

Stopping the streak

1-3 Oregon hopes to end its three-game losing streak when it faces the 2-1 Nevada Wolf Pack at Mac Court on Saturday

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Night lights

The Lane County Fairgrounds presents 'Celebration of Lights,' featuring 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'

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TODAY

The Oregon Jazz Ensemble will perform today at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall.

WEATHER

Today
Partly sunny
High 45. Low 35.
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Policy class researches area safety

A class released the findings of a study on problems in the West University neighborhood

By Scott Pesznecker
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Revitalizing the West University neighborhood must include using neighborhood associations and enforcing housing codes, a planning, public policy and management class concluded last Thursday after a term's worth of research.

Specific problems include rental-housing conditions, property crime, the lack of parks, recycling, housing codes, perception of safety and beautification and cleanup.

The findings were revealed at a conference held by the Public Policy and Community Development 323/448 class. The study was a continuation of initial research done by another PPPM class offered last spring.

According to class findings, the West University neighborhood has the second-highest crime rate in the state. The class found that an organized neighborhood watch program could help lower the crime rate.

Besides community policing, a neighborhood watch system would educate local residents and make them aware of issues that need to be addressed. According to research done by the class, an effective neighborhood watch program could have a ripple-effect on the entire Eugene community.

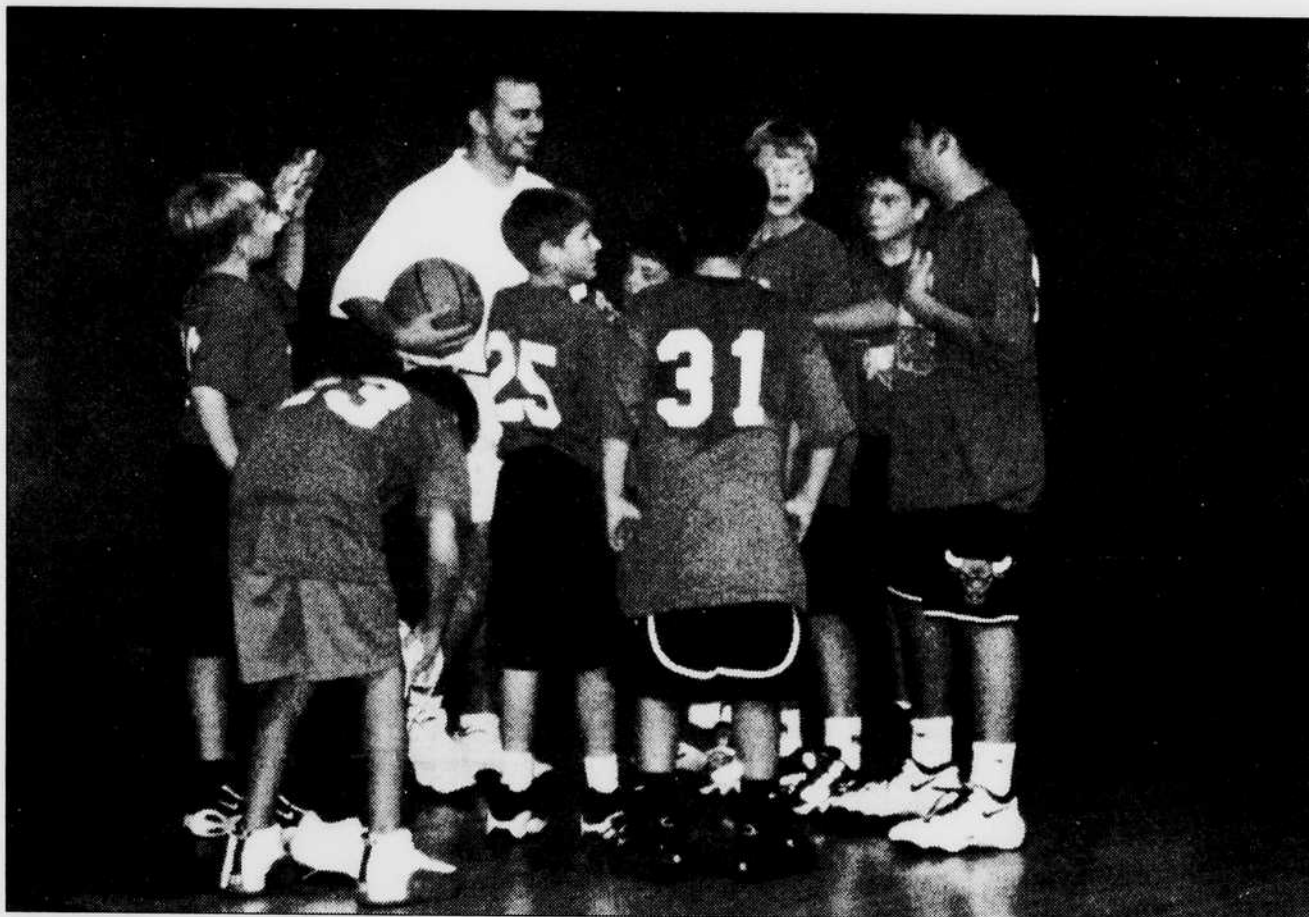
Holding a community court was another class suggestion. The court would deal with cases that challenge the solidarity of a certain area. Sentences could be delivered to violators in the form of community service hours, which would benefit those in the area.

