

## Women urge peace

Galia Golan and Zabira Kamal spoke on the importance of women to the Mideast peace process in a speech Tuesday

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## Golf team in last place

The women's golf team shot a 22-over-par 310 at the NCAA Championships, which left them last in the 19-team field

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## TODAY

USC Professor Lynn Spigel will speak on art and TV at 3:30 p.m. in 333 Gilbert.

## WEATHER

Today  
Cloudy  
High 63. Low 45.  
Tomorrow  
Partly Cloudy  
High 65. Low 50.

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Life-long learners

The University's Learning in Retirement program is a chance for retirees to satisfy their educational needs

By Amalie Young  
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Imagine a classroom where most students are there not to fulfill a last-minute requirement or to inflate their GPAs but because they want to learn.

Courses offered through the Learning in Retirement program, such as Mayan civilization, Flemish painters or constitutional law, draw crowds of curious and eager students 55 and over.

"Students ask more questions; they're taking the class because they want to," said Paul Holbo, professor emeritus in the history department and a founding member of the organization. "Faculty find it refreshing when students have strong opinions and they participate."

LIR began operation in 1992 and is affiliated with the continuing education department. It was established to meet the educational interests of the growing number of retired men and women in the area.

The organization has a great deal of autonomy as a self-supporting, cooperative and member-led organization that depends on its members to organize and facilitate many of its courses. Ideas for courses are submitted to the Curriculum Committee for evaluation.

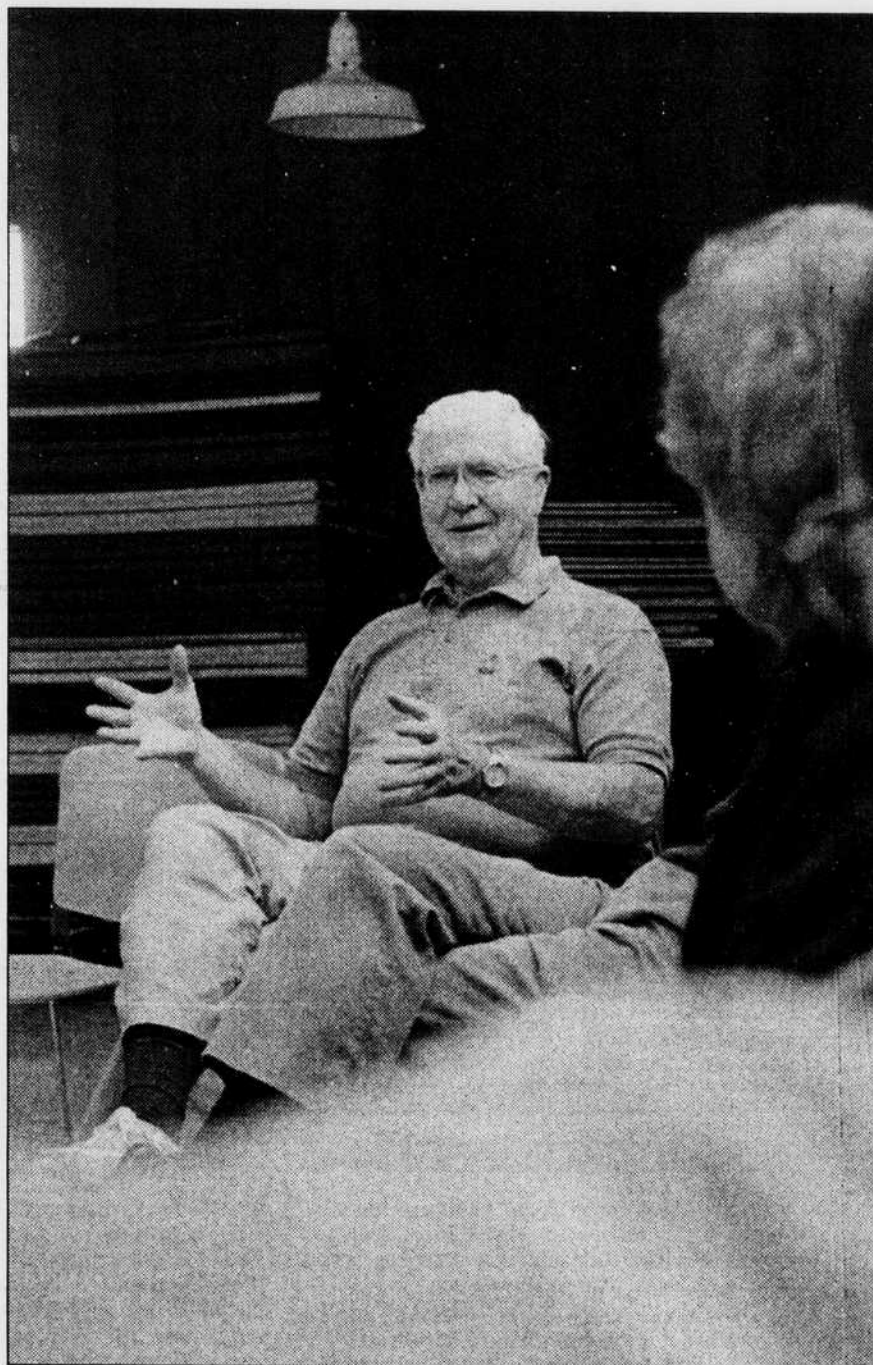
Members pay a yearly fee of \$100 that gives them access to all courses offered by LIR, use of the University library system and a discount at the University Bookstore.

