor staff and management service employees who uphold Martin Luther King Jr.'s ideals.

"UO is a great keeper of secrets and these are three individuals we want to let the secret out on," she said. "This truly is a wonderful community."

Ruth Ellsworth, an office specialist in International Education and Exchange; Laura Littlejohn, management assistant and office manager in the music school; and Alicia Moccasin, accounting assistant for the EMU, received the awards.

"These three people show exemplary tradition in our soci-

ety," Linda King said. "We do not see [MLK day] as a simple day; we need to recognize it in a proper way."

For example, Moccasin works in her community, helping Native American people overcome problems they may have. Littlejohn was a "big sister" to a young girl in her neighborhood. Ellsworth loaned money to a student in need.

"These three recipients went above and beyond their expected call of duty," Linda King said.

The recipients were nominated based on five criteria. They include the work they have done in expanding diversity and making their communities a more caring and humane place.

"It's [their work] that is making the bureaucratic work envi-

ronment a better place," Linda King said.

Frohnmayer, who gave out the awards, said he had the opportunity to hear the man who inspired the awards, Martin Luther King Jr., on two separate occasions.

"When I was an undergraduate at Harvard, I had the chance to hear him speak," Frohnmayer said. "It was a powerful and passionate sermon."

"At that time, segregation was still legal, and he spoke of the passion and power that was needed to overcome this segregation," he said.

Before Frohnmayer had another chance to hear him speak, Martin Luther King Jr. was silenced by an assassin.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision

of interracial tolerance is being furthered by Ellsworth, who creates a friendly environment for international students in her work.

"International students bring so much to my life; I'm honored," Ellsworth said.

She often goes above and beyond her normal duties to ease the transition to the University for them, Frohnmayer said.

Frohnmayer wrapped up the ceremonies with some closing statements about the effects Martin Luther King Jr. has had on this country.

"Today you can still see separatist movements, but social integration is more attainable," Frohnmayer said. "We should be very thankful [for his accomplishments]."