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"Corporate Hands Off Public Hands" Earth Day rally will be in the EMU courtyard from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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The Oregon women's track and field team outlasted Nebraska on Saturday

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WEATHER

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UO volunteers urge minorities to go to college

■ **OUTREACH:** Program reinforces that college is attainable goal for middle school minorities

By Jennifer Schmitt
Higher Education Reporter

Higher education is an important key to freedom, change and progress in today's society, said Johnny Lake, outreach coordinator, in his keynote speech at the annual "Reach for Success" visitation day on Saturday.

The conference, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, encourages minority students who are still in middle school to begin considering college as a real and attainable option. It exposes them to the advantages of higher education, said Marshall Saucedo, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"The main point that we want to drive home is that higher education is in their best interests, and it will benefit them for the rest of their lives," Saucedo said.

As part of the visitation day, students attended mini-classes taught by University faculty, administrators and graduate students on subjects such as sports marketing, law and computers.

"This program provides an opportunity for students of color to see what college is like," said Jamie Chang, program assistant at the Office of Multicultural Affairs. "It opens their eyes to their opportunities and their future."

Between 60 and 70 University student volunteers, who are also students of color, served as guides and mentors for the visitation day.

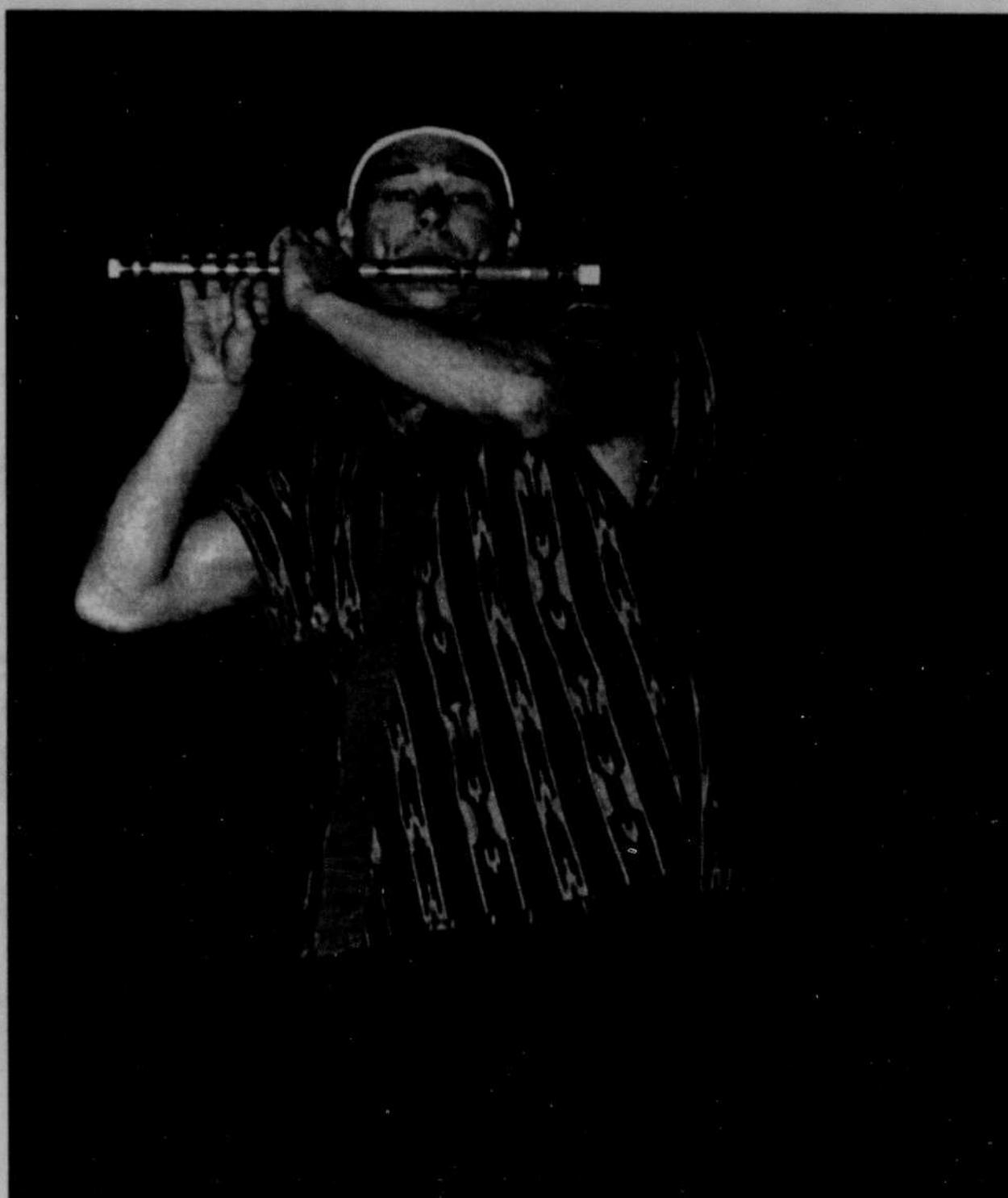
"It is a good opportunity for college students to be involved in giving something back to the community," Saucedo said. "They love doing it, and it is one of their favorite events of the year."

