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TODAY

The S.A.P.P. female gangs seminar begins today at the Lane County Fairgrounds Auditorium.

INSIDE

The Oregon men's basketball team beat California 60-58 Thursday night

The International Students' Association's budget was reviewed by the PFC Thursday night



WEATHER

Cloudy, chance of rain. High 55. Low 32.

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University contributes to economy

■ IMPACT: University brings money to Oregon's economy from athletic events, out-of-state students and research grants

By Regina Brown
Higher Education Reporter

The University contributed \$335 million to Oregon's economy during the 1994-1995 school year — that's around \$295 million more than it received from the state budget and from tuition, said University economists.

The University is a driving force behind Oregon's economy, said University President Dave Frohnmayer.

"It's one of our best kept secrets that shouldn't be kept," he said.

The University brings money to Oregon through athletic events, out-of-state students and research grants, among other things, said Randy MacDonald, director of legislation and community relations.

"Higher education brings in huge amounts of money from out-of-state into the local economy," he said.

Last year, the University contributed \$110 to Oregon's economy for every \$15.85 it received in tax money, MacDonald said.

Only 19 percent of the University's \$335 million came from the state legislature, so Oregon received an eight-fold rate of return on its investment, he said.

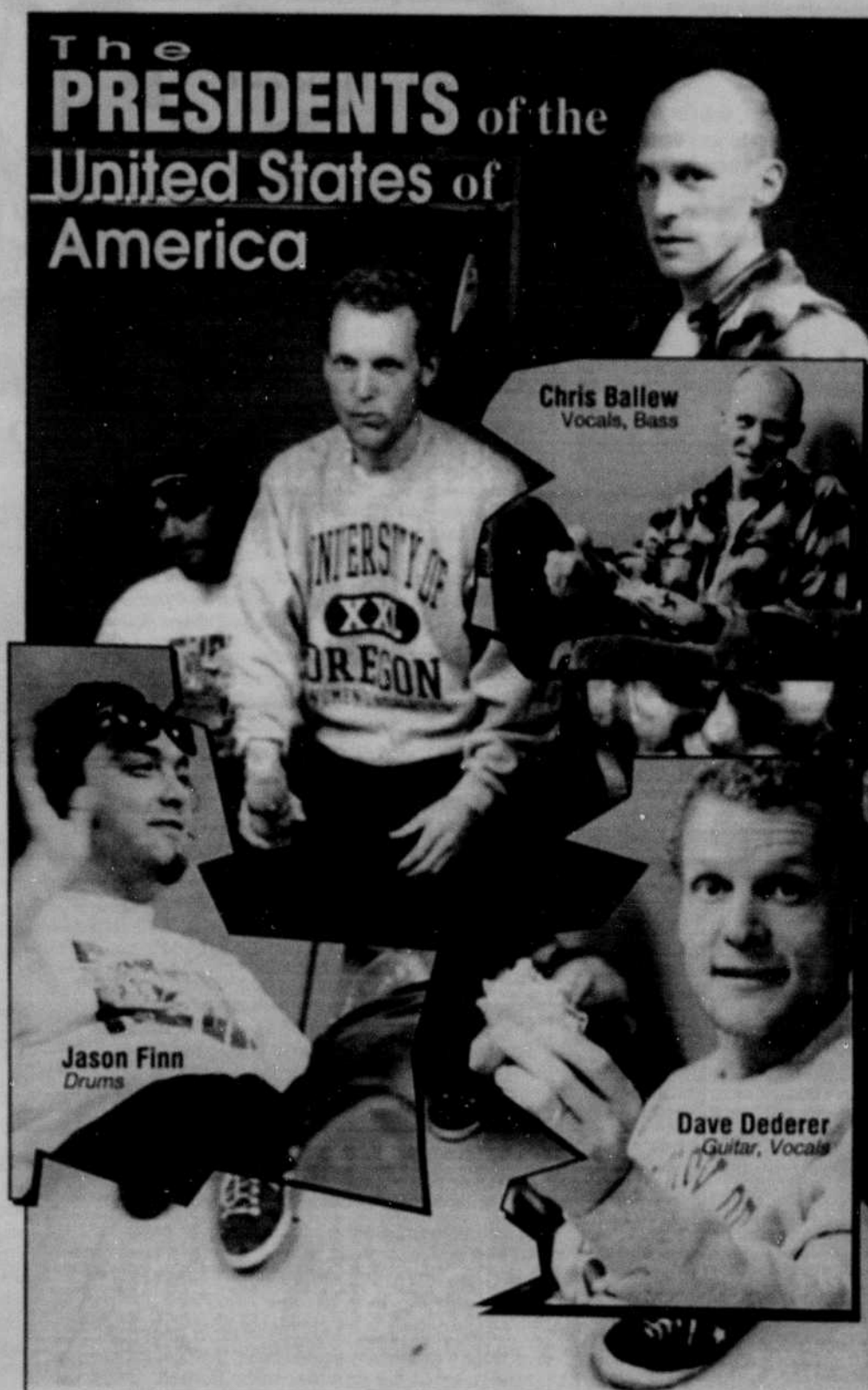
The University impacts Eugene's economy most directly. Students spent a total \$93 million in the Eugene area during the 1994-1995 school year, MacDonald said.

