

This year's Swoosh Challenge differs from last year's

Several four-member teams will compete in four events in one day

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The Nike Swoosh Challenge will be different this year.

Last year it was a two-day athletic event with six-member teams. This year the event will last only one day and include four-member teams consisting of two men and two women.

But Jennifer Miller, a graduate student who is on the organizing committee for The Nike Swoosh Challenge, said she hopes different will also mean better.

"[The event] is a lot different from last year," Miller said. "A lot of people were not happy with the event because there were six-person teams, it ran over two days and it was raining. And the group that came to run it wasn't very organized."

Teams from universities across Oregon and Washington will be coming to the Swoosh Challenge

on Saturday to test their athletic ability. Miller expects about 200 people to attend the free event. Meanwhile, nine other schools nationwide will be holding their own regional Nike Swoosh Challenge competition.

Many organizations worked together to bring the Swoosh Challenge to the University. Pepsi, The National Intramural Recreational Sports Association and Campus Concepts and the University Recreation and Intramural program are sponsoring and organizing the event, in addition to the obvious sponsor, Nike.

One of the reasons the University was chosen as the site for the regional competition was because "of our location, our facilities and the fact that we're a Nike school," Miller said. "We're the only [university] recreation department that is sponsored by Nike."

Recreation and Intramural program director Brent Harrison said The Nike Swoosh Challenge is a great opportunity for students: "The goal of The Nike Swoosh

Challenge is to have a special event for the students on campus to get together with friends and participate in an activity that is fun and competitive."

Miller said, "It's neat to see which team is physically up to it."

Contestants will need to be "up to it" because the Swoosh Challenge includes the following four events: First, there will be an endurance relay race. Each person on the four-person team will run 1.5 miles. Next is an obstacle course. Contestants will have to run through a ladder, catch a football and run through cones, dribble a basketball through cones, make a basketball shot, leap over hurdles, dribble a soccer ball around cones and make a goal, and finally, partner up for the wheelbarrow course.

Third is rock-wall climbing. A revolving rock wall — essentially a vertical treadmill — will be brought in. Each team member will climb as "high" as they can while another team member adjusts the speed of the moving rock

wall. The final event is the fitness assessment challenge. Consisting of four stations, contestants are required to bench press, show how flexible they are with the sit and reach, do as many sit-ups as they can in one minute and show how high they can jump.

Miller said there is no shame in not being able to complete events: "The [Swoosh Challenge] is less about how great of a runner you are or how strong you are, but how consistent you are during the day. Every team has a chance to pull this off."

Miller said the team that won the competition last year did not do particularly well in any one event.

To ensure that teams do not get frustrated by poor performances at any one event, scores will not be displayed during the day, Miller said. Last year's teams got frustrated, she said.

Participants who compete in the Swoosh Challenge will be rewarded with free Nike gear: a t-shirt and a pair of socks for each person. Lo-

cal business have also donated prizes such as Entertainment Books and gift certificates, which will be awarded as door prizes, and individual team prizes throughout the day.

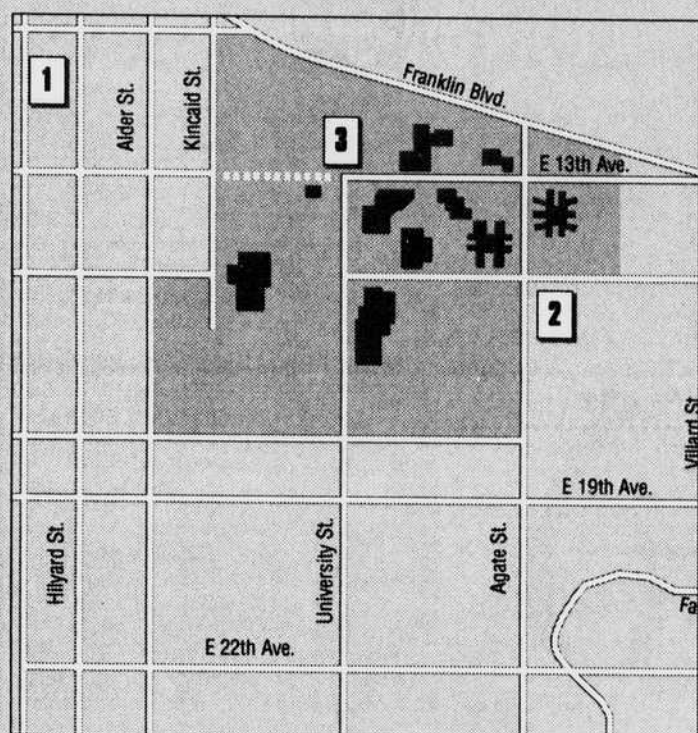
The team that ends the day with the highest score will receive the grand prize, which is an all-expenses-paid trip to the national competition to be held at Universal Studios in California on May 16 and 17.

It is not too late to sign up for the regional Swoosh Challenge. Students, faculty and the community may sign up at the Recreation and Intramural office, located at 102 Esslinger.

While the organizers of the event prefer that teams sign up by April 17, teams may register on the day of the Swoosh Challenge at 9 a.m. outside of 220 Gerlinger.

"I hope as many students as possible can participate in the event," Harrison said. "The more individuals, the more fun it will be."

POLICE BEAT



Beer keg stolen from High Street Brewery

1 A keg of beer was recently stolen from the High Street Brewery at 1243 High Street, a police report said. An employee of the brewery told police the theft of the limited-edition beer occurred sometime between April 11 and April 13. He said the keg was taken by an unknown person from a cooler on the outside of the facility. He said the cooler is normally locked. No suspect information was available as of Tuesday afternoon.

Students arrested for trespassing

2 Three University students were arrested and charged with criminal trespassing after an officer with the University's Office of Public Safety saw them on the construction site of the new University law building April 11. The officer was walking near

the building when he heard three male voices coming from the direction of the site. The officer then looked and saw a subject climbing scaffolding on the east side of the building.

The officer contacted the Eugene Police Department for help in securing the perimeter. After assisting officers arrived, the OPS officer conducted a search of each of the building's four floors. The officer then located the three subjects and escorted them off the site.

Money, items stolen from vending machine

3 A vending machine in a women's restroom at the Chiles Business Center was broken into and an unknown amount of money and products was stolen Tuesday, April 7, according to a police report.

An employee of the University reported the vending machine in Room 124 had been broken into.

The employee said he was on his weekly rounds of filling the dispensers when he discovered the damage, the report said.

No suspect information was available as of Tuesday afternoon.

A 20-year-old University student had more than \$3,000 worth of personal property stolen from his vehicle March 29, a police report said.

The man said the theft occurred during a 30-minute period when he had left the vehicle parked outside his residence at 1471 Patterson St. He returned shortly and found the items missing.

The man was unsure how someone gained entry but did notice marks on the rubber window seal on the door on the driver's side. The stolen items include a snowboard, snowboard boots, a compact disc case and approximately 30 compact discs.

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