

McLachlan 'surfaces'

Grammy winner Sarah McLachlan will sing to a packed house at the Hult Center tonight as part of her spring tour

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Cardinal prevails

Stanford stole a 79-71 win over Oregon Thursday night thanks to stellar shooting by Vanessa Nygaard and others



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TODAY

Today is the last day to file candidacy applications for the upcoming ASUO elections.

WEATHER

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Saturday
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IRS

Internet Revenue Service

Filing your state income tax return just got easier with a new Internet service

By Carl Yeh
Freelance Editor

You can buy clothes, read the newspaper and take classes over the Internet, and now you can even file your 1997 tax return.

Since the beginning of this year, anyone with access to a computer with an Internet connection can file his or her tax return on-line.

"We are very pleased to offer taxpayers another means to file their returns on time," said Nancy Boysen, electronic filing coordinator for the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Not only can taxpayers file refunds and balance due returns, but the "biggest benefit is if you're expecting a refund, you'll get it faster," said Diane Childs, public information officer for the Oregon Department of Revenue.

"Usually you'll get your refund in 10 to 12 days as opposed to 4 to 6 weeks," Childs said. "It's faster because it skips through a lot of processing," she said. "If you sent it

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Library wants hour change from groups

Knight Library is changing its hours and wants OPS and Project Saferide to commit to doing the same

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

Knight Library is waiting for a little help from two campus groups before it alters its operating hours next term.

Before Knight Library changes its weekday closing time to midnight, it wants Project Saferide and the University Office of Public Safety to commit to altering their schedules.

"Our primary concern is our student employees," said associate librarian Deb Carver.

The library wants Saferide to extend its hours by 15 or 20 minutes so its employees can get home safely. And it needs OPS to change its hours to help secure the building when it closes at midnight.

"We're going to discuss as to whether our dispatchers can accommodate those rides," said Rebecca Farmer, Saferide dispatcher and education coordinator. "I don't know if we'll be able to work it exactly as the library wants."

Saferide drivers are volunteers, Farmer explained, and they only work until midnight. Extra rides would be given by the dispatchers, who are paid.

But the library's hour changes are only for spring term, which is a month away. The library plans on taking hours from weekends and moving them to weekday evenings.

"I think everybody is pretty excited about this," Carver said. "From our perspective, we believe we could be of more use for the students with a schedule change."

Library Committee member Michelle Johnston agreed. After an initial ASUO inquiry into changing the library's hours, she participated in the committee's own 500-person survey of students who visit the library during low-use hours.

"Looking over the results, I was comfort-

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ASUO representatives will attend conference on Capitol Hill

The students will discuss issues such as financial aid and the Higher Education Act

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

Student leaders leave today on a field trip to The Hill.

Members of the ASUO are going to Washington, D.C., for the United States Student Association's national legislative conference. Representatives from the Women's Center, EMU Board and other programs will also attend.

Eleven University students will join 25 representatives from other Oregon schools. The conference will probably draw about 400 people from campuses across the country.

Workshops, conferences and training begin Saturday — just hours after the University delegates are scheduled to arrive following a long series of night flights.

The student representatives will spend

Tuesday lobbying congressional representatives on topics such as financial aid and the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

"It's our job to go in there with a student perspective, to kind of give them a personal touch," said Morgan Cowling, ASUO federal affairs associate. "All we can hope is that they listen with an open mind."



The University delegation has spent about five hours each week through the past term studying legislative issues and developing its strategy. The delegates will visit Congress with letters, videos and about 2,000 postcards asking for pro-student terms in the Higher Education Act.

They will visit a Congress about to deal with several proposals that affect students.

It could improve federal financial aid when it reauthorizes the Higher Education Act. It could improve interest rates on student loans if it sticks by a proposed bill. The student lobbyists are fighting for billions of dollars for students, said ASUO Vice President Ben Unger.

"We're going to be there right in the middle of all this hot higher-ed action," he said. "This is a real opportunity to make some serious change and save students some serious dough."

Local businesses, University departments, programs and relatives covered most of the bill for the trip, which costs about \$600 per student. A small fraction of the money came from surplus funds left in line items of the ASUO budget.

Oregon usually sends some of the

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