

Ducks to play Trojans

Oregon will take to the road against USC at the L.A. Memorial Coliseum Saturday for the first of three away games before Civil War

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OH! THE HORROR!

'Rocky Horror' virgins beware: Local venues are producing both the film and stage versions of the cult classic

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TODAY

The women's volleyball team will take on No. 4 Stanford at 7 p.m. in Mac Court.

WEATHER

Today

Chance of rain
High 59. Low 41.

Weekend

Partly cloudy
High 60. Low 40.

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In response to two recent attempted rapes near campus, students gather for a candlelight vigil Thursday night.

Rally focuses on women's rights

Organizers invited state Sen. Susan Castillo to speak at the event

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Signs dedicated to "the hundreds of women who died of illegal abortions" attracted students to a rally Thursday in front of Johnson Hall for National Young Women's Day of Action.

The ASUO, the ASUO Women's Center and Students for Choice invited Sen. Susan Castillo to present information on reproductive rights, violence against women and safe sex. They also invited an acting group from South Eugene High School.

"It is good to focus on action and work to make a difference," Castillo said. "Everyone's so busy, we need an event like this to make you go, 'Oh yeah.'"

The rally, now in its fifth year, started at 1 p.m., with advocates drawing a crowd by holding signs and passing out condoms.

"It's a national event done at 300 universities to commemorate the women who died



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Students Christina Pusel (left), Grace Frances (center) and Megan Dorton discuss ways of making the community safer by raising campus awareness.

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HEP offers students fresh start

The High School Equivalency Program helps migrant farm workers earn their GED

By Michael Hines
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Veronica Melgoza remembers watching her mother cry. Her father was late coming home from the fields, and she was worried the Ku Klux Klan may have gotten him this time.

Melgoza remembers the fear, and she remembers the hate. She remembers seeing "nigger" written on her neighbor's house. And she remembers teaming up with her black neighbor, Michael, to take a safer shortcut home after school to avoid the rock-throwing white kids in Oxnard, Calif.

Melgoza finally couldn't handle the growing stress. She quit school to enter a field study program, where she could work in the fields during the day and study at night. That didn't work either.

Now 23, Melgoza still doesn't have a high school diploma, but that will change in a few weeks.

Melgoza is one of about 40 students enrolled in the University's High School Equivalency Program this fall. The program was created 30 years ago during Lyndon Johnson's presidency. It's been on the University campus since then.

It is a government-funded program that offers an opportunity to earn a General Educational Development certificate for any student who is classified, or has a guardian who is classified, as a migrant seasonal farm worker and who tried but did not finish high school. To receive a GED — equal to a high school diploma — the students must pass a test covering math, science, grammar, literature and social studies.

"We work with them on issues of self-

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Pay-to-print system slows down printing at Knight Library

Students who try to print a document may end up waiting for a long time

By Kristina Rudinkas
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It was a normal Tuesday night in the Knight Library. Students were studying, people were looking for books and the Information Technology Center on the second floor was packed.

Kim Spurlock, 20, a pre-journalism major, had to download one page of information from the Internet. It took her 45 minutes.

"Too many people didn't know what was going on," she said. "There was a line out the door to use computers, eight [computers] were down and four didn't even print."

Confusion reigned in the ITC.

The new pay-to-print system installed in the ITC has been a nightmare for many students such as Spurlock. The Windows '95 operating system installed on the center's PCs doesn't deal well with the new pay-per-print network, said Matt Maggard, a lab as-

sistant in the ITC.

Instead, the computers need to be upgraded to Windows NT, a more powerful system built for working with networks, he said.

"PCs are harder to deal with in general, but the Macintoshes are focused on printing," Maggard said.

Many of the older PCs are missing important programs such as Netscape or Microsoft Word. They didn't have enough memory to run both programs when they were updated, he explained.

To pay for printing in the ITC and the library, students can use a copy card or put money on their ID cards by using any of the photocopy machines in the library.

But the system has glitches, according to Spurlock.

"It was so frustrating going around trying to put money on my UO ID," she said. "The first few copy machines took my money and

didn't even credit my card."

Some students with new IDs may have problems crediting their cards, Maggard said. They should consult with the lab assistant in the ITC.

But printing from the ITC can be a costly or risky procedure for those who like to leave their papers until the last minute.

"Don't wait until the last minute," Maggard warned. "A separate computer controls the printers' computer, and if it goes down, we have to wait until someone comes to fix it."

Netscape doesn't count pages well, so it sometimes sends more pages to the printer, he said. That means students may be paying money for blank pages.

Students such as Spurlock now are wary of the ITC.

"Make sure you have a lot of time," she said. "It doesn't take the time to write the paper, but it sure takes time to print."

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