

## An Evening in

### Beckett's Shorts

A patchwork of humor and pathos—short pieces by Nobel laureate Samuel Beckett.

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# Bach receives Hearst award for editorial

■ **COMPETITION:** Columnist Sonja Sherwood was also recognized for her writing

By Ben Kwasney  
Higher Education Reporter

Two University students were recognized for their work in editorial writing through the 37th annual William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Award Program.

Ashley Bach, an editorial editor at the *Oregon Daily Emerald*, placed seventh and will receive a \$500 scholarship for his Oct. 11, 1996 editorial discussing the University's "Academic Productivity Plan."

Bach said the campus reactions to editorials are what he enjoys most about writing opinion pieces.

"For better or worse, it's good to see the reaction the University community gives our opinions," Bach said.

An *Emerald* columnist, Sonja Sherwood, finished in a tie for eleventh place and will receive a certificate of merit for her entry.



BACH

universities and colleges.

The University is in second place in the Intercollegiate Writing Competition after two of six competitions and currently only trails Northwestern University.

## Changes: EMU to feel like marketplace after renovations

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vegetarian foods, Italian foods, and sandwich shop and deli foods.

"Our campus community was telling us they wanted more of a marketplace feel, but our feasibility study indicated we simply couldn't afford to provide those services in-house, which is why we decided to look to outside vendors," Miller said.

Campus-wide surveys and focus groups helped to determine what people wanted from the EMU. Marketing research was also conducted by a Denver-based firm to develop the plan for the west wing.

Depending on the costs, the

renovations may also include new building additions on the East and North sides of the EMU to allow people to enter from the sidewalk that extends toward the residence halls, according to a memorandum to the Campus Planning Committee.

The computer lab will be unaffected by the changes. Renovated restrooms and all remodeled areas will make the EMU more accessible.

The Planning Committee unanimously recommended that the schematic design for the EMU Food and Recreation Facilities improvements be accepted as presented at a December meeting.



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## Governor to visit UO

Gov. John Kitzhaber will be on campus tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room. Kitzhaber will be giving an excerpt from his State of the State Address, then answering questions from the audience. The entire State of the State Address will be given in Salem tonight.

## Study: Incoming students have highest grades

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had A averages in high school, compared with a record low of 15 percent with C averages.

Students also entered college with lots of confidence. More than ever before rated themselves as "above average" or in the "highest 10 percent" in academic, leadership and other abilities. An all-time high 39 percent plan to go on and earn master's degrees, and a record 15 percent hope for doctorates.

Even though Scholastic Achievement Test scores may tell a different story than the grades do, the confidence can only help the students succeed, according to Sax.

Rising tuition and scarce financial support helped explain why a record 33 percent of students cited financial assistance as a very important reason for choosing their colleges, said Alexander W. Astin, UCLA professor of education and the survey's director.

The 31st annual survey was sponsored by the American Council of Education, a non-profit group representing colleges, universities and related associations. The data from

more than a quarter-million students at almost 500 institutions were adjusted to represent the 1.5 million freshman.

Of students surveyed, 41 percent expect to hold down jobs while in school, compared with a low of 35 percent set in 1989. More than 6 percent expect to work full-time and go to school, up from a low of 3.2 percent when the question was first asked in 1982.

The survey results almost fit Gretchen Rensi, 18, a freshman at Wayne State University in Detroit.

An A student at her high school in suburban Trenton, Rensi is holding her course load to the minimum 12 hours and attending classes year-round so she can fit in a variety of volunteer and part-time paying work, even though she has a full tuition scholarship.

The scholarship helped her choose Wayne State, as did its good program in occupational therapy, which she will pursue as a graduate student.

She's tutored, taught Sunday school, volunteered in a hospital and helped coach volleyball.

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