

# Squad: New stunts require safety measures

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perience in tumbling or stunting before they join the squad. But many were athletes in other sports. Broadhurst was active in basketball, track and soccer before joining the squad three years ago.

Those cheerleaders in the air place their safety on the line when they are hoisted above their partner's heads, expecting to be caught as they descend. A wrong move could mean broken bones, sprains or even death.

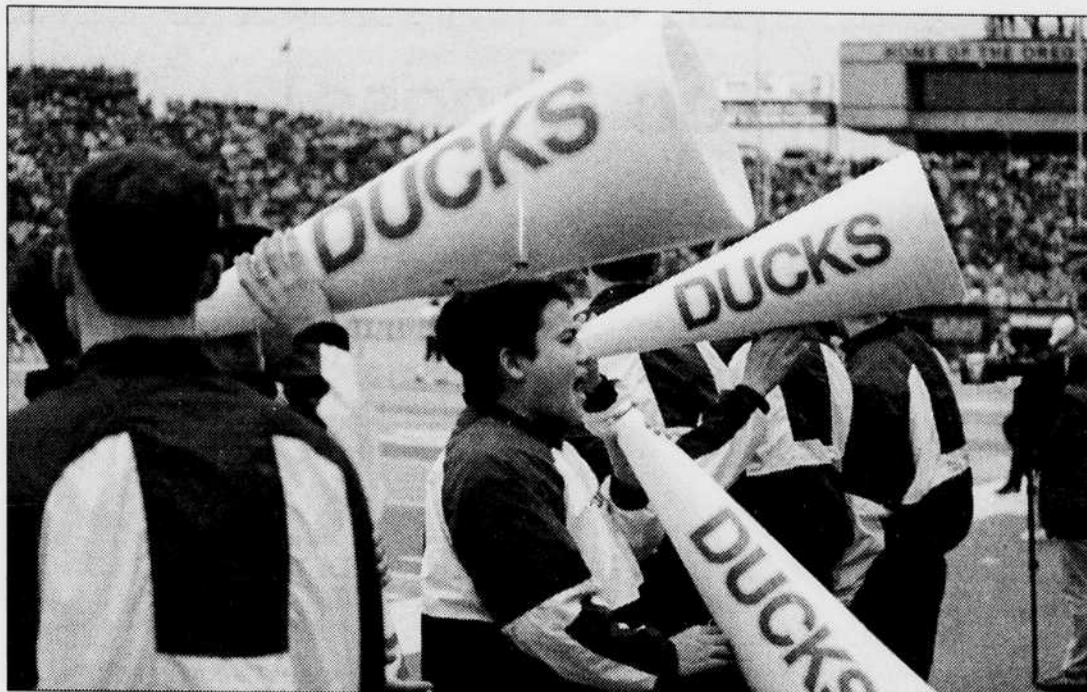
"There is a tremendous trust with your stunt partner," Raish said. "She trusts her life to him. Communication is important, but they need to be in unison as a team."

The team is safety-conscious and practices new stunts at a gymnastics building with spring floors. New stunts are spotted by two people and only after the stunt is perfected can the team use just one spotter.

Perfection is made through repetition and that can be hard on the guy's back, said Raish.

Angela Hunsaker, dance captain of the squad, knows cheerleading can be a full-time job. She's been cheerleading for eight years and her preparation for the football games starts early. She gets to Autzen stadium on game days at 9 a.m. and leaves around 5 p.m.

"I never thought I would participate in the collegiate level," Hunsaker said. "It started when my friend didn't want to try out alone and I was talked into it. Then I made it."



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More males are showing their school spirit in the form of cheerleading in the past few years. The cheerleading team now includes 10 male members.

Cheer Captain Mindy Shaw also started cheering in high school and was a gymnast for seven years. She enjoys the performance aspect of cheerleading.

"It's a real rush," she said. "I couldn't imagine not doing it."

But she also sees cheerleading as a way to represent the University. She incorporates cheers and various chants into the squad routines.

Chants are short one-line cheers, like "Go Ducks." Cheers are longer in length, usually four or five lines. The University has about seven different cheers.

The number of male cheerleaders has increased on the cheerleading squad over the past few years. The team now includes 20 female and 10 male members. Broadhurst originally got involved

when he was invited by a female he was dating to practice stunting and tumbling moves. He was addicted after that.

"Some guys can be nervous and think they'll get a hard time," he said. "But we have the same status as athletes, and you end up knowing the athletes better because you are always around them. A lot of people don't see that part."

## Dissident: Student asks Wu if fight is personal

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During the question and answer session, another Chinese student said he thought recent economic prosperity has improved human rights conditions in China, and asked Wu if his rebuke of the Chinese government was based more in anger over "personal misfortunes" than concern for human rights.

Wu said that although the Chinese government is difficult to define, it has its roots in Maoism. "If this is a communist government, I want to destroy it," Wu said. "But if this is a democracy, I want to support it."

Wu founded the Laogai Research Foundation and is a research fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He has written three books about his experiences in Chinese prison camps, including "Bitter Winds: My Years in China's Gulag," "Laogai: The Chinese Gulag" and

"Troublemaker: One Man's Crusade Against China's Cruelty."

Wu was arrested in 1960 after Chinese government officials charged him with being a "counter-revolutionary rightist." He spent the following 19 years in China's prison labor camps.

Wu escaped from the camps in 1979 and left China in 1985. He came to the United States and has since become a naturalized citizen.

On June 19, 1995 Wu was detained while traveling in China. He was officially arrested in Wuhan on July 8, 1995 for having suspicious travel documents. After his passport and visa were proven authentic, Wu was charged with stealing state secrets by the Wuhan Public Security Bureau and sentenced to 15 years in prison. The Chinese government soon after expelled Wu in response to international pressure.



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Harry Wu describes Chinese labor camps to a packed audience.

## Park: Development focuses on area south of train tracks

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sets the University apart from other colleges surrounded by urban development.

"There are increasingly few community spaces on campus where people can just gather and just be," she said.

While she said her main concern is stopping development on the banks of the Willamette River, Fuller said her goal is to open up discussion among faculty, students, community members and the administration.

"We are asking for an open discussion on what it is going to cost in terms of the things we are giving up versus the potential good for development," she said.

While the administration is

looking at the petitions, Fuller said the issue will be brought to the University Senate at the beginning of next quarter.

Biology Professor Frank Stahl, another meeting participant opposed to the slated construction, said bringing up the issue in the Senate might cause some public reaction, but probably wouldn't change the situation. However, he said, if the Senate were to make a decision on future construction projects within the park, he believes it would put heat on the administration to enter the discussion even if it would rather refrain.

Instead, Stahl said he believes changes in planned research park development will only come from

citizen initiatives because the University is locked into the plan.

The research park is a partnership between the city of Eugene, the University and private developers. The research park plan currently covers 67 acres of land between Franklin Boulevard and the Willamette River and Moss Street and the EWEB building.

In 1988, plans for the research park were approved, calling for 15 buildings and 1.2 million square feet of development that would come within 35 feet of the river. In that same year, Eugene residents also voted down an amendment that would have restricted development of the research park.

Ground has just been broken on a 47,000-square-foot build-

ing located at 1800 Mill Race Drive. Diane Wiley, a planning associate at the University Planning Office, said the construction will take about 10 to 12 months.

This summer Millrace Drive was extended east to connect with Moss Street. Wiley said that project is 90 percent complete. She said there is nothing currently happening on the land north of the train tracks although the master plan does include future construction in the area. She said development is currently focused on the area south of the train tracks, with the space in between the 1600 and 1800 Millrace Drive buildings next up for construction.

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