

Time to pay up

Thousands of students who have defaulted on their student loans were sent warning letters to make payment arrangements

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Track teams finish fifth

Both the men's and women's track teams finished fifth at the Pacific-10 Conference Track and Field Championships

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TODAY

Law school summer session registration and classes begin. For information, call 346-3852.

WEATHER

Today

Showers
High 59. Low 44.

Wednesday

Showers
High 62. Low 47.

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THURSTON TRAGEDY



Nicole Hedglin leans on Brandon Brown for support during an emotional moment at the Thurston High School fence.

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Victim update

■ Sacred Heart Medical Center as of May 25, 2:30 p.m.

Tony Case: upgraded to serious

Nathan Cole: released

Tabitha Fain: released

Trina Harty: released

Betina Lynn: released

Carolyn McClain: released

Teresa Milton-berger: still critical

Richard Peek: released

Amber Ramsey: upgraded to good

Jacob Ryker: released Sunday

Gabriel Thomas: released

■ McKenzie-Willamette Hospital as of May 25, 2 p.m.

Jennifer Alldredge: upgraded to fair

Ryan Atteberry: upgraded to good

Sara Branom: released

Melissa Femrite: released

Kyle Howes: released

Elizabeth McKenzie: released

Tara McMullen: released

Christine Osbourn: released

Joshua Pearson: released

Melissa Taylor: released

Ben Walker: deceased

Jesse Walley: released

Community RECOVERY

Community members came together for a time of remembrance, healing and hope

By Teri Meeuwse and Michael Burnham
Oregon Daily Emerald

The blue ribbons tied them all together. Cars lined up behind the 58th Street turn signal, many carrying those in their Sunday best and others in rain gear with cameras. Mothers, fathers, children and students chanced the rain to walk slowly and solemnly along the muddy path to view and add to the collage of sadness, remembrance and hope that has grown along Thurston High School's fence line.

Members of the Springfield community and the surrounding area came together this weekend to honor and mourn those involved in the Thurston High School shooting.

The scent of freshly cut roses, lilies and

daisies was entwined with the scent of candles that still burned despite the rain. Sopping wet teddy bears and rabbits smiled at passersby. A battery-operated clock signaled a time for realization and education. "Isn't it time to learn, to listen?" the accompanying signs read.

Other signs, cards and poems, soaked by the rain, sent condolences from area schools, families and churches. Some were from as far away as Vancouver, Wash. Others asked whether we've learned our lesson. They asked to forgive Kip Kinkel, "for he knows not what he did." They asked for prayers and smiles "because we will be OK."

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LAURA GOSS/Emerald

Two girls hold candles during Friday night's candlelight vigil at Springfield City Hall.

Police still investigating shootings

Suspect Kip Kinkel is charged with the deaths of four people and will enter a plea at an arraignment on June 16

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

Five days after Thurston High School students witnessed unparalleled violence on their campus, the pieces are still being put together in what is becoming a lengthy legal and investigative process for Springfield and county police, as well as the state judicial system.

From the time a Thurston student entered the cafeteria on Thursday morning

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Distance Education Program helps students fulfill requirements

Web-based courses are helpful for many students who need to fill in those last few gaps

By Kristina Rudinskas
Student Activities Reporter

Summertime can be a great opportunity to get ahead in your education. Students can take internships or jobs in places far from friends and home, and they may find themselves going bonkers from hours of boredom. What can students do? One answer: Take a distance education course through the University Continuation Center.

"When I was in school I worked full-time and they didn't have anything like this opportunity to help me," said Shannon Mur-

phy, program specialist for the Distance Education Program. Murphy said she knows how difficult it can be for working or non-traditional students to fit every class into their schedules in four years.

"We get a little bit of everything — non-traditional students, traditional students who can't take classes any other way, and seniors who need to take a class in order to graduate," she said.

The Distance Education Program offers students living away from the campus area an opportunity to earn credits. Murphy has

helped students from as far away as Brazil and Japan as well as students in Kansas, Michigan and Virginia.

The popularity of the program has been increasing, Murphy said. The program started with four courses and now averages 12 per term. The summer term is usually slow; about 100 students enrolled in the program last summer, she said.

"We know the traditional student is changing. The majority of students are

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Distance education

■ For more information on summer courses, call 346-3537 or go to the Continuation Center's Web page at center.uoregon.edu