

Pac-10 competition

Neither track coach expects his team to win the Pac-10 Championships, but both say their teams could excel

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A disastrous flick

With big special effects but none of the subtlety of 'Jurassic Park,' 'Godzilla' and its characters turn out to be frustrating and none too exciting

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TODAY

A vigil for the Thurston incident will take place at Springfield City Hall at 7 p.m.

WEATHER

Today
Cloudy
High 62. Low 48.
Saturday
Rainy
High 67. Low 50.

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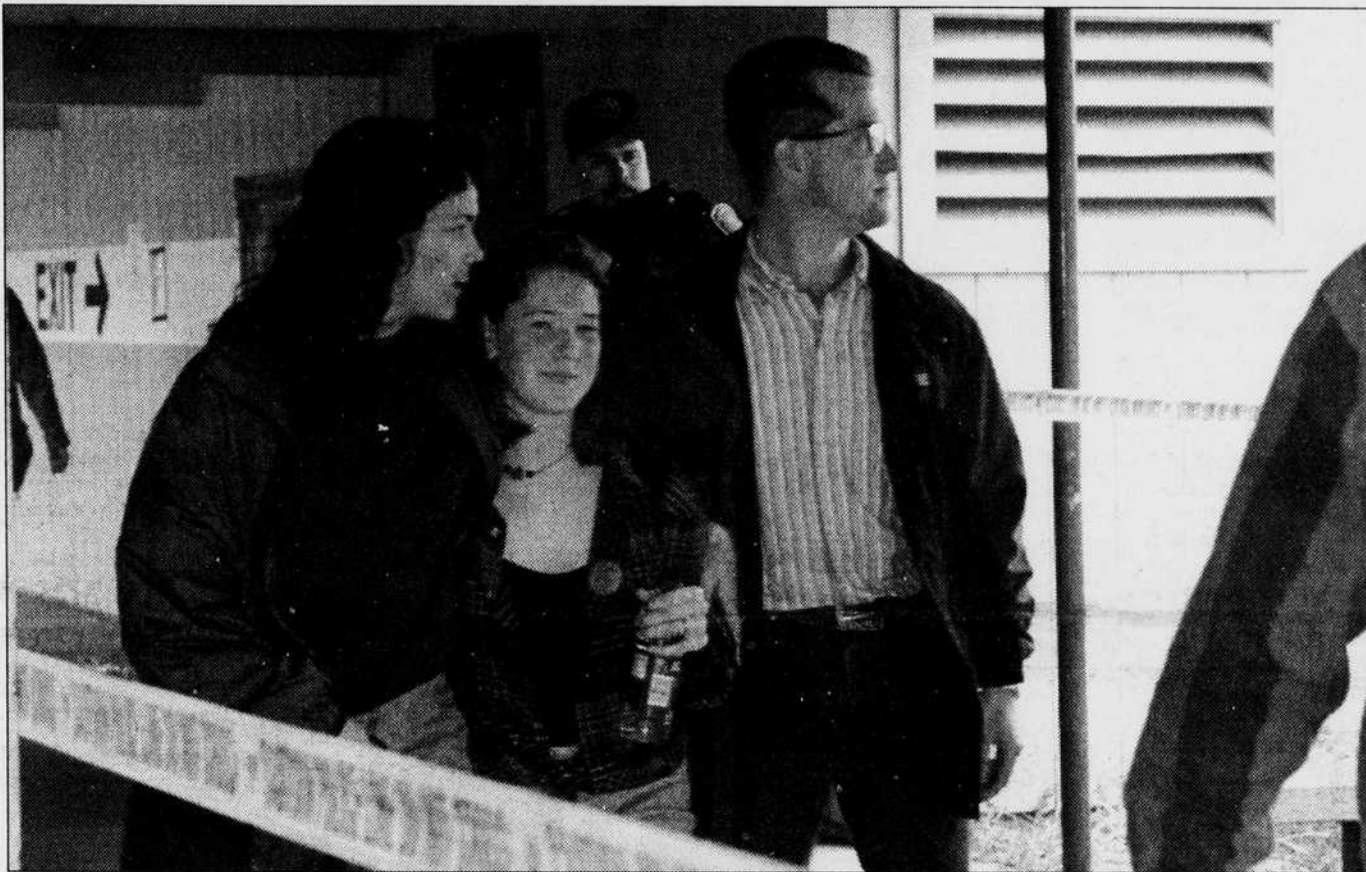
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'We will heal together'

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Parents pick up their child from Thurston High School in Springfield Thursday after several students were shot.

