

Conference on cults

Two sessions will explore "Destructive Cults, Conspiracies and Extremist Groups" this Friday and Saturday.

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Oregon's sixth man shines

A.D. Smith, a sophomore forward, has come off the bench to play a crucial role in recent men's basketball games, despite once rooting for the Beavers.

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TODAY

Lee Williams will read from his book at 7:30 p.m. in the Browsing Room of Knight Library

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Senate votes down add-drop extension

But Senator Michael Olson will bring up the motion again at the next meeting

By Laura Cadiz
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The University Senate voted to not extend the add-drop deadline and to prohibit students from "doubling up" on core requirements Wednesday afternoon.

But ASUO President Bill Miner said the add-drop issue is not over yet.

Student Senator Michael Olson voted against the add-drop motion as a strategic measure, Miner said, because a voter in the majority has the option of bringing the motion up for reconsideration. Olson will take that step at the Senate meeting next month. In the meantime, Miner said the ASUO will campaign for the issue. The group has al-

ready collected 2,079 student signatures in support of the motion.

The motion would have extended the add deadline from eight academic days to 15 and the drop deadline from six academic days to 13, with an effective date in fall 1998. It was amended to extend the drop deadline to eight academic days and the drop deadline to 10 academic days.

Miner said he expects Registrar Herb Chereck to side with the ASUO on the issue because of the amendment.

"I think it's a perfect compromise," Miner said. "But I'm just flabbergasted that the faculty won't lose their pride for just a second and compromise. I'm just amazed that the

faculty listens to the administration and not to the students."

The financial impact of the motion was the continued subject of debate. According to a report from the Office of Academic Affairs, if during the 1997 fall term, 187 resident undergraduate students had dropped one four-credit course, or 250 resident undergraduate students had dropped one three-credit course without adding an equal-credit course, the University would have lost \$1.2 million dollars in state funding.

Because of that prediction, math Profes-

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University senior Rachel Braun relaxes after the show's taping in front of the computer that was used as a video phone.

UO student chosen to appear on MTV

Rachel Braun was given the chance to introduce a video on an episode of 'MTV Live'

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

Keeping with the tune of its progressive image, MTV used the latest in video technology to put a University student on its new show Wednesday night.

Rachel Braun, a senior political science and international studies major, was chosen by University Housing to be on "MTV Live," which featured "ER" actress Gloria Reuben as a guest.

"It was scary," the 21-year-old "ER" fan and resident assistant said. "But it was fun."

From a list of videos, Braun chose and introduced "Brick" by Ben Folds Five near the end of the show.

But she was not the only one from Eugene who was on the show. Because her friends could not be on the show with her, she chose the next best thing: her friends' stuffed M&Ms and stuffed pig fit nicely in

the background.

"Most people want to know if they can be on it as well," she said before the broadcast. "I figure there will be a lot of ears on my door."

"MTV Live," hosted by Carson Daly, has been broadcast from Times Square in New York City by the cable network since the middle of September, and a New York-based company called TV Arcade approached it with the idea of making the show interactive.

"It's like souping up e-mail," said TV Arcade spokesman Larry Hoff of the video phone technology.

This "souped up" e-mail can go anywhere telephone lines go. And Hoff's company chose to bring it to the University.

Housing director Michael Eyster, who said he is not a regular MTV viewer, allowed the show to come into the residence

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"I think it's really neat. This is national television here."

Rachel Braun
resident assistant

MLK associate to visit campus for celebration

Pastor James Lawson, a longtime friend of King, will give a public lecture on community

By Chris Kenning
Student Activities Reporter

Quintard Taylor, head of the history department and a civil rights scholar, reflected on Martin Luther King Jr.'s 69th birthday, saying what set King apart was his idea of attaining racial peace through social justice.

"He wanted to eliminate the discriminatory basis for racial tension," Taylor said, explaining that King was able to reach middle-class white America while confronting racism head-on.

This year's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, which starts today and is sponsored by the Oregon Humanities Center, will include a public lecture by Pastor James M. Lawson Jr., a close friend and associate of King's. Lawson, who worked with civil rights protesters in the South in the 1960s, was with King on April 4, 1968, the day King was murdered in Memphis, Tenn.

Lawson also collaborated with King to develop the philosophy of nonviolence that became the cornerstone of King's civil rights movement. He will speak today at 4 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom in a speech titled: "Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?"

"Pastor Lawson is an unusual, very inspiring man. He has worked for a just society with a remarkable single-mindedness and integrity his entire life," said Spencie Love, University adjunct professor of history, who is working on a biography of Lawson.

Lawson's work has included ministering to the victims of the riots that erupted after the Rodney King verdict was announced in Los Angeles in 1992.

The lecture will be followed with a reception and a performance by the Edgewood-Evergreen School Chorus. Lawson will visit several classes on Friday, including "Politics of Race and Ethnicity."

A round-table discussion, which will include seven panelists specializing in law, media and education, will meet in the EMU Ballroom on Friday at 4 p.m. The discussion deals with the topic of "Reclaiming the

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