

Student captured

The father of a Portland high school student helped police catch his son, who had been on the run since April

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Finding Eugene's groove

Karim Panni, originally from San Francisco, is introducing hip-hop to the Eugene music scene, and he is becoming more successful with each gig

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TODAY

At 4 p.m., The city's Citizen Involvement Committee meets at the Atrium Building on W. 10th Avenue

WEATHER

Today
Showers
High 78. Low 60.
Friday
Partly Cloudy
High 82. Low 56.

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Promise Keepers return to Autzen Stadium



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Families walk a lap around Autzen Stadium as part of the Jericho Prayer March Saturday through Thursday evenings before the event.

Prayer, spiritual growth are focus of conference

Coordinators say the event will be free of the \$60 fee in an attempt to attract more men

By Amy Goldhammer
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Grateful Dead isn't in town and the Duck football team isn't scheduled for a home game this weekend, yet Autzen Stadium will be filled with 25,000 to 30,000 people this weekend.

Eugene is playing host to the Promise Keepers "Live a Legacy" Regional Men's Conference. Promise Keepers was founded in 1990 by Bill McCartney, head football coach at the University of Colorado, after he envisioned filling a stadium with

50,000 men who "sought to honor Jesus and be men of integrity."

"The numbers aren't the key issue," said Dave Halbert, Promise Keepers prayer coordinator for the Eugene conference. "The big picture is men being concerned with the nation, asking God to turn us around."

Promise Keepers focuses its principles on a five-point statement of faith and seven Biblically based promises for men.

This is the second Promise Keepers conference in Eugene and the only one in the Pacific Northwest. Unlike previous years, all regional conferences are free. Halbert said one reason the \$60 fee was waived is

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Women's studies class to examine movement

Students in the course will observe the event and discuss its political implications

By Amy Goldhammer
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Promise Keepers "Live a Legacy" Regional Men's Conference in Eugene is well in the swing of things, and many controversial issues have surfaced regarding the conference itself and the Promise Keepers' messages.

Some are concerned with issues surrounding the conservative group ranging from homosexuality and cutting taxes for public schools to racial discrimination and a large range of political controver-

sies, University sociology professor Mimi Goldman said.

Goldman and associate English professor Linda Kintz are holding a women's studies class this weekend to explore the Promise Keepers from an academic perspective. The class will analyze the organization and consider it in the context of histories of American religious revivals and political movements, Goldman said.

"The class is basically about trying to understand the movement's message, historical routes and political implications," she said.

The Promise Keepers' stand on women has been a controversial focus in years

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'Geek Chic' girls investigate world of engineering

The program is designed to encourage young women to consider careers in science

By Stefanie Knowlton
Freelance Reporter

Several Lane County middle school and high school girls are getting their first taste of university life this week.

Twenty-five students, ages 11 through 17, are participating in a program at the University called "Geek Chic," which stands for Gaining Electrical Engineering Knowledge through Collaborative, Hands-on Instruction and Computing.

"The young women will engage in hands-on activities, where they build and learn about audio speakers, motors, AM radios and sensing and signaling circuits," said Molly Johnson, the co-founder of the pro-

gram and a University adjunct professor of physics.

The program was so well received in Portland last summer that it has expanded to Eugene and Corvallis this summer.

Currently, the University does not have an engineering program. However, Johnson said she believes it is important just to get girls interested in science.

Shelly Steward, a participant in Geek Chic, said she has always been interested in science and electrical engineering.

"My dad was an electrical engineer and I used to love going to work with him," the 11-year-old said.

Smiling, Steward explained how she and

a classmate got to break a cassette player open by throwing it onto the ground several times in order to see what was inside and how it worked.

Geek Chic is designed to give girls positive experiences with technology and to essentially have fun with science.

Encouraging girls to consider careers in engineering is another motivating factor of the program, Johnson said.

"I want girls to know that engineering is a viable career option for them," she said.

Teresa Garcia, a Geek Chic participant, said making the program open for girls only

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