

Food for thought

Student senators debated whether ASUO groups should be allowed to use budget money for food costs at their meeting

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Aiming high

Senior Nonglack Somsanith took a long time to realize her dream of jumping for UO

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TODAY

Soprano Martina Arroyo and pianist John Browning will perform at 1 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall.

WEATHER

Today

Partly cloudy
High 65. Low 35.

Friday

Showers
High 70. Low 40.

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Education majors set for changes

Future teachers who learned under the new education standards may be better prepared to teach them

By Amalie Young
Higher Education Reporter

Future teachers in the College of Education have the chance to visit local schools and get a taste for life in front of the classroom. But many of them may already be more prepared to teach in an educational environment that is being transformed.

With the goal of building a more academically rigorous system, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education has mandated the implementation of a standardized assessment model for students in grades K-12.

By the year 2005, students will be expected to have completed requirements for the Certificates of Initial and Advanced Mastery in order to graduate from high school.

The performance-based assessment model, which is still in development, will set clearly defined standards for evaluating students' knowledge and performance.

"Most students in the University program already know more about CIM and CAM than a lot of teachers out there," said Brian Fitzwater, a College of Education student enrolled in the Middle-Secondary Licensure Program.

As one of the first students to go through the recently reinstated licensure program, he will also be one of the first to graduate armed with the skills needed to teach in a rapidly changing educational environment.

What are CIM and CAM?

School reform in Oregon was set in motion when there were indications in the mid-1980s that students' performance was

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Poster boys



LAURA GOSS/ Emerald

Matt Huston gets a boost from Jason Glaspey Wednesday evening to post a sign for a "Folk Monty" concert.

Skinner Butte may be site of U.S. flag

The City Council is debating a proposal to raise a flag in honor of Eugene war veterans

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

When the cross on Skinner Butte came down last year, there was a wave of controversy.

Now, the Eugene City Council is faced with whether to accept a proposal to place an American flag atop the butte in honor of the city's war veterans.

During a Wednesday afternoon meeting, the City Council reviewed a proposal submitted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Willamette Post 293. The group offered to install and pay for a 20-by-38-foot flag on a 100-foot pole. City staff made two other smaller-scale suggestions.

"For every one or two e-mails and phone calls in support of a flag, I receive 30 to 40 threatening actions," Councilman Scott Meisner said. "It is a controversy we frankly don't need."

However, Councilman Pat Farr voiced support for the flag: "We rarely get an opportunity to offer thanks to the people who sacrificed a great deal."

No final decision was made on whether the flag would fly, and the council decided to hold a public forum before taking action.

Council members said the flag was controversial for a number of reasons.

Some people were not in favor of the flag because the butte was a natural setting. They claimed night illumination of the flag would cause light pollution. Night illumination is mandatory if the flag is kept up after sunset.

Council members also said some community members thought the flag was a sign of military dominance.

"I don't think there should be a flag," Councilwoman Betty Taylor said. "I know a flag belongs to all of us, but it would make it look like a military outpost in a way."

But Elizabeth J. Hatfield, who served in

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Frohnmayr asks local businesses to partner up with University

President Frohnmayr said reduced state funding has increased the need for private contributions

By Kristin Gibb
Freelance Reporter

University President Dave Frohnmayr is asking local businesses to become financial partners with the University as higher education institutions statewide face political, economic and social changes in the future.

"We need advocates who understand the importance of higher education and act as magnets," he said Tuesday night during an appreciation dinner at the Convention and Visitors Association of Lane County Oregon.

"We are all threatened by change, change that's transformational," Frohnmayr said. "We're learning to craft our own blueprint for change."

According to Frohnmayr, a major com-

ponent of that blueprint is financial contributions from private donors.

"We used to be state-supported, then we were state-assisted, now we're just state-located," he said.

Frohnmayr said that shift has forced the University to seek private funding in addition to trimming administrative costs. The most recent fund-raising efforts have generated \$210 million from private contributors.

"We have an enormous economic impact on this region," Frohnmayr said. According to Frohnmayr, the University is Lane County's largest employer and pours more than \$400 million into the local economy through payroll, vendor contracts and student spending; 83 percent of that money re-

mains in the local economy.

He outlined how economic changes can impact the University's success. Frohnmayr said the global economy is becoming increasingly important, pointing out the effects of the Asian economic crisis on the worldwide market.

Frohnmayr also explained how Oregon's shifting politics have reduced state funding for higher education over the past eight years. He said higher education makes up 15 percent of the state's overall budget in 1990 but now accounts for only 8 percent, or one-sixth, of all tax revenues.

"A simple but cruel calculus is applied,"

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"The number of adult learners is absolutely skyrocketing. We need to meet their needs."

Dave Frohnmayr
University President