Every dollar spent by students on housing, food and entertainment adds more dollars to the economy through labor and production, he said. He calculates that each dollar spent by students doubles in value when it is counted in the economy's Gross Domestic Product.

In addition, the University is Eugene's

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The PRESIDENTS of the United States of America



Droppin' by

By Samantha Martin

I caught The Presidents in their dressing room a few hours before the show. In between sandwich bites and sips of Guinness, I managed to squeeze in what I hoped were a few random, yet insightful questions.

What did you do on Valentine's Day?

Chris: I bought my wife an angora sweater.

What color?

Chris: White.

So, what's the meaning of "Lump?"

Chris: I don't know, ask Garp?

Dave: Ask Garp, Garp Brooks.

Chris: We don't like to say it's really up to your own interpretation.

Dave: We like to hear what people think it means. It's up to you.

What was your favorite birthday?

Chris: I put this miniature Winnie the Pooh one year. I used to have these finger puppets as a kid and I would put them in it.

Dave: In fact we're touring in it right now.

Jason: My favorite was my 18th. I got to dress up like Madonna pre-Maternal Girl.

Dave: My 30th birthday, a year and a half ago. It was a rockin' day. It was at my sister's house in Seattle. Chris came and sang to me in drag.

Natives of Seattle: The Presidents are certainly no strangers to Oregon.

Jason: Yeah, I've been getting thrown out of bars here since the age of 16.

Dave: Five.

Chris: I used to spend my summers at Black Butte.

Who would be your ideal president?

Jason: Ted Nugent.

Any words to your fans?

Dave: Thank you.

Chris: Yes, thank you for being our fans. And thank you if you bought our album. We appreciate the support.

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March to protest Republican politics on women, minorities

■ POLITICS: The march will take place in San Francisco on April 14

By Sean Rossol
Higher Education Reporter

NOW, the National Organization for Women, in conjunction with the ASUO Women's Center, is organizing a Fight the Right march that will occur in San Francisco on April 14, 1996.

Rosemary Dempsey, NOW's action vice president, spoke to an estimated 40 University students Thursday about "Stopping the Politics of Hate: Exposing the Radical Right Agenda."

Before her speech Dempsey showed a brief video that NOW will use to organize the march.

"This is the most exciting march I've ever organized for," Dempsey said. "Our goal is to stop the radical right, who are not religious, but hypocrites."

"We now have a Congress that calls itself Christian and is about to make attacks on working people," she said.

These are the same people who have made Rush Limbaugh an honorary member of Congress, she said.

"Sure, we can laugh now, but these people are about to make

legislative changes that will affect the rights of single mothers, people who are lesbian or gay, people of color," Dempsey said. "Students can organize to show that these measures will not be tolerated."

Dempsey hopes to move students to action and to "fight the right" through grassroots organizing skills and by encouraging student activism on issues that directly affect University women and men as students and as citizens.

"We must stop ballot measures attacking affirmative action and lesbian and gay rights," she said.

"We must stop legislative threats to poor women's basic survival, funding for domestic violence, civil rights and reproductive rights."

"This is the most exciting march I've ever organized for because the issues all come together," Dempsey said. "We are the abortion rights organizations, we are the lesbian, gay rights organizations, we are the anti-violence organizations."

These groups are coming together to say that it is no longer rhetoric, it is no longer politics, but an issue of fundamental human rights, she said.

Dempsey, who graduated from college in 1967, said that she has been involved in organizing grass roots organizations for about 30 years.

"We can't lose the progress that we've made to the misogyny that is dominant in Congress," she said. "It took 10 years to get women the right to vote by inserting gender into the Bill of Rights."

Dempsey believes the University will be able to get hundreds to turn out for the march in April.

"We can stop the Republican Revolution," she said. "We can stop the radical right."