

Hitting home

The FOWL Players, a group of student and staff actors, will explore issues of rape and sexual assault in tonight's play 'Drawing the Shades'

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The Ducks' victory over Utah could be the turnaround they needed for their return to Pac-10 play this weekend

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A conflict management workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the EMU Board Room

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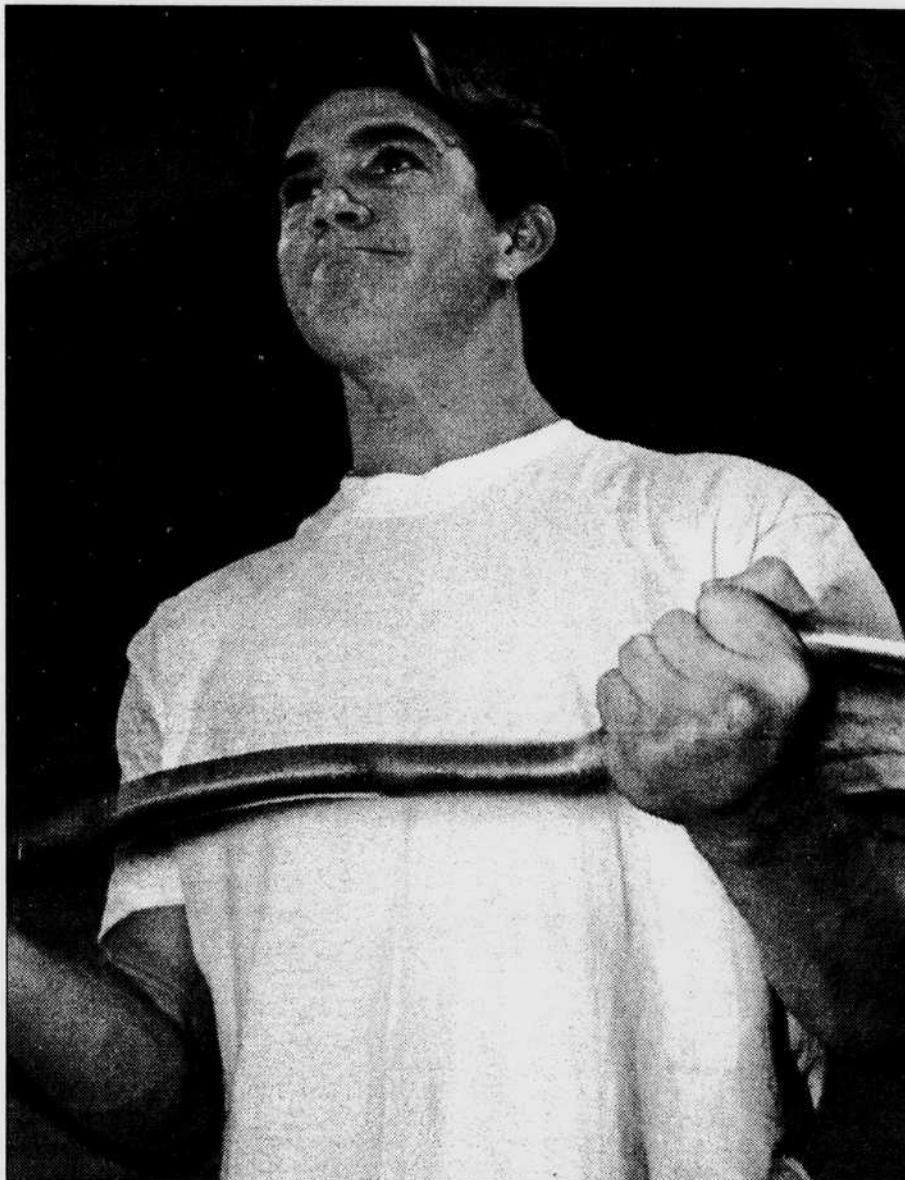
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STUDENT FEES



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Kekai Shimmon, a freshman majoring in journalism, curls free weights in the Harry Jerome Weight Room Sunday evening.

Feel the burn

Students will not have to purchase weight room passes during Esslinger renovations

By Teri Meeuwse
Higher Education Reporter

Students no longer have to pay an over-the-counter \$10 fee per term when they use the Harry Jerome Weight Room in Esslinger Hall.

Instead, students are paying an incidental fee of \$23 per term to cover building costs rather than the \$10 fee for a term pass. "It gives students something until the new facility is built," said Janice Radcliffe, weight room advisor and user group member. User group members are people who use the fitness facilities regularly.

The weight room is also funded by the bond that will help build and maintain the recreational facility, she said.

The bond to fund the new facility was passed by students in 1995. The bond created two collections, project coordinator Gregg Lobissor said. He said \$7.75 of the \$23 incidental fee will go toward the operations of the facility, which includes main-

taining the equipment and the facility. The other \$15.25 will go directly to the construction fees to build the facility.

The estimated \$19 million project will add or improve fitness and recreation facilities in Esslinger Hall.

The first stage of construction will be done by early summer, said Chris Ramey, the University's architect who is in charge of planning. This stage will include a new weight room, fitness facility, rock climbing facility, three basketball courts, renovated locker rooms, an administrative office and a sports medicine office.

The second phase will be done by spring of the following year. This will include some cosmetic work on Esslinger Hall, including new paint and lights, Ramey said.

Journalism major Marley Gleason, who works in the weight room, said many students who use the weight room don't

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Study shows UO has few minority faculty

The study indicates that minority hiring in the state is below the national average

By Laura Cadiz
Higher Education Editor

Veronica Garcia said she often sees herself as a speckle in her classes — the only person of color in a sea of white faces, including her professors.

"If I don't see myself up there teaching a class, it's hard to relate to what the class is about," said Garcia, a Chicana marketing major.

A report released Friday from the Oregon State System of Higher Education regarding faculty racial and ethnic diversity in Oregon higher education reflects Garcia's feelings. It shows that nearly all OSSHE institutions have improved in recruiting full-time minority faculty members, but they all have room for improvement.

Last school year, 10.8 percent

of the University's full-time faculty were minorities, which means it has the highest number of minorities in full-time faculty positions compared to all Oregon public universities. However, in comparison to the 17.3 percent national average for all U.S. universities, the University lags in its minority faculty members.

The University falls especially short in numbers of African-Americans: The U.S. average is 9.1 percent, and the University has 1.4 percent.

Such statistics sadden Ibrahim Gassama, associate dean of the law school.

"It has a depressant effect on me," said Gassama, who is African-American. "When I see it in print, it's like a blow, a sharp blow to one's body, and it makes you wonder if you're in a community that really cares about things as important as this."

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Alcohol, attitudes are factors in most arrests

Sgt. David Poppe said most problems aren't caused by students

By Jesse Sowa
Community Reporter

Eugene police relate the total of approximately 125 arrests, including 15 incidents of physical resistance and attacks on officers, near the University area in the last three weeks to a change in attitudes and a large amount of drinking.

Sgt. David Poppe of the Eugene police department said he believes some people feel they have the right to go above the law. Incidents such as walking down the street with an open bottle of beer have contributed to the arrests.

Four people were arrested following the Oct. 4 riot near 17th Avenue and Hilyard Street. Four other students were arrested and issued citations for furnishing alcohol to minors at a party during the riot. One of the four students was also charged with false swearing on the Oregon Liquor Control Commission form when buying kegs of beer.

Poppe said about half of the 125 arrests have been University students. However, he said he believes University students are not causing the majority of the problems.

Poppe said there have been

about 15 incidents since the start of the school year involving physical resistance or attacks on officers.

"There's more of a challenging attitude," he said.

In a recent news release, Poppe said arrest charges, ranging from interfering, resisting arrest and excessive noise, come from an "in your face" attitude sometimes resulting from drug use and/or excessive alcohol consumption.

Poppe said it will take a lot of work by a lot of people to find a way to resolve the problems.

"It's such a major issue," he said. "There is no easy answer."

Poppe said he believes the size of the problem will require a joint effort by the police and the community. He said the problem can only be handled with input from a large number of people instead of small community groups.

The increase in alcohol-related problems has created a situation where police have been unable to devote a reasonable amount of time to normal investigations, the release states.

According to the release, the University's Office of Public Safety, the Eugene police department and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission are working together in response to the many complaints ranging from loud parties to fights.