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TODAY

Sexual Assault Support Services is hosting a free self-defense workshop at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hospital, Room 2 Main.



INSIDE

Ezra Louthis, the Oregon Hockey team's high scorer leads the team to this weekend's Pac-8 tournament

The Program Finance Committee awards an increase to five groups



WEATHER

Mostly cloudy.
High 55. Low 45.

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"The loss of some tickets is such an insignificant thing compared to the issue of humanity."

—Glen Banfield

Recent misconduct may cost 228 seats

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"People are focusing on this as a negative thing. They think 'Oh, we're losing 300 seats' rather than 'Look what we did to those players.'"

—Alexandra Berwick
ASUO Multicultural Advocate

Changes need to be made in curriculum and other areas. Publicity is meaningless unless it leads to something.

—Emily Lerma
Co-director, MEChA

It's the wrong message to send. If [the ASUO] wants to better control the crowd, maybe they need to spend more money on security.

—Joe Calderon
Sophomore, UO student



MARK McTYRE/Emerald

■ **TAUNTING:** The ASUO says it wants a 'positive discourse' on racial and homosexual discrimination

By Thom Schoenborn
and Mark McTyre
Oregon Daily Emerald

The ASUO Executive plans to rope off 228 student seats from the men's basketball game against Arizona to make a statement to the fans: Racial and homosexual slurs will not be tolerated at McArthur Court. The action is in response to recent allegations of misconduct by student fans.

ASUO Vice President Glen Banfield said he received confirmation from Sandy Walton, Athletic Department Senior Associate Director, that the seating would be closed to students. However, Laurie Couwenhoven, events manager for the athletic department, said she was unaware of any plans and said the ticket office was not holding back any tickets at this time. Walton was unavailable for comment.

"We haven't made any decisions at this point, but it is possible that a section could be roped off," said Athletic Director Bill Moos.

Moos is meeting with the Race Task Force in the MultiCultural Center at noon today to discuss the possible scenarios of closing off the student seating. The seats that will be roped off are in Section MM, located on the south end of the floor, just behind the basket.

"We hope that this will encourage a positive discourse about discrimination; about general attitude," Banfield said. "We're not making a statement about just the UCLA game. What we're talking about goes far beyond just the UCLA game. It's been the entire attitude during the entire season."

"I really want to discourage people from accepting the possibility that [racial slurs] could have happened," Banfield said. "We know that something like this did happen, most likely happened and if it didn't happen, it would have sooner or later because of how the fans are at McArthur Court."

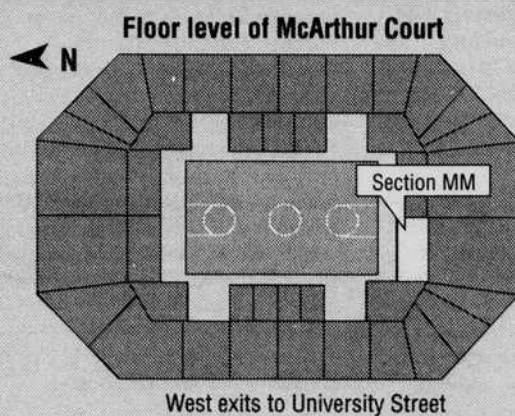
"The fans are the best sixth man in the

STUDENT SEATING AT McARTHUR COURT

The ASUO Executive has plans to withhold 228 student tickets to make a statement that racial and homosexual slurs made by the fans will not be tolerated at McArthur Court.

SECTION MM

- **WHO:** UO Students
- **WHAT:** Student section MM will be blocked off and no fans will be allowed to sit in the section
- **WHEN:** The section will be blocked off only on Feb. 20, against Arizona



MATT GARTON/Emerald

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University Assembly seeks to extend voting rights to nine students

■ **SENATE:** Student senators have started collecting signatures needed to reconvene the assembly by May

By Angie Suchy
Student Activities Editor

Collecting signatures around the University is now a priority for some student senators.

The University Assembly has recommended expanding the voting rights of senators to all student members. Current policy states that only five of the nine student members in the University Assembly can vote. Signatures are needed to implement



this change, and senators say this process has just begun.

The University Assembly was restructured two years ago, after it was disbanded for failure to adequately represent the University. A restructuring committee recommended that nine students serve as voting members of the Assembly, representing all areas of academia. However, this recommendation was amended to five students, Student Senator Ben Unger said.

"Nine students voting would still com-

prise less than 20 percent of the Assembly," Unger said. "We're not concerned with student power so much as the student ability to negotiate — it's not us versus them."

For now, the task at hand is to organize a collection of the one-third of signatures needed to convene the University Assembly. Student Senate President Kalpana Krishnamurthy said one-third of signatures totals approximately 1,900. This week, student senators are in the process of gathering the materials and formulating the agenda for approaching this task, which Krishnamurthy said is "difficult but feasible."

"We are taking our resources into ac-

count," she said.

"This is mostly a huge organizational task right now," Unger said. "But we think this move is essential to making University governance a partnership between faculty, students and the administration."

In addition to gathering signatures before the May deadline, senators are planning to approach University President Dave Frohn-mayer, ASUO student groups and a variety of student programs in general for endorsement, Unger said. The more endorsements that are gathered quickly, the better the chance for a reconvening of the assembly.

"We want the assembly to meet before

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