Smaller versions of community courts, known as teen courts, take place in high schools throughout several cities in Oregon. In teen courts, peers judge peers and deliver punishment.

Block homes owned by people who would be trained to help others were another proposed solution to the crime problem. With somewhere to go at all times, members

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STUDENT COACHES



COURTESY PHOTO

Junior business major Zachary Wallace huddles with his YMCA basketball team. Wallace coaches the team through Nike's PLAY Corps program, which recruits University students to coach children's teams.

A league of their own

University students can coach kids' sports teams through Nike's PLAY program

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

Cindy Boogaard wanted to make a difference in a child's life. She wanted to be a mentor, to help kids with their problems and to guide them through life.

And she wanted to teach them a little ball, too.

Boogaard, a business administration major, signed up with Nike's PLAY Corps, a program that recruits University students to coach children's sports teams. She'll

head a basketball team of 8-year-old girls this winter.

"You become friends with the kids," she said. "They count on you, and they'll call you if they have problems. You can teach them so much."

The PLAY program — "Participate in the Lives of America's Youth" — is based on a simple idea: sports benefit children physically, socially, emotionally and

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Cindy Boogaard
Business administration

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UO student campaigns to limit business with Burma

Student Jeff Shaw wants Eugene to join in the national effort to cut ties with a country accused of human rights violations

By Michael Burnham
Community Reporter

University student Jeff Shaw is spearheading a campaign to persuade Eugene officials to dip their fingers into international matters by adding to a recent Clinton executive order limiting future American business with Burma.

Clinton said in a May 20 address to Congress that the current Burmese government, which seized power in the late 1980s under

military dictator Ne Win, has violated human and civil rights and arrested its democratic leader.

It has enslaved and forced the minority "Karen" people to flee the country, Clinton said.

It has ousted the rightfully elected democratic government, he said.

It has allowed Burma to become the world's No. 1 producer of opium and heroin in deference to the views of the international community, he said.

"Pretty much [government militarists] take anyone who can carry stuff — and anyone who can't, they kill," Shaw said. "It's pretty horrifying stuff."

In response to congressional and public

outrage, Clinton enacted an executive order on May 21 prohibiting the United States from future investment in Burma; however, this order does not apply to companies and persons already doing business in the country.

Shaw, a senior majoring in English and a columnist for the Emerald, is acting on the local level by asking Eugene officials to further Clinton's order by agreeing to limit any city relationships with companies doing business with Burma.

On Nov. 16, Shaw met with city purchasing manager Carol Case in an attempt to lobby the city to enact a selective purchasing agreement. This agreement would add to

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