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The Seattle-based quartet will perform their unique 'Afro/Celtic' music at WOW Hall this weekend

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Women win with ease

The Ducks took the upper hand in the second half Thursday to clinch a 14-point win over the Trojans

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The EMU Cultural Forum will present a Marx Brothers double feature at 8 p.m. in 180 PLC.

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Today
Cloudy
High 40. Low 29.
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Partly cloudy
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Minority scholarship opens to all races

Because of a 1990 lawsuit, the UMAS award will be available to more students in fall 1998

By Chris Kenning
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Kim Hutchinson, an African-American freshman, chose the University for the minority scholarship it offered her.

"If it wasn't for the scholarship I got, I wouldn't have come here for college," Hutchinson said. "I would have gone somewhere with a more diverse campus."

Now her scholarship, the Underrepresented Minority Achievement Scholarship, is slated to be opened to students of all races by fall 1998 because of an earlier lawsuit. The UMAS award, whose name will change to the Diversity Building Scholar-

ship, was one of only two financial scholarships available through the University designed exclusively for students of color.

"Race will still be a factor in the award, but many more people will qualify for it," said Jim Garcia, director of the Multicultural Affairs Office, which advises students of color on scholarship issues.

Garcia said the lawsuit occurred in 1990 because the scholarship did not define Asians as underrepresented at the University. Minority scholarships, including the Target of Opportunity award that is offered to minority students who show graduate-school potential, only amount to 1 or 2 per-

cent of the total higher education allotment at the University.

"There are only about 80 of these awards available, and compared to the total number of scholarships, it's just a drop in the bucket," Garcia said.

Nevertheless, legal challenges to race-based financial aid are increasing around the country, and higher education systems are often unable to continue to offer these kinds of scholarships, said Katherine Jernberg, director of admissions for the law school.

Jernberg cited Proposition 209 in California.

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Chilean educators to learn about Oregon schools

The exchange is part of Chile's national program to send teachers around the world

By Michael Hines
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A Chilean man who earned his Ph.D. in education policy and management at the University in 1995 has returned to Oregon with 25 of Chile's best educators.

Claudio Figueroa is the Chilean director of the Management and Direction of Educational Centers Program.

He has brought the non-University administrators to Oregon to teach them specifically about different perspectives of educational reform in the United States, including special education, training in education, technology decision-making and school-improvement processes.

The program is part of the state-run University of Playa Ancha College of Education in the coastal city of Valparaiso, Chile, about an hour from the country's capital, Santiago. Only one-eighth of the program's 200 applicants were accepted.

"This project is in the context of educational reform that the government of Chile is running right now," Figueroa said.

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University President Dave Frohnmaier welcomes educators visiting from Chile in the Knight Library Thursday evening. The group will spend the next three months living in the University residence halls and learning about educational reform.

Competition, respect all part of ASUO Executive and Student Senate

The two campus government organizations believe this year has been a successful one

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

What is the relationship like between the ASUO Executive and the Student Senate?

"It's competitive," Senator Jeff Kershner said. "They've beat us twice."

"They outnumbered us," Senator David McGee added. "The Exec has a lot more numbers than the Senate."

Competition may not be the ideal relationship for government organizations, but this was just soccer and football.

In truth, there is mutual respect between the groups, Kershner said.

Now in its second term, the Student Senate has growing recognition among the student body, Kershner said.

"We don't really have a job unless the students are involved with us," he said. "It's a reflection of what the student body wants, what the student body needs."

The Executive is successfully working for students as well, he said.

"They're definitely doing a great job," he explained. "I think that students now have a little more knowledge about what goes on, what the ASUO does, and how it's working for them."

By campaigning for longer library hours and against 10-cent printing fees, the Executive has shown that they understand student concerns, McGee said.

"I think they're doing what students want," he said.

One successful example of Senate work, Kershner said, was the Designated Driver Shuttle. The Senate had refused to loan money until it received assurance that the group had done sufficient fund raising. The Senate eventually gave the group \$800 and loaned it another \$3,700 for a new van.

"They came kind of hurriedly," Kershner

said. "We slowed them down, and we made sure they were doing proper funding."

The group returned to the Senate on Wednesday and gave an update on fundraising efforts. Kershner said he was happy to hear that although some efforts were not working, the group had raised money by shuttling students to and from the airport over the holidays.

This example was a contrast to meetings at the beginning of the year, Kershner said.

"We hadn't yet set our precedent as to what we would deem as a special request that isn't worthy of being heard," he said.

This is no longer a problem.

"I think we work pretty well," Senate President Michelle Johnston said. "It's 18 people with very strong opinions. There is

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