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They got the last laugh

Central Oregon Community College got the last laugh when they beat the Oregon Club Sports Baseball team 3-2 just a week after they lost to Oregon 12-7

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TODAY

Robin Holmes discusses "Race and Rape" 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Ben Linder Room.

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Rain
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ASUO given extension on filing budget

The Oregon University System granted the extension to allow the ASUO to concentrate on all the elections grievances

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

The ASUO will have a few more weeks to get a finalized budget into the Oregon University System after receiving an extension past the May 1 deadline.

An extension will allow the ASUO to take care of election problems and finalize its budget before submitting it to the Oregon University System.

The President's Office secured the extension because grievances filed against the ASUO elections will make the outcomes uncertain until at least mid-May.

The University system is now expecting the ASUO's budget on May 15.

The Constitution Court has set a public hearing on the grievances — which number well into double digits — for May 13. It could order a special election after that date if it decides the grievances warrant one.

Election grievances are nothing unusual to the ASUO, but grievances this year deal with program funding. That means the ASUO won't know for certain how much to include in its budget until the Constitution Court decides what to do.

Specifically, measures that would fund part of the Designated Driver Shuttle and OSPIRG would add about \$4 per term to each student's bill. Both measures failed in the general election, but grievances could force a special election that could overturn those results.

"It's crazy," ASUO President Bill Miner said. "It's just crazy."

Loren Stubbert has worked as the associate budget director for the Oregon University System for 15 years, and he said he's

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Suddenly Shakespeare



Matt Berliner and Megan Smith act out a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in celebration of Shakespeare's birthday Monday afternoon.

LAURA GOSS/ Emerald

Cinco de Mayo is celebration of tradition

The holiday, which marks a Mexican victory over the French, represents resistance and is an affirmation of Chicano culture

By Chris Kenning
Student Activities Reporter

Cinco de Mayo is a commonly misunderstood holiday, according to Andres Barajas, internal director of MEChA, the Hispanic and Chicano student union.

"People think it's either Mexican independence day or just a generic Hispanic holiday," Barajas said of the May 5 celebration.

Cinco de Mayo, known in Mexico as "The Battle of Puebla," marks the Mexican victory over French forces on May 5, 1862. Napoleon III had sent troops to establish a satellite state in Mexico. The French army, on its way to sack the capital, was blocked by Mexican Gen. Zaragoza's small band of fighters in the city of Puebla.

Zaragoza's badly outnumbered troops took heavy losses but drove the French back to the sea.

"It's like the Mexican Alamo," Barajas said.

The town was taken by the French roughly a year later after a long siege. Mexican forces finally retook the city on April 2, 1867, ending the imperialist occupation.

Barajas said few people in Mexico actually celebrate the holiday. There, independence celebrations center around Sept. 16, which is Mexican independence day. In the United States, it has become widely misinterpreted as an all-encompassing Hispanic holiday.

"It's about Chicano traditions — those of Mexican descent, not those from other Hispanic countries," he said.

Barajas said misconceptions about Cinco de Mayo have stemmed partly from companies that promote Mexican-themed products in order to capitalize on the holiday.

"It's being used as a marketing tool by businesses like Corona beer," Barajas said. "Most businesses don't even know what the day's about."

To many Chicanos, the day is important

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Phi Beta Kappa scholar to lecture on U.S. race relations since 1965

Noted historian and author Ramon Gutierrez directs San Diego's Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

By Ben Romano
Higher Education Reporter

Race relations and ethnicity in the United States will be the focus of an upcoming University lecture.

Ramon Gutierrez, a Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar, will discuss the radical transformation of race relations in the United States since the passage of the 1965 Immigration and Reform Act. He is scheduled to give his lecture, "Beyond Black and White: New Models of Race in the United States," Thursday, May 7 at

3:30 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room.

Gutierrez is a professor of history and ethnic studies at the University of California at San Diego. He founded and currently directs the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at UC San Diego. He is a noted historian who has won numerous awards for his book "When Jesus Came the Corn Mothers Went Away: Marriage, Sexuality and Power in New Mexico, 1500-1846."

"He's a scholar with a great deal of reach," said Matthew Dennis, associate



GUTIERREZ

history professor and the president of Phi Beta Kappa.

The Oregon Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is a long-standing honor society. The national organization was founded in 1776. Every year the national organization designates the most distinguished scholars as Phi Beta Kappa scholars. The chapters then have the option to invite these individuals to speak, Dennis said.

The University has only hosted one other Phi Beta Kappa scholar in the last five years, he said.

In addition to speaking in the Knight Library, Gutierrez is scheduled to speak to Elizabeth Ramirez's multicultural theater class at 11 a.m. on Thursday. He will be talking about feasts and celebrations in

New Mexico, Ramirez said.

Ramirez, an assistant professor of theater arts and director of the ethnic studies department at the University, has made 15 spaces available to University students interested in hearing Gutierrez speak to her class. Interested students should contact the ethnic studies department at 346-0900 to reserve a space.

Gutierrez is also slated to talk with MEChA as part of the Cinco de Mayo celebration. The ethnic studies department hopes to involve as many student groups as possible, Ramirez said.

Gutierrez's visit is sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa with support from the ethnic studies, history and comparative literature departments, Dennis said.