

Rising star

Stanford's Kristin Folkl, as one of the Pac-10's most powerful volleyball players, proves she's got the killer instinct

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Restroom message

New urinal screens in EMU and fraternity bathrooms emphasize male involvement in rape prevention.

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TODAY

The University will sponsor activities for the National Young Women's Day of Action

WEATHER

Today

Chance of showers
High 59. Low 44.

Friday

Chance of rain
High 57. Low 47.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVISM



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Citizens involved in the National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality march through Eugene's downtown mall Wednesday.

Marchers protest police action

The march was part of a national effort to raise awareness about police behavior

By Michael Burnham
Community Reporter

More than one hundred people united Wednesday afternoon to march the streets of downtown Eugene to protest against police brutality.

The Eugene march was in recognition of the second annual National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality. The march was organized by a New York City-based organization called the October 22 Coalition.

Eugene's version of the march drew protesters of all ages, and some of them brought their dogs or carried signs in protest of police behavior. Others donned elaborate costumes, with one person dressed as a tree and another dressed as the Statue of Liberty. Some marchers dressed as mocking effigies of Eugene police officers, complete with tree branches for billy clubs and plastic badges and helmets.

The protest was organized as a non-violent

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City Council member Bobby Lee speaks with concerned citizens after the protesters' arrival at City Hall.

UO plans for ethnic major in '98

Students who support the new major hope the program will bring tolerance to campus

By Laura Cadiz
Higher Education Editor

The University joined the ranks of all the other Pac-10 universities by adding the major of ethnic studies to the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education board approved the major Friday; before then, the University was the only Pac-10 college without such a major.

"This is an incredible thing for the University," Multicultural Center co-director Jay Breslow said. "The ethnic studies department will bring so much to the University; it will help with racial discrimination on campus."

"The only way to get past that is through education and reading about our different cultures."

Faculty and students of the College of Arts and Sciences started the push for the major years ago, said Joe Stone, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. It will be able to offer the major by fall term of 1998.

According to Robert Wasson, the multicultural advocate for the ASUO, the major is long overdue.

"I believe the University seriously lacks diversity in both students and faculty," he said. "Not counting international students, only 11 to 12 percent of the student body is students of color. While that may be a reflection of the state, I think the University should have higher goals that reflect the state's diversity."

Students majoring in ethnic studies will be taking courses in anthropology, history, literature and music that all relate to ethnic issues.

"It's an interdisciplinary program," Stone said. "The fundamental idea behind the program is to explore the origins and evolution of particular ethnic ideas but in the context of American experience overall."

Students who support the addition of the major said they hope the major will bring a new type of tolerance to the campus.

"I think students will gain a greater understanding of what it means to be an ethnic minority," Breslow said. "They will gain a history of America that hasn't been studied before. That will probably be one of the richest and most exciting majors on campus."

Stone echoed Breslow's anticipations for the major.

"It will give students a deep understanding of the role of ethnic identity in American culture and give some students a chance to explore their own identity," Stone said.

Currently, the college is conducting a nationwide search for a director for the program. Stone said the college hopes to have the position filled by spring term.

MEChA conference set to mobilize community

Identity and cultural issues will be the focus of this year's Pacific Northwest conference

By Kristina Rudinkas
Student Activities Reporter

Cultural identity, Chicano history, NAFTA and Mesoamerican myths and history are just a few topics that will be discussed at the 1997 MEChA Pacific Northwest Chicano Leadership Conference, beginning on campus today in the EMU Ballroom.

MEChA chapters from Oregon and Washington, as well as high school students, community leaders and interested organizations,

will represent the Pacific Northwest.

"Overall it is just to educate people about Chicanos and Latinos and the issues they face on campus, in the community, in the region and across the nation," explained Andres Barajas, internal coordinator for the University's MEChA chapter.

The Gardenburger boycott was discussed at last year's regional conference and was brought to wide-spread attention at the National MEChA conference. It will be discussed again this year as an important issue in the regional caucuses.

MEChA chapters may also plan an event for the 150th anniversary of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexi-

can-American War and reestablished the relationship between the two countries.

Friday will highlight a keynote address from human rights activist Rocky Rodriguez of the National Chicano Human Rights Council. She will discuss self-determination and spiritual development.

Chicano history seminars and panel discussions on Chicano and Latino identities and contemporary Chicano issues will continue through Friday afternoon.

James Garcia, assistant director of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Oregon, will discuss the GANAS program he helped

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