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There will be no classes on Monday because of the Memorial Day holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday.



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WEATHER

Sunny and warm.
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Knight gives UO record-breaking \$25 million

■ DONATION: The gift will help fund construction of the new law school, in honor of Knight's father

By Jean M. Bond
Higher Education Reporter

Philip Knight, chairman of the board and CEO of Nike, Inc., has given the University \$25

million — the largest single private gift in the history of the Northwest, said University President Dave Frohnmayer on Thursday.

"It seems obvious, but I have to say it," Frohnmayer said. "Phil Knight just did it."

Knight did not attend Thursday's announcement of the donation.

"Phil Knight is not here today because he wanted this to be the University's day," Frohnmayer said. "This is a historical day in the life of the University of Oregon. We're deeply in his debt, and we will live up to his trust."

The University will use the gift to endow chairs and professorships and to help construct the new law school, he said.

More than half the gift, \$15 million, will pay for at least 30 endowed chairs and professorships in the College of Arts and Sciences and in professional schools, said John Moseley, provost and vice-president of academic affairs. The donation will double the number of endowed faculty and help rectify the low pay of professors at

the University, he said.

"The strength of the University is our faculty, who are creating ... and transmitting knowledge," said Risa Palm, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "This gift will allow us to compete for the best faculty."

In honor of Knight's father,

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ESCAPE celebrates 25th year with community service

■ PLANTING: The program wants the addition of native Oregon plants to be an on-going event

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

Several ESCAPE volunteers spent a sunny day armed with rakes and pitchforks in the Whiteaker neighborhood Thursday fulfilling the program's mission of service and learning.

Eight people worked the lawn in front of a large house a block from the Whiteaker Public Safety building. They dug their rakes into the lawn, pulled it up and threw chunks of it into a nearby pile.

After the lawn was removed, they began planting.

"It's a part of Eugene a lot of people don't come down to," said Erica Besaw, a public-relations specialist with ESCAPE. "People could come down and see the native plants."

The idea behind the planting is to create an "East Blair Botanical Gardens," said Mili White, a community volunteer. She said she hoped other lawns in the area would be replanted with plants native to Oregon, making the entire neighborhood a botanical garden.

"The neighborhood's fine," said Jeff Pinney, a volunteer. "It just needs a little fixing up, and we're going to do it. It's kind of just making a beautiful place."

The event was also an informal way of celebrating ESCAPE's 25th anniversary, said Deirdre Dittman, the program director.

"It was one of our goals to say thanks for having us around so long," she said.

The planting on Thursday drew ESCAPE members, University students and community volunteers.



Helping out the community, Alia Jackson, a junior sociology major (left) and Joe Miracle, a senior biology major, rake away weeds and rocks in the Whiteaker neighborhood. The event was sponsored by the ESCAPE program.

"I woke up this morning and saw all these people working," said Philip Cartwright, a neighborhood resident and volunteer. "I didn't dare just sit up in my bedroom and watch them."

The Whiteaker planting was one of several events planned for Community Service Week. The week gave students and community volunteers a chance to give

back to their community.

"Often, [ESCAPE] staff and people in general don't have a way to volunteer just for the fun of it," Dittman said.

ESCAPE hopes the Whiteaker planting will become a regular event, Besaw said. She explained it is a project that could be on-going.

"Hopefully we can keep doing it like

once a term," she said.

Volunteers on Thursday said the work was a welcome change from classes and jobs. For them, the time spent volunteering gave them a chance to take a rest from the regular rigors of life.

"I'm feeling close to the grass, the dirt," Dittman said. "It's kind of nice to take a break and take out your frustrations."

Senate rejects Vietnamese group's request for T-shirt funds

■ MEETING: Oregon Marching Band gets money for 14 sousaphone cases; BSU to bring speaker to group's graduation ceremony

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

The 1996-97 ASUO Student Senate met for the last time Thursday night, approving the special requests of four student groups and rejecting the special request of the Vietnamese Student Association.

The VSA requested a transfer of \$150 from its winter event line item into its spring event line item to pay for group T-shirts and an end-of-the-year slide show. According to the special request form submitted to the

Senate by the VSA, money was mistakenly taken out of the spring event line item last quarter to pay for a group ski trip.

Their request was rejected by the Senate partially because members did not see how the purchase of T-shirts for VSA members provides for the physical and cultural development of the student body as a whole.

Sen. Sean Martin said the special request, if granted, would have gone toward an improper use of student fees.

"I think it's kind of an unwise use of incidental fees to go to things like T-shirts," he said.

Another reason that the special request was rejected by the Senate is that VSA's representative at the meeting said the group has enough money in its AV/set up

account to pay for the group's upcoming slide show without the transfer of funds.

The Oregon Marching Band also went before the Senate Thursday night. The group, which is partially funded by the Athletic Department and by student incidental fees, requested \$9,144 to purchase 14 replacement cases for sousaphones.

After some debate over whether the Athletic Department should pay for the new cases, the Senate voted to approve the request for the full amount. Traditionally, student fees have paid for replacements and maintenance of marching-band instruments, said Sen. Susan Anderson.

Senators also heard requests from the Black Student

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