A fatal shooting at Thurston High School has left the community in turmoil

By Tricia Duryee and Rob Moseley
Oregon Daily Emerald

At least one student is dead and eight critically injured after a Thurston High School student, who was armed with a rifle and two handguns, opened fire on students assembled in the cafeteria just before school on Thursday.

One man and one woman also were found dead at the suspect's home later that same day.

Springfield Police responded to a call reporting shots fired and one confirmed victim at Thurston at 7:56 a.m. Upon arrival, authorities found multiple victims and the suspect, 15-year-old freshman Kipland Phillip Kinkel, being restrained by students and faculty.

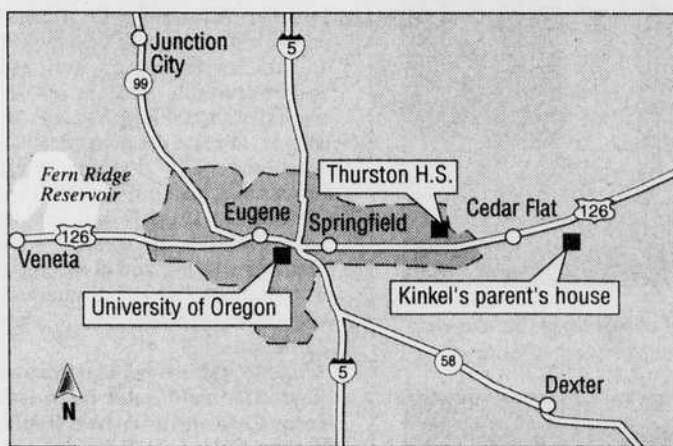
"I thought it was fireworks, and then I thought it was a cap gun because I didn't see any blood," said 16-year-old Stephanie Quimby.

"I turned around and saw [Kinkel] holding a gun. Everyone was kind of confused,"



KINKEL

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One killed, 23 injured at Thurston

By Michael Burnham
Community Editor

Maybe Richard Peek had a premonition. Peek, a youthful, blond-headed Thurston High School sophomore, was quoted in the school's 1997 year book as saying: "In high school you retain your friends by the way you act."

But as tragic events proved Thursday morning, you can lose your friends and classmates as a result of another's actions just as easily.

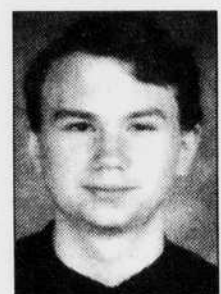
Peek, who suffered a gunshot wound, and 1,500 other Thurston High School students

lost classmate Mikael Nickolauson, 17, to gunshot injuries sustained in a shooting spree on the school's campus.

Twenty-three people, including Peek, struggled to overcome serious injuries after they were transported to two area hospitals shortly after the shooting. The injuries were sustained during the shooting incident when a student allegedly opened fire on Peek and up to 400 other students in the school's cafeteria.

Officers from the Springfield Police Department responded to the incident at 7:56

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Organizers broaden focus of annual Take Back the Night march

The march protested all forms of violence in recognition of the Thurston High School shootings

By Chris Kenning
Student Activities Reporter

Organizers of the 20th annual Take Back the Night march quickly shifted gears Thursday upon hearing about the Thurston High shootings, setting aside five months of planning to transform the anti-rape event into a forum for a shocked community's grief.

"People are stunned; they need somewhere to gather and work through what has happened," said march co-coordinator Elizabeth McCravy.

"The message about violence against

women will not be lost, it will just be expanded," she said. "Everyone in this town is fed up with violence, and we're all going to be speaking the same language."

The mood at the gathering was somber and serious as hundreds of University students, community members and local high school students gathered in the EMU amphitheater to come to terms with the shootings.

Participants, surrounded by photographers and camera crews, lit candles and made signs reading, "How many children must die?" and "Stop the violence, start the

healing." Also displayed were T-shirts made by survivors of sexual assault and booths with information about violence against women.

March organizers dropped several music acts they deemed inappropriate as well as a few speakers in favor of city and state officials who discussed the shootings.

Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette, who asked for a moment of silent prayer, told the participants gathered at the amphitheater that President Clinton called him to offer condolences. He said he told Clinton to

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Event co-coordinator