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TODAY

The Oregon Composers Forum, will feature new music by graduate composition majors at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. Admission is free.



INSIDE

Betty Wood, a swing dancer in the 1930's, will lead a swing workshop this weekend

U2's upcoming May concert at Autzen Stadium promises a unique show of both sound and light

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WEATHER

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Police raid marijuana operation

■ **SEIZURE:** Investigators found about 7,000 plants and 300 pounds of processed marijuana near Eugene

The Associated Press

Three people have been arrested and an estimated \$5 million to \$7 million worth of marijuana seized in what authorities say may be the largest indoor growing operation ever raided in Oregon.

The raid, by 30 federal, state and local authorities, occurred early Wednesday on rural property near the small town of Cheshire, 25 miles northwest of Eugene, but was not announced by officials until Thursday.

THE RAID

■ **WHERE:** Rural property near Cheshire, 25 miles northwest of Eugene

■ **WHAT:** About 7,000 marijuana plants and 300 pounds of processed marijuana were seized.

Investigators seized about 7,000 marijuana plants and more than 300 pounds of processed marijuana.

The estimated wholesale value of the marijuana was \$3,500 per pound, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said.

The operation in a large, warehouse-type building was "very sophisticated," said assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Engdahl.

There also was a double-wide mobile home on the property, just off Oregon Highway 36.

Kenneth Midkiff, 41, of Eugene; Rocky Reno, 44, of Cheshire, and Curtis Gray, 48, of Cheshire, were arrested without resistance. They were charged with unlawful production and manufacture of a controlled substance. They are scheduled to be arraigned today on the federal charges.

The raid followed a one-month investigation.



MATHEW STIFFLER/Emerald

Ducks win, now wait

Oregon guard Cindie Edamura (above) scored all of her 12 points in the second half as the Ducks recorded their first win at Gill Coliseum since 1992.

The win concludes Oregon's regular season with a 21-6 overall record and a 14-4 Pacific-10 Conference record. The Ducks must now wait

until Sunday for the announcement of the pairings for the 64-team NCAA Tournament.

Oregon is expected to receive its fourth straight bid to the tournament, and may host the first two rounds if it receives one of the top 16 bids in the tourney.

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Students can purchase books using Internet

■ **OPTIONS:** A new web site is one of several alternatives for students looking to unload used textbooks

By Dana Williams

Multicultural Issues Reporter

Students can get the most out of their used textbooks by shopping around.

The Used Book X-Change is the newest way for students to buy and sell used books. By subscribing to www.ustudent.com, students can post books on the web much like a classified advertisement, but the service is free.

To participate, students list the books they want to sell for whatever price they choose, along with an e-mail address and phone number where potential buyers can reach them. Students can post as many books as they want on the site for other students to browse through and buy.

"We hope by the end of this term a lot more people will be using it," said George Tran, an MBA student at the University who helped create the online service.

According to Tran, about 500 people visited the Used Book X-Change web site in January, where 37 books were posted for sale. Tran said the site is a good service because students help each other out by exchanging books for significantly reduced prices.

The online service caters to the students who don't mind waiting for someone to answer their ads, Tran said.

"A significant number of students will still use [the University Bookstore] because they can just drop their books off and not worry about it," Tran said. The bookstore will provide a list of the current books and prices for students interested in comparison shopping.

Students can post book ads any time and leave them on the site for as long as they want.

Another method for exchanging books is the Used Book Swap sponsored by the ASUO. During finals week, students can turn in books at the EMU terrace outside

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Women's Center film festival aims to 'educate and entertain'

■ **EVENT:** For two days, films about a variety of women's issues will be presented in 100 Willamette

By Angie Suchy
Student Activities Editor

The ASUO Women's Center staff wants students to relax and enjoy Women's History Month and International Women's Day by watching a series of films tonight and Saturday in 100 Willamette Hall.

The first annual University Women's Film Festival kicks off tonight at 7 p.m. with four short films and a feature film. Films sessions will last about two hours with admission free both nights.

"Gorgeous," the first short film, follows the perils of a cartoon character as she faces plastic surgery, beauty therapy and bulimia in her obsession with eating behavior and beauty.

"The F Word" is about the power of the

word 'feminism' and contains interviews with women and men from diverse backgrounds set to an upbeat rap accompaniment.

"Beyond Black and White" is an exploration of the bicultural heritage of five women and how they have been influenced by images of women in the media. "Came Out, It Rained, Went Back in Again" explores coming out as a lesbian.

A feature film entitled "Embracing our Sexuality" focuses on nine women who discuss sexuality. The women range in age from 21 to 71 and come from diverse racial backgrounds and sexual orientations.

Jessica Frahs, Women's Center events coordinator, said the film festival was designed to "be educational as well as enter-

taining." She added that the majority of the films are written and produced by women and examine issues pertinent to women's lives — a fitting way of showing issues relating to Women's History Month, she said.

On Saturday, three short films and a feature film will be shown at the same place. "This is Not Your Life" is the tale of a Brazilian woman and the death, drama and marriage in her life. "Voices of the Morning" is a poetic exploration of Muslim women's lives. It examines the socialization process they experience while living under Orthodox Islamic law and the resistance of traditional cultural definitions. "Chicana" traces the history of Chicana

THE FESTIVAL

■ **WHEN:** Tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m.

■ **WHERE:** Room 100 of Willamette Hall

■ **ADMISSION:** Free

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