Workshops for the children's parents provided information on topics such as how to pay for college, admissions options and campus resources.

"We're not in the dark ages where in order to get an education you have to have a lot of money or be a certain color," said Sagoe Hoyle, a volunteer and interior architecture major. "It is important to let these kids know how they can go to college."

This program has existed more than 12 years and in some cases has become a family tradition, Saucedo said.

"We have children who are too young to come, but whose older brothers or sisters come and then pass on the tradition," he said.



University senior David Hopkins plays the flute during a Taiko drum group Waka Dai Ko's performance at the closing of the "Reach for Success" conference Saturday. The event was the conclusion of the visitation day's programs.

Infection ails Kirsten Frohnmayer

■ **LEUKEMIA:** University president's daughter is listed in critical condition

By Regina Brown
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Kirsten Frohnmayer, daughter of University President Dave Frohnmayer, is in critical condition in a Minneapolis hospital because of an infection related to chemotherapy treatment she received for leukemia.

President Frohnmayer is in Minneapolis with his daughter and plans to stay indefinitely, said Maureen Shine, University deputy director of communications.

Kirsten Frohnmayer, 23, received a bone marrow transplant in Minneapolis in February 1995.

Patients who have the rare genetic disorder Fanconi Anemia, which Frohnmayer has suffered from most her life, frequently develop leukemia.

Fanconi Anemia is caused by a recessive gene

that can remain dormant for generations.

It can have a variety of effects, ranging from birth defects to leukemia. Fanconi Anemia often inhibits the bone marrow's ability to produce blood cells.

A bone marrow transplant is the only proven cure for patients of Fanconi Anemia, and Kirsten Frohnmayer is one of the few who have survived with a bone marrow transplant from a donor who is not an exact match.

Kirsten Frohnmayer's sister Katie died from the disorder in 1991.

Doctors detected early signs of returning leukemia in Kirsten Frohnmayer's blood early last fall and sent her back to the hospital for more treatment.

In October she went to Milan, Italy, for experimental treatment doctors hoped would stop the leukemia.

Public employees rally for pay raise proposal

■ **UNION:** Oregon Public Employees have been negotiating with the UO since last year

By Laura Kepshire
Higher Education Reporter

Shouts of "We work fair! Where's our share?" echoed through campus Friday afternoon as University of Oregon Public Employees Union workers and supporters rallied for support in front of Susan Campbell Hall.

OPEU has been negotiating with the Oregon State System of Higher Education for a 6.5 percent pay raise since last October. OPEU workers asked for mediation to try to bring negotiations to an end when the first stage of the bargaining process ended March 18.

"We're hoping to hear an answer from OSSHE on our last proposal today," said Nora Deery, the delegate representing the University at the bargaining table.

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