LIR enables members to access some of the University's resources, but it also provides a close community that is important for those who have lost a spouse and need the human contact, said Les Conley, an LIR member who takes courses and facilitates an open discussion group called "News and Views."

"One could easily get isolated in retirement," he said. "Many of these people had a social life on the job and their colleagues meant a lot to them."

George Mattox, a retired Eugene business owner who participates regularly in

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Members of the Learning In Retirement program listen while Les Conley talks about politics last Thursday morning.

## Students back faculty with letters

Organizers of a letter-writing campaign are hoping Gov. Kitzhaber will budget for increased faculty salaries

By Chris Kenning  
Student Activities Reporter

University faculty — who are among the lowest paid professors in the country — are getting help from student organizations concerned that as more qualified faculty members leave for financial reasons, the quality of education will drop.

The Oregon Student Association, the ASUO and eight other Oregon universities are hoping to get Gov. John Kitzhaber to include funding in the next state budget to raise Oregon's university faculty pay to the national midpoint by inundating his office with letters from students.

Currently, Oregon university faculty are ranked 44th out of 50 states in pay when contrasted to comparable institutions. For example, on a per capita basis, Oregon universities are dead last in pay out of 11 western states.

"Oregon state schools are notoriously known for not paying faculty well," said ASUO President Bill Miner. Only Alabama and Idaho provide less money to a state university system on a per capita basis.

Today, Rep. Susan Castillo will join "Access to Quality" campaign organizers at a table in front of the University Bookstore in an effort to get as many student letters written as possible. The letters, which will include personal stories by students who have been influenced by a particular professor, can also be written and dropped off at the ASUO office. The groups hope to gather 500 letters.

Organizers said sending letters to Kitzhaber is the first step in a critical campaign that will include lobbying the Legislature in January.

"If you can't offer competitive salaries, you'll lose the good faculty you have; you'll also not get the talented new teachers," said campaign organizer Matt Swanson.

"Next year there is a projected \$1 billion surplus in the state budget, and there's no reason why it shouldn't be used for higher education," Swanson said.

University President Dave Frohnmayer, who supports the effort, said the number of

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## Women's march symbolizes the fight against sexual violence

Tonight's Take Back the Night march and events will include speakers, singers, self-defense workshops and testimonials

By Chris Kenning  
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The 20th annual Take Back the Night march, an event that has come to symbolize the fight against sexual violence, begins tonight at 9 p.m. in the EMU Amphitheater.

The march underscores women's right to

live in a community free of fear and violence, said Rebecca Farmer, one of the event's organizers.

"The women of the campus and the community will not tolerate sexual violence," she said. "We're here to break the silence and send a clear message." The march is organized by Sexual Assault Support Services and the ASUO Women's Center.

Take Back the Night, which attracted more than 500 participants last year, will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the amphitheater, where along with speakers, singers and testimoni-

als, there will be informational tables and self-defense workshops. Sign-making materials, candles and arm bands representing assault survivors will be available for participants.

At 9 p.m. the march will begin, continuing downtown to the area of Eighth Avenue and Oak Street. Free transportation will be available for those unable to march.

As the group convenes downtown, the drumming group Womyn at Play will perform.

Once all marchers arrive, there will be sev-

eral short plays, more speakers and a speak-out, during which women, and later men, can briefly say how they are feeling or tell about experiences with sexual assault.

"It's a really powerful experience," said Farmer, who has attended the march for several years. "There are so many women out there supporting each other; it's a really empowering feeling."

Event speakers will include Lynn McKinney, who will address violence against

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