

**Football scrimmage**

The football team will travel to Keiser's Volcano Stadium for the annual Spring Game, the Ducks' final spring workout

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**'Fire' in the Arena**

'Fire in the Basement,' a play full of political commentary and biblical imagery, will beat up the Arena Theatre next week



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**TODAY**

A May Day dance performance will take place outside Gerlinger Annex at 12:30 p.m.

**WEATHER**

**Today**  
Partly cloudy  
High 76. Low 49.  
**Saturday**  
Showers  
High 71. Low 51.

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**RIVERFRONT RESEARCH PARK**

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Riverfront Research Park, located between the University and the Willamette River, currently contains two buildings.

**Committee to evaluate park**

The committee will report its findings directly to University President Dave Frohnmayer

By Michael Burnham  
Community Editor

November will mark the 10-year anniversary for the current layout of the Riverfront Research Park. More importantly, the anniversary marks a decade without any changes to the layout, despite ongoing protest.

University President Dave Frohnmayer formed a committee to test the waters first in case future years call for changes to the park.

The eight-person committee, which com-

prises University faculty and students, will evaluate the park and make recommendations directly to Frohnmayer.

According to Margie Paris, a University law professor and committee member, there is no time like the present to form such a committee.

"The park's plan calls for a periodical evaluation," she said. "I guess President Frohnmayer felt this was a good time to do one."



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**Month set aside to fight sexual assault**

Campus groups are joining forces to educate the University and community about the prevalence sexual assault

By Chris Kenning  
Student Activities Reporter

She had heard the numbers many times before: One in three women are raped and 85 percent of rapists are acquaintances.

But Elizabeth McCravy never realized how pervasive sexual assault really is until she became an educator for Sexual Assault Support Services.

"Women and children as young as 11 years old would come up to me after my presentation and tell me they had been raped," McCravy said. "Even my friends began revealing assaults."

This year, McCravy and other members of SASS are joining a number of campus and community groups in sponsoring Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which runs throughout the month of May. The event was started in 1987 to encourage awareness of an issue that affects everyone.

"Whether you realize it or not, someone you know has been raped," McCravy said.

This year's events include the 20th annual "Take Back the Night" march, set to take place Thursday, May 21. Sponsored by the Women's Center, the march will start with speakers and self-defense demonstrations at the EMU Amphitheater. Marchers will then head downtown through the streets of Eugene.

New this year is the Clothesline Project. Survivors of sexual abuse and assault will make T-shirts that will be hung side by side on campus from May 18 through 23. The shirts will be made May 2 at the Saturday Market and Wednesday, May 13, in the Carson Gold Room at 4 p.m.

"It's a time for survivors to design a T-shirt as a visual testimony of their experience."

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**Professor awarded for involving students in chemistry research**

Mike Haley will use the \$60,000 award to support further research stipends

By Amalie Young  
Higher Education Reporter

Undergraduates aren't often given the chance to pull their weight alongside graduate students in research labs, but a professor in the University's chemistry department is receiving national recognition for his efforts to get them involved.

Mike Haley was awarded the 1998 Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award. The Dreyfus Foundation provides funding for chemical science programs to strengthen the teaching and research careers of young faculty in the field.

"The University's chemistry department does a fantastic job of letting undergrads take part in chemistry-related research," Haley said.

As an undergraduate, Haley's professors encouraged him to participate in research, and he realized that chemistry was something he enjoyed.

"That's how I got my start," he said.

Undergraduate involvement in research may be limited at larger state schools, Haley said, but the University's chemistry department emphasizes undergraduate participation. Having advisors who take a real interest in ensuring that undergraduates are as productive as some graduate students is an invaluable part of the University's program, he said.

Of the 14 students he has worked with over the past five years, Haley said 11 have had publishable results, and their work can be read in national journals such as the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

"[Haley] has had a huge impact on my studies here," said Eric Bercot, an undergraduate member of Haley's research team. "He has brought me into an environment where I can see what it's like to participate

in research and what goes on beyond school."

Much of Haley's research focuses on carbon-rich molecules, and the students in his lab work on different aspects of the project. "It's not 100 percent independent," he said.

Bercot is working on a formula for making Metallabenzene molecules. "It's a cool feeling to be pushing the envelope, to be working on something that no one has researched before," he said.

Because the research is innovative — like creating new molecules — there is no recipe to follow, Haley said.

"I don't have a road map on how it will come to fruition," he said. "They do a fair bit of legwork to figure out the details."

According to Haley, the \$60,000 award will be used to further support research stipends.

"It's not a beauty prize," he said. "But I was surprised and happy."



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