

Upset minded

The Oregon ducks upset the powerful No. 6 Huskies in Seattle Saturday

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Itching and scratching

Students need to get a second measles inoculation before they register for winter term

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TODAY

The schedule of classes is now available at the UO Bookstore and at the EMU.

WEATHER

Today
Rain at times
High 55. Low 42.
Tuesday
Chance of showers
High 54. Low 42.

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Squirrels may face nut shortage

One professor believes that there are not as many nuts on campus as in earlier years

By Eric Collins
Community Editor

It started with a little common curiosity.

As Luis Verano made his daily walk from his office in Friendly Hall to his car parked south of campus, the senior romance languages instructor kept noticing the squirrels.

They dashed across busy streets in search of food. Cars ran over them. Some parts of campus had surplus amounts of nuts, while others did not.

It seemed like a problem.

So every once in awhile, Verano would fill up his pockets with acorns and scatter them around Pioneer Cemetery. He just figured he'd give the squirrels a better chance of survival.

For the past ten years or so, Verano said he has voluntarily monitored the nut harvest on campus, and this year, he said he believes there is a shortage of squirrel food across campus. Verano said he would like to know if there were areas in Eugene where nut harvests produced large amounts. He said he would transplant the nuts to campus, if excess nuts were available.

Although he said he sees no harm in helping disperse nuts across campus, Tim King, University campus and grounds supervisor, said he doesn't believe there is anything to worry about.

"The oaks are loaded down," said King, who has been with the University for 15 years. "There's plenty [of nuts] down there. It's been a very good year for nut production."

Robin Keister, the operations manager for Willamette Wildlife Rehabilitation Center for the past ten years, said the campus could have three types of squirrels: the Western gray squirrel, the fox squirrel and the Douglas squirrel. If the squirrels were becoming malnourished, she said squirrels would be much thinner.



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For now there is plenty of food for the squirrels on campus, but there are concerns that the winter maybe hard for them.

Douglas Squirrel

■ **OFFICIAL NAME:** *Tamiasciurus douglasii*

■ **LOOKS:** body is rust, reddish brown to gray; belly is yellow to orange; and tail is dark to black end, with a reddish brown underside.

■ **HOME RANGE:** Pacific Coast from British Columbia to northern California.

■ **FOOD:** pine cones, acorns, nuts, fungi, buds, fruits, berries

Fox Squirrel

■ **OFFICIAL NAME:** *Sciurus niger*

■ **LOOKS:** largest tree squirrel; coat is typically reddish brown, with a lighter belly

■ **HOME RANGE:** Typically the east coast. They have been introduced to cities and parks in the northwest.

■ **FOOD:** acorns, pine cones, nuts, seeds, berries, buds, inner bark, bulbs, fungi, insects, bird eggs.

Western Gray Squirrel

■ **OFFICIAL NAME:** *Sciurus griseus*

■ **LOOKS:** body is gray with white hairs; belly is lighter, white to light gray; tail is banded with gray, white and black, and is large and bushy.

■ **HOME RANGE:** Pacific coast from Baja California north to Canada

■ **FOOD:** acorns, pine cones, nuts, bark, fruit, berries, fungi, insects.

Information taken from "Squirrels: A Wildlife Handbook" by Kim Long. Published by Johnson Books: 1995.

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Sustainable growth is forum focus

A three-day symposium will focus on how businesses can achieve sustainable growth

By Kari Thorene
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The University Law and Entrepreneurship Association and students from the Land Air Water group will kick off the Sustainable Business Symposium today.

"This is the first time ever this has been done in the world," said Andrew Yorra of the Student Bar Association. "The purpose is to bring business, environmentalists and government together to find ways so that they don't have to conflict."

The symposium lasts for three days and includes workshops on "How Universities Can Bring Sustainable Concepts into Their Operations and Curriculum" and "How Businesses Can Become More Sustainable."

Tristan Masat of the University's Survival Center said he is skeptical about the actual goals of the symposium.

"I don't think it's about sustainable development," he said. "I think it's about marketing and targeting the 'green consumer' niche."

Masat said panels titled "How Businesses Can Target Environmentally Conscious Consumers" reveal that the market focus of the symposium takes precedence over the environment focus.

"They see a public trend toward environmental interest, and I think they're trying to sell to that," Masat said.

The keynote speaker is Paul Hawken, entrepreneur and author of "Ecology of Commerce." According to In Context magazine, "There are few people who have contributed to our understanding of the role of business on a small planet as Paul Hawken has."

Speakers at the symposium will include Dick Roy, executive director of Northwest Earth Institute; Sarah Severn, the head of Nike's Environmental Action Team; and Wayne Lei, director of environmental affairs for Portland General Electric.

Some sponsors are Nike, Down to Earth, the Eugene Water and Electric Board, Fred

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Three-point shots earn money for Coaches vs. Cancer program

The money pledged for each three-pointer made during basketball season will be donated to cancer research

By Kristen Sheley
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This season, the University men's and women's basketball teams are going up against their toughest opponent yet — cancer.

Head basketball coaches Ernie Kent and Jody Runge have decided to lead their teams in participating with the nationwide Coaches vs. Cancer Program, sponsored by the National Association of Basketball

Coaches and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. The program was started in 1993 by Norm Stewart, a coach in Missouri who had cancer.

Anyone can pledge support to the program. Participants agree to pay a certain amount of money for every three-pointer made. After the final game of the season, the amount of successful three-point shots are tallied up and presented to those who pledged money. College basketball teams all over the country are able to raise money for the American Cancer Society in the fight against the disease.

The program has raised a substantial amount of money in the years since it was started. During the 1996-1997 season, \$2

million was raised around the country. Last year the Lane County chapter of the American Cancer Society raised \$11,000 in only its first year of participation. The goal for this year is to raise \$20,000.

"Most pledge 10 cents or up [per three-point shot]," said Jeanne Havercroft, a coordinator of the program at the American Cancer Society. Although typical donations range from a dime to a dollar, people can pledge more if they wish, Havercroft said.

Last year, the women's basketball team made 102 three-point shots, while the men made 196 three-pointers.

Individual students are not the only ones to pledge money in the event. Many local businesses and clubs also contribute. Peo-

ple can pledge for the women's basketball team, the men's team or both. Pledge forms are available at IKON Office Solutions, the Casanova Center, the office of the American Cancer Society and all U-Lane-O, U.S. Bank and Key Bank locations.

Although the first basketball game of the season was just this weekend, the only real deadline for pledges is the final game.

"We've had people sign up as late as February last year," Havercroft said. But just because people sign up late doesn't mean they only have to pay for the games after that point, she said.

"You pay for the whole season no matter when you sign up," Havercroft said.