

Avoiding dioxins

Material found in some tampons may lead to ovarian dysfunction, endometriosis and other health risks for women

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Oregon rolls over Bears

Led by Terik Brown's 18 points, the men's basketball team won its league opener Saturday over California, 66-59

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Today
Rain likely
High 45. Low 37.
Tuesday
Rain
High 45. Low 35.

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Board denies sexual misconduct appeal

Danta Graham-Preston will be suspended from the University until the woman graduates

By Laura Cadiz
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The University Appeals Board unanimously upheld the sexual misconduct charges brought against University student Danta Graham-Preston and lengthened the duration of his suspension from the University on Dec. 12.

"I am thrilled," said the University woman involved in the case. "I've been dealing with this for about a year, and I feel like finally I have some closure and can move on."

The board upheld Hearings Officer Floyd Prozanski's ruling in the case and opted to extend the punishment from a two-year suspension from the University to a suspension that will be carried out until the woman, who is a sophomore, is no longer a student at the University.

"Our main goal was to help and protect the

survivor," board chairperson Chris Winters said.

Jerry Lidz, Graham-Preston's attorney, said he believed the board's decision was wrong because there was not enough evidence to support Prozanski's findings and the new sanction was too harsh.

"Assuming, for the sake of discussion, that [Graham-Preston] did what he is accused of, it's certainly appropriate for the board to consider protecting the victim an element, but to make a sanction an order of

control for the victim goes too far," he said. "It's an indefinite suspension; it makes it more difficult for him to plan his life."

Graham-Preston declined to comment on the case.

Elaine Green, associate dean of Student Life, said the decision made by the board, which consists of four students and four faculty members chosen by the ASUO, was fair.

"I regret that the whole thing had to go on

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Yes, sir!



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Tight end A.J. Jelks, wide receiver Tony Hartley and teammates give the Air Force salute following an Oregon touchdown in the Ducks' 41-13 win over Air Force in the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 20. Oregon scored on its first two plays from scrimmage and led the Falcons 26-0 at the half. See stories on pages 10 and 11.

Campus area gets two new businesses

Starbucks and Cucina! Presto! will take over the building at the corner of Alder and 13th

By Eric Collins
Community Editor

Starbucks Coffee Co. and Cucina! Presto! Italian fast food restaurant are set to share the former home of the Taste of Thai Restaurant and Guido's Bar by the beginning of March.

Workers from the Wilcox Construction Co. have been gutting the brick building, located at the corner of 13th Avenue and Alder Street, since the beginning of December. The 4,500-square-foot space will be open between the two businesses, according to Bob Wilcox, owner of the construction company out of Edmond, Wash.

He said Starbucks will use two-thirds of the space, while Cucina! Presto! will use one-third. Both will share common seating and restrooms, he said. The side facing 13th Avenue will have a glass-door front with a covered exterior for outside seating.

The building has been vacant since February 1997, when the owner, Bill Baker

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Miner, Unger hope to finish several projects in the works



This is the first story in a week-long series of articles that will look at what the ASUO hopes to accomplish winter term

The ASUO plans to follow up on library hours, renters' rights and professor evaluations

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

The ASUO plans to work this term the way it worked last term: by making student government relevant and practical.

Vice President Ben Unger calls it "breaking through the boring bureaucracy."

"Why would anyone get involved if all they saw us doing was going to meetings and filling out papers?" he said. "We made it more exciting."

This term that will mean campaigns to lengthen the library's hours, fight for renters' rights and get more questions onto the professor evaluations. That will also mean a massive recruitment drive to attract more students.

The ASUO plans to keep a strong lobby-

ing voice in University, state and national governments. All will consider proposals this term that could affect University students. The national government will consider how to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, and the ASUO will push for better federal loans. The ASUO will also lobby Gov. John Kitzhaber to write a tuition freeze into his 1999-2001 budget.

The University Senate is scheduled to vote next week on the ASUO's add-drop campaign, a hold-over from fall term. Students would have three weeks to add and drop classes if the ASUO proposal passes.

All that activity will hopefully counter the January/February slump, ASUO President Bill Miner said. The ASUO traditionally faces a drop-off in student interest toward the end of January.

"A lot of students kind of see the April [ASUO] elections coming up, some of their projects aren't progressing," he explained.

"Participation goes down. Hopefully, we can rejuvenate them."

Last term was a success, Miner said, and the ASUO doesn't plan to change much. It will try to pull more student leaders into decisions. The greek, housing and program governments are an untapped resource, he said.

"We've kind of overlooked them," Miner said. "If we invite them into our house, they can be incredible resources."

The ASUO's overriding focus will continue to be attracting students and convincing them they can play a part in government, Unger said. Success only comes from student support, and the ASUO needs to show students why they should support it, he said.

"ASUO isn't a bunch of kids that like to go out and play student government," he said. "When you come with 1,500 names on a petition, it's a lot more powerful, a lot more effective."



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