

Ducks in postseason

The Oregon softball team loses four over the weekend, but makes postseason after tying for the second-highest win in history

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Mom's culture

A program allowed international students to share Mother's Day and cultures at a care facility

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Mineke Schipper will talk about perspectives of women at 4 p.m. in 336 Gilbert

WEATHER

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Rain
High 60. Low 42.
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Rain
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LONG-STANDING CULTURE REVISITED

Tribal traditions thrive

Native Americans gathered for a celebration of singing and dancing at the 30th annual Spring Pow Wow

By Chris Kenning
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Hypnotic drumming and traditional Native American songs filled McArthur Court on Saturday and Sunday as dancers wearing feathers, headdresses and brightly patterned outfits participated in the Native American Student Association's 30th annual Spring Pow Wow.

This year's event brought together elders, chiefs, dancers, musicians, drummers and tribe descendants with names such as "Soaring Hawk" and "Six-Killer" from all over the country to celebrate Native American culture.

"This is a gathering of the heart; it's always been like medicine for the Indian people," said Marianne Meanus, an elder from Warm Springs, Ore., who made heads bow during the invocation as she sung a prayer song.

"It's good to see the students carrying on the traditions."

The pow wow traditions date back more than 500 years, when elite warrior societies held sacred tribal rituals called Grass Dances. European traders misinterpreted the Algonquin word for a gathering of elders and medicine men — "Pau Wau" — for the Grass Dance event. The term was eventually adopted by Native Americans.

As Indians began to live on reservations, Grass Dances evolved into large social events. In the 1920s, pow wow "contest" dancing became popular. Many local communities still hold social pow wows, but most today involve contest dancing.

NASU's Spring Pow Wow included fancy dancing, jingle and grass dancing and traditional dancing. Competitors represented forms, styles and outfits from many Native American tribes.

"There are dancers here from tribes all over the country, like Nez Perce, Yakama and Selitz," NASU organizer Urbana Ross

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LAURA GOSS/Emerald

Brave Bear fancy dances to win first place in the boys' division during the pow wow, "Honoring Our Mothers," at Mac Court Sunday afternoon.

Officials hope letters curb alcohol abuse

Students who receive alcohol-related citations will get letters from the Office of Student Life that offer help and counseling

By Kristina Rudinskas
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Care for a drink?

If you're under 21, we could both be in trouble. Before you party-hop from keg to keg around the West University district, be aware that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, the Eugene Police Department and the University's Office of Student Life are making an effort to moderate student drinking.

Students need to be aware that an alcohol-related citation, on or off campus, will warrant a letter from the dean of the Office of Student Life, offering the student a list of campus resources and encouraging them to seek counseling to combat alcohol and drug abuse.

The joint effort with the Eugene Police Department will locate students with alcohol-related citations if they identify themselves as University students or give the officers an on-campus address when cited.

The first letter will say the office is concerned with the student's behavior. After another citation, the office will send a second letter encouraging the student to talk to someone about counseling. A third citation will bring another letter urging the student to make an appointment with an associate dean at the Office of Student Life.

"The concern we have is not trying to be heavy-handed, but that repeated behavior can be difficult for a student's education," explained Linda Devine, the assistant dean at the Office of Student Life.

According to a recent study released by The Chronicle of Higher Education, alcohol arrests jumped 10 percent on college and university campuses in 1996, from 14,759 violations in 1995 to 16,237 in 1996. This was the largest increase in the five years the publication has conducted the survey.

Campus police and college officials at-

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Japanese-Americans remember persecution during World War II

While World War II raged, Japanese-Americans fought their own battle against prejudice

By Kristin Gibb
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"I remember the story of an old man wandering to his death," the Japanese-American man began, sharing a story of his childhood as a prisoner in a World War II internment camp. "Everyone thought he had gone for a walk for exercise."

When the elderly prisoner didn't return, worried internees lit bonfires encircling the camp as a signal. After three days, the prisoners realized he was never coming back.

"That was one of the things that struck me about camp," former internee Bob Kono said. "The grownups had to prevent themselves from falling into sinkholes of despair."

Kono was one of six Japanese-Americans who shared personal stories of wartime persecution and participated in a panel discussion Saturday.

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The forum, "Japanese-Americans and their World War II Experience," was sponsored by the Japanese-American Association of Lane County at the 4J Education Center Auditorium from 1 to 5 p.m.

Kono, Lois Yoshishige, Florence Date-Smith, Kenge Kobayashi and Ed Miyakawa, the author of "Tule Lake," spoke at the forum. A slide show, video, historical facts, personal accounts and a group discussion were included.

Participants and audience members said they agreed the event is just one step toward establishing understanding of the persecution of Japanese-Americans and building mutual respect among Americans of all races.

"The stories of the concentration camps

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Frank Hatanaka shares his memories of living in a World War II internment camp and fighting on the highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe.