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Oregon guards Natalie Hughes and Lisa Bouyer expect to lead the Ducks to a Pac-10 conference title

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Find out about ghosts, graveyards and Halloween happenings around Eugene

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The ASUO will present a symposium on Measure 51 at 7 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room

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Today
Chance of rain
High 60. Low 47.
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Yoji Kitagawa (center), a post-baccalaureate business major, chats with friends at 'Weaving New Beginnings: Building a Community' Monday evening in the EMU Ballroom.

Event bridges multicultural gaps

The informal setting helped students, staff and faculty of color interact outside the classroom and workplace

By Kristina Rudinskas
Student Activities Reporter

A special reception last night in the EMU Ballroom focused on building new friendships outside the classroom. "Weaving New Beginnings: Building a Community," attracted more than 100 University students, staff and faculty of color.

The night featured entertainment and artwork by University students, faculty and staff and fostered casual conversation between students and faculty.

Some of the performances included a

Native American story told by Professor Richard Proudfoot, a jazz trio and a dance called the Molokai Slide presented by the Hawaii Club.

"It gives an opportunity for new students, especially, to meet the student unions and discover resources," said Matthew Fabella from the Asian/Pacific American Student Union.

The ASUO and about 20 other groups held the event early in the school year so students could discover the services available to them.

"Students would be less likely to leave if they found a place at the University," said Cynthia Hui, ASUO multicultural recruitment and retention coordinator.

Events such as the reception help lessen the culture shock many students of color

feel when they first come to the University, she added.

In a video presentation, University President Dave Frohn-mayer welcomed students and faculty to the reception. Frohn-mayer pledged to recruit vigorously for the University, keep the cost of college education down and give students the academic support they need.

"We are all part of the family," Frohn-mayer said. "Weaving New Beginnings" is a celebration of community, university and diversity."

The evening's casual setting encouraged students, faculty and staff to interact outside of the classroom or workplace.

"In a classroom or office it becomes a professional setting, which can be intimi-

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State plan would boost tech budget

The \$5 million plan would fund graduate programs, new staff and internships

By Kari Thorene
Higher Education Reporter

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education voted Friday to approve a \$5 million plan to increase engineering education in Oregon. The Engineering and Technology Industry Council, a group of representatives of high-tech firms, made recommendations on where the money should be allocated.

Senate Bill 504 from the 1997 Legislative session established the \$5 million appropriation. The bill outlined state and industry goals for the engineering program and created the Engineering and Technology Industry Council, which includes Chairman Don Vanlunene, CEO of Electro Scientific Industries, Inc.; Tom Costabile, senior vice president of operations for Sony Disc Manufacturing; and Jim Hurd, president and CEO of Planar Systems, Inc.

The plan allocates \$2.25 million to create a Master's Program in software engineering, a collaborative effort between the University, Oregon Graduate Institute, Oregon State University and Portland State University, according to Francesca Clifford of the OS-SHE Office of Public Affairs. It also earmarks \$2.25 million to graduate and continuing professional education in the Portland area; the money will be used to hire new faculty, create graduate-level internships and increase development of graduate courses.

The last half million dollars will be used to create an Oregon Professional Technologists program that will work with high school students in conjunction with the Oregon Institute of Technology, according to Clifford.

Lisa Stevens, corporate and federal relations spokeswoman for OSSHE, said the plan was created in response to demands from the high-tech industry, not from stu-

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ASUO campaign to mail grades ends with compromise

Students can fill out a grade request form on the Web or at the Office of the Registrar

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

The grades will be in the mail — if you want.

The Office of the Registrar has decided to mail out grades to students who request them, University Registrar Herb Chereck said. Grade reports should be mailed this term, he said.

Students must specifically request that the University mail their grades, however. They can do this at the Office of the Registrar in Oregon Hall or over the Internet. The University plans to have a Web request form for grade mailings by December 1, Chereck said.

Students will need to request a grade transcript each term.

The Office of the Registrar had stopped mailing grades and schedules to students

this term. About 20 percent of all mailings were returned because of bad addresses, Chereck said.

Instead, the University opened a Web page that offered up-to-date schedules and grades.

The ASUO campaigned against the changes, saying too many students don't have access to a computer when they're at home and need their grades and schedules. Insurance companies also require official grade reports and schedules, and most won't accept the Web version.

"It's a huge win for both sides," said Jim Paustian, ASUO voter education organizer. "This is great. It's outstanding."

The University still won't mail schedules — too many students add or drop classes after the schedules would be sent out, Chereck explained.

"It changes for such a majority of stu-

dents," he explained. "It's not a good working document."

Students can request official schedules from the Office of the Registrar.

The ASUO won't push for schedule mailings, Paustian said. "That might not be the best route."

Student leaders had met with the Office of the Registrar since the beginning of the term to change the no-mailing policy. A 20-minute petition drive in October sent about 250 signatures to Oregon Hall asking Chereck to reconsider the policy.

The University couldn't ignore that kind of support, Paustian said.

"They didn't realize this was a huge problem," he said. "It took a little bit of student effort to get their attention. But they responded quickly once they realized there was a